

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

Monday 21st January 2019 at Letterston Memorial Hall

Present: B Morgan (BM)(Chair), L Williams (LW), J Williams (JW), R Davies (RD), G Humphrey (GH), H Johnson (HJ), J Gwilt (JG), Cllr M Bateman (MB) PCC, S Jones (SJ) (Clerk),

Apologies: B Homer

18/51 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 19th November 2018 were read and agreed as a true record **P:** RD **S:** HJ

Matters Arising

- **17/01 Play Equipment:** The company have placed the order and expect to do the installation in February.
- **17/03 John Luke's Yard:** SJ has written to the prospective purchaser and no reply received. SJ tasked to advise solicitors and estate agents that the sale is off.
- **17/16 Hedgebank:** On hold until the spring.
- **17/62 / 18/30 School Crossing Patrol:** SJ has written to PCC Head of Infrastructure, Darren Thomas, but not received a reply. SJ will chase up.
- **17/73 Planning Concerns:** SJ has received a reply from Planning which did not address the dangerous change in access. **P:** HJ, **S:** LW. SJ instructed to invite Planning Officer to the next meeting to discuss how such a significant change to the plans did not get referred back to the Community Council. SJ to also contact planning consultant to review case.
- **18/28 Bus Shelter Min y Llan:** This has been repaired. [CLOSE]
- **18/38 Letter of Congratulations:** SJ has written to Oliver Job and received a thank you from his parents, along with some photos which MB will post on the Facebook page. [CLOSE]
- **18/39 Remembrance Parade:** SJ has written to Geoffrey Eynon and forwarded a Cheque for £100 to be sent to Royal British Legion. JG will forward a letter to Jo McTaggart and John Sands thanking them for tidying the memorial and to accept an offer to paint a field of poppies.
- **18/42: Planning:** SJ had written with objections but despite this, outline planning permission had been granted. LW noted that the possible impact upon the Welsh Language had not been taken into account in the planning decision, which is contrary to policy. Written advice from a planning specialist was read out and it was agreed that there was little that can be done to proceed further. [CLOSE]
- **18/44: Wartime Evacuees:** Y Thomas spoken was happy to speak to J Furze [CLOSE]
- **18/46: Overgrown Hedge:** SJ has written to the resident as requested. [CLOSE]
- **18/47: Britain in Bloom:** SJ has written to Wolfscasle CC as requested [CLOSE].

- **18/48: Christmas Tree / Lights:** RD had to purchase new lights and was thanked for installing them on the tree. SJ to write thank you letter to Mr Hosker.

18/52 Planning

- No new items

18/53 Finance

- £102 for bus shelter repair (18/28)
- £34.97 for Christmas lights (18/48)
- Notification from PCC that Business rates are now being charged on the toilets (£344 per annum)
- PCC Toilet charge £530.48.
- PCC third precept payment 2018/19 £7,333.
- PCC Finance requesting 2019/20 precept. **P** JG, **S** HJ the precept be set as £24,000 to build in possible election charges for 2022 and increase in toilet charges. SJ to return form.

18/54 Correspondence

- Letter from PCC Passenger Transport Coordinator that the two bus shelters in St Davids Road are due to be replaced over next couple of months.
- Letter from David Gale resigning from Community Council due to competing priorities. SJ to write to acknowledge and to thank Mr Gale for his service. We need to consider advertising the post.

18/55 PCC Report

MB stated that a draft budget was going before Scrutiny Committee with a proposed 10% increase in Council Tax which will still leave a deficit. Schools budgets are being squeezed along with Social Care. This means that there will have to be redundancies and reorganisation. Many other councils are in the same position and it was reaching a point where Westminster is going to have to step in to boost finances.

Youth Services were due to be discussed on 22nd January and it was likely that these will be cut and provided from school sites (Fishguard for the Letterston Youth Club). MB stated that the Club was very well attended and provided a valuable service in reaching disadvantaged youngsters and several referrals resulted from this. The cost was about £5,000 per year and she urged that we consider supporting the club if closure is proposed.

Any Other Business

18/56: Bus Shelter: The clock has stopped working, BM will attend.

18/57: Dog Fouling: HJ had received reports of repeated dog fouling between Gwynfa Lane and St Davids Road. BM has some signs left over, HJ will put them out.

18/58 Parking St Davids Road: LW raised concerns about persons parking outside the Church / Hall, nearly causing a couple of accidents. JG will speak to the vicar.

18/59 Old Brynawelon site: GH raised concerns that works at the site appeared to have stopped and it looks like some fly tipping is occurring. SJ to write to Wolfscastle CC.

18/60 Seren Thorne: HJ mentioned that Seren has again excelled in a national team competition. SJ to write and congratulate.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 18th February 2019 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall

Items for the next Agenda:

17/01 Play Equipment, **17/03** John Luke's Yard **17/16** Hedgebank **17/62** School
Crossing patrol **18/31 & 18/56** Letterston Square Bus Shelter **18/39** War
Memorial **18/48** Christmas Tree **18/42** Planning **18/48** Christmas tree
18/54 Councillor Vacancy **18/57** Dog Fouling **18/58** Parking **18/59** Brynawelon site
18/60 Seren Thorne