       PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held on Wednesday 25th July 2018 at Puncheston School at 8.00 pm.

Present: Mrs. Alison Evans, Messrs. Dewi Lewis, Wyn Williams, Cllr Bob Kilmister and Mrs. Eirian Forrest, Clerk.

1. Apologies: Received from Gareth Howells, Anne Thomas, Peter Lilley

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. The minutes were agreed as being a true record and were signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

1. Sharon Wormleighton - The Clerk had looked back through records and she couldn’t find any record of a gift being given in the past. It was agreed to get Sharon a garden centre voucher. Wyn agreed to get it when he was in the Fishguard area.
2. Wyn Williams had decided that he didn’t want to give his account details for the Barclays Bank Mandate. He is willing to bring in a copy of his Passport to the next meeting. The Clerk will check with Barclays if this would be acceptable and let Wyn know.
3. The sunken area on the C3008 road just outside Puncheston has been marked out in readiness for repair.
4. Road Closure – during these works, Alison had spoken with the workmen who explained that one of the previous repairs was filled with the incorrect filler and a natural spring nearby had washed the filler away. They have now filled the area with concrete and tarmac on top.
5. Speeding complaint – the issue of speeding through the village was discussed and whether speed bumps would improve the situation. Cllr Kilmister said that he could look into getting them outside the school, but if the problem was on the main road through the village which is already a 30mph zone, suggested asking the complainants to get the registration details of the offending cars, and any persistent offenders would be reported to the Police. Cllr Kimister will make enquiries regarding a 20mph speed limit outside the school.
6. Alison Evans wasn’t able to attend the LDP engagement event.
7. Enhance Pembrokeshire Grant – Cllr Kilmister said firstly to agree on what projects are needed, work out costings and then to express an interest to PCC (help is available in completing the forms etc.). A meeting is scheduled for Town and Community Councils on 28th September at 10am to explain how the Transfer of Assets to Town and Community Councils will operate.
8. Untidy property – Ivy Dene – Legally nothing can be done. A suggestion was made to contact the owner and request they tidy up the property. It was noted that this property has been empty for approximately 10 years. Currently empty homes have a 50% reduction in council tax. Cllr Kilmister said in April 2019 a new charge will be introduced to uninhabited homes which may prompt them to act. Currently Pembrokeshire has 1200 empty homes and the aim of the charge is to reduce this number.
9. Recent incident – Alison Evans had discussed this incident at the Governors meeting. A risk assessment was done regarding access to the school during school hours. A couple of PSOs were present at sports day.

4. Highway matters

Nothing to report

5. Planning

Nothing to report

6. Correspondence

Clerks & Council Direct – circulated

Hywel Dda – Closure of Accident & Emergency at Withybush General Hospital – response to letter dated 28th April 2018

7. Any Other Business

1. Cllr Kilmister - The Boundary Commission proposals consultation is open. The proposals are the same as last time; however the name of the ward may change to Scleddau and Puncheston. It was discussed and agreed to respond to the consultation by suggesting a new name ‘Bro Gwaun’ or if this was not accepted, to at least revise the proposed name to Puncheston and Scleddau so it reads alphabetically. The Clerk to respond to the consultation.
2. Alison Evans – Little Newcastle Community Association are planning a series of events to commemorate the Centenary Armistice on 11th November 2018 and asked if the Community Council were considering purchasing something to mark this occasion. An idea was to purchase a commemorative bench for Puncheston and/or Little Newcastle. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries and find out prices etc.
3. Alison Evans – noted that the chains had been removed from the village fence. It was suggested that this area would be a good scheme for the Enhance Pembrokeshire Grant funding.

The meeting finished at 9.10 pm.

Date of next meeting agreed as Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 8.00 pm at Puncheston School.