

Brawdy Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly meeting (November) held at Trefgarn Owen Schoolroom on 3rd December 2018

2018/07

1. Present. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, Cllr M Carter, Cllr J Tierney & Sean O'Connor Clerk.
2. Apologies. Cllr A Pike.
3. The Chairman welcomed everybody to the November meeting, and proceeded to read the minutes of the October meeting. It was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that they be accepted as a true record. The Chairman and the clerk signed the minutes as confirmation.
4. Matters arising from the October 2018 meeting.
 - 4a. Councillors confirmed that both of the new salt / grit bins were now in place at Trefgarn Owen and at Gignog Hill. The clerk confirmed that payment had been made to PCC.
 - 4b. Cllr Carter advised that approval had been given by the PCC cabinet to the Newgale Road scheme. The option J was the preferred choice, which was across the valley away from Newgale. It was agreed that there was nothing further that we could do at present.
 - 4c. The clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Jim Saul, and a price of £160 had been agreed to repair the notice boards and treat the benches. The clerk would contact him to confirm.
 - 4d. Cllr Carter had issued a copy of a letter from the solicitors prior to the meeting regarding the land at Llandeloy. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Carter handle the case on behalf of the community council. He would contact the local residents and also liaise with Cllr Jones, before responding to the solicitors, on how to proceed.
 - 4e. The clerk had contacted One Voice Wales regarding the Information management course as requested. The content was mainly data protection and freedom of information . It was suggested that we contact other local councils to arrange a joint meeting, with Jo Hendy from PCC involved. This would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Carter would contact the Solva clerk and discuss this matter, and seek his opinion.
 - 4f. Cllr Carter advised that nothing further had happened regarding the proposed new housing scheme at Solva. He also agreed to check up on the current tenancy agreements for local Council residents.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

5. Confirmation of approval of planning application Ref.No. 18/0704/PA. Alteration and extension to dwelling at Hendre Lodge Llandeloy. Received & Filed.
6. A copy of the local bus service questionnaire was issued to councillors. The Chairman encouraged each councillor to respond personally by 31/12/18.
7. The clerk issued a copy of the local Christmas alterations for refuse collections. These were distributed for insertion in the local notice boards. Cllr Tierney agreed to add this to Facebook.
Pembs Coast National Park.
8. Details of the review of National Park Management Plan 2015/19. were issued. Replies were required by 4/1/19, with the consultation period ending in mid 2019.
9. The clerk advised that he had today (3/12), received notification from the applicant of the village hall planning application in Llandeloy, had been resubmitted. The applicant advised that he wished to attend a meeting in which this was discussed. Cllr Carter advised that he had not yet received anything to date. As we were not due to meet until the end of January, the clerk asked as how best to deal with this matter. It was agreed to set up a group email, so that all replies were able to be viewed by all councillors.
The clerk would reply to the applicant advising that the next meeting was scheduled for late January 2019. If details of this were received the clerk would forward everything to councillors for consideration.

Other Correspondence.

10. The clerk issued a 44 page document on the local government services to rural communities. This was circulated commencing with Cllr J Tierney.
11. An online petition was received entitled 'Fairer for Carers'. This was a petition to increase the pay and allowances for carers. The website address was issued and the Chairman asked councillors to respond individually.
12. A letter was received from OVW asking for contact details of the Chairman. As the office changes regularly, it was agreed to continue with everything directed solely to the clerk.
13. Advice received from the Welsh Govt. Office regarding the annual expenditure limits for 2019/20 under the 1972 Local Govt. Act 1972. The amount had been increased from £7.86 to £8.12 per elector.
14. Clerks & Councils direct brochure Nov. 2019, circulated commencing with Cllr J Tierney.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

15. The clerk reported up to date bank account balances as at 3/12/18 as Current Account £ 67.93 and Deposit Account £ 3650. 29.
16. The clerk issued a copy of his pay slip and income tax for the month of November 2018, received from our accountants.
17. Financial Planning, Budget setting and Precept request for 2019/20. The clerk provided details of the scheduled income and expenditure for the remainder of the current year, with a copy issued to each councillor. This was compared with the position of 12 months' ago. A list of the expected outgoings was issued, as well as the precept payments due. All scheduled payments budgeted for last year had been paid out, as well as the payment for the salt bins (£288) which was unscheduled. As recommended last year it was agreed that we again budget for any election costs (£850). After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that we apply for exactly the same precept figure as last year (£6000). This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk would respond accordingly.
18. The clerk advised that he had still not received a bill for the annual audit (£186 + vat). It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr M Carter that the sum of £200 be transferred between our accounts, to cover this payment, and the clerk to pay this bill when received.
19. The date and time for the next meeting was set for Monday January 28 th 2019 at 7.30pm.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Carter advised that only 2/3 of the general litter fixed litter penalty notices had been paid. These included cigarette stubs, with the proceeds split between the enforcers and PCC. The amount of each fine was £150 but halved if paid early.

It appears that the enforcers more likely to police the more populated areas, rather than the more rural ones, resulting in very little benefit to our community.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year before closing the meeting at 9.05 pm.