**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 8th January 2019 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. TC Griffiths, BJ Harries, M Bateman, PCC., Peter James Barrie Griffiths (Chairman) and Gerallt Miles

**Apologies:** All present

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 3rd December 2018 were read, with one amendment noted by Cllr Bateman that ‘it will be a standstill budget, and has not yet been set, in real terms there will be cuts’, the minutes were then accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting held.

**Matters arising:** In response to issued raised in the previous meeting, the following comments were received:-

With regards to the Workers Caravans sited at Sealyham Farm, an email had been received from Rachel Green, Enforcement Officer for PCC, stating that she had carried out a site visit and met with the owners and their planning agent before Christmas regarding the siting of the caravans. After discussions with planning officers, she will be requesting further information / evidence regarding the history of the caravans and their use from the land owners before making any considerations. Cllr Michelle Bateman reported that she is awaiting a response from the Environmental Officers with regards to issues raised on this site.

It was reported that the A40 Trunk Road Pavements had been swept as requested in the last meeting.

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman informed the Council that PCC Budget Consultation is on line for the public to respond to questions asked in the document. Cllr Bateman also reported that PCC will be looking at reducing the Customer Service Centres in the County. She also reported that the Local Development consultation is now open for comments from the public and can ber seen on the PCC Website.

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that Bank Statement No. 19 issued on 1st October 2018, showed a balance of £4621:76 (**Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty One Pounds and Seventy Six Pence**). However, the Clerk pointed out that a cheque (number 000343) for £50:00 paid to Pembrokeshire Samaritans and issued in March 2014 and was under the impression, as were all the Councillors, that a cheque should be paid into a Bank Account within six months of receipt. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Manager of Lloyds Bank, seeking clarification as to this matter.

The Clerk reported that the 3rd payment of £1283:00 (**One Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Three Pounds**) had been paid into the Bank Account, It was also noted that a cheque of £6:70 (**Six Pounds and Seventy Pence**) had been received from Western Power (Wayleave)

**Precept Requirement 2019 / 2020:** As reported in the January 2018 meeting, it is expected that Community Councils will be charged for future elections if contested. The potential cost could be in excess of £5000. After a discussion on this matter, and in order to build up reserves, it was agreed to increase the precept by £500 to £4350:00 for 2019/20.

**Notice of Casual Vacancy:** The Clerk had received information from the Elections Office on how to proceed with the notice of Casual Vacancy. The vacancy for a Community Councillor to represent the Wolfscastle Ward has to be advertised locally, and on the Community Council’s Website (a copy of which has to be sent to the Elections Office). Following the close of the notice period the CC will be notified to advise if a petition has been received to hold an election, or for the CC to co-opt a member if no notice is received.

**Defibrillator Training:** The Clerk reported that arrangements have been made for Defibrillator Training to be held in the Chapel Vestry, on Monday evening, February 18th, at 7:00p.m. It is hoped that as many representatives of the village organisations could attend, as it is important that as many as possible should be able to use the equipment if needed.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was received and noted:-

Sara Morris, Development Plans and Conservation Manager PCC notifying the Council that there will be two Town and Community Council Workshops for the Replacement LDP, on January 14th and 21st 2019. Each session will include information on the LDP Preferred Strategy consultation, also questions will be asked for views on how Candidate Sites should be assessed for the next Plan.

Information was received from Paul Davies AM enclosing posters outlining the timetables for the Advice Surgeries that he is holding across the constituency during 2019.

A letter was received from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services informing stakeholders that the service is currently conducting a review of the information held by them. A form was included asking for confirmation if details are to remain on their database.

**AOB:** The following issue was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

Cllr Peter James mentioned that he had spoken to some local residents with regards to the untidiness of the entrance to the Motte and Bailey Site. It was reported that this is private land, and nothing could be done about it.

Cllr TC Griffiths reported that there are drains which are blocked adjacent to the Pumping Station in the village.

Cllr Barrie Griffiths expressed concerns about the foul smells that were coming from the Withyhedge Landfill Site over the Christmas period. Although this is a rare occurrence the smells were almost unbearable for a about a week.

Cllr Griffiths also reported the very uneven surface of road, approx.. 5 – 6 meters long opposite 7 Meadow Park, Treffgarne.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting to be held in Treffgarne Village Hall, on Tuesday, 5th February 2019 at 8:00p.m.

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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