

Brawdy Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly meeting (March) held at Trefgarn Owen Schoolroom Monday April 1st 2019

2019/08

1. Present. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr D E Jones, Cllr Mrs A Morgan ,Cllr M Carter, Cllr J Tierney & Sean O'Connor Clerk.

2. Apologies. None.

3. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the March meeting and proceeded to read the minutes of the February 2019 meeting, and it was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Cllr D E Jones that they be accepted as a true record. The Chairman and the clerk signed the minutes as confirmation.

4. Matters arising from the February meeting.

4a. The clerk reported that the casual vacancy for our new community councillor had been completed. All the procedures had been followed under the instruction and guidance of the electoral office at PCC. The name of the new councillor is Annie Loche of Parke Llanreithan. The clerk would contact OVW to obtain and complete the necessary paperwork.

The decision to co-opt was unanimously agreed. The clerk would now contact the new councillor and invite her to the next meeting.

4b. Cllr Carter gave an update regarding the potholes and the overhanging trees. The areas at Castell Cwcu and Rhosgrannog crossroads had been attended to.

Some areas with overhanging trees still needed attention, with PCC attending to the ones that they were responsible for. There were some sites however that were the responsibility of the landowner to deal with. Cllr Carter offered to contact Mark Owen at PCC regarding this matter.

4c. Cllr Carter had received dispensation from the standards committee at PCC to speak and vote on community council business in relation to street lighting in the area outside the Schoolroom at Trefgarn-owen. Since the last meeting the clerk had received a reply from Darren Thomas at County Hall stating that as this area of land is not council owned it is not their responsibility. After a further discussion Cllr Carter proposed that the street light be reinstated on the pole by the chapel , with the cost being covered by the community council. This light would be switched off at midnight. This was seconded by Cllr J Tierney. It was also proposed by Cllr Carter that he contact the chapel representatives and negotiate the siting of a light outside the Schoolroom. This was seconded by Cllr D E Jones. Cllr Carter was given approval by the community council to deal with these matters including agreeing the costs.

4d. The clerk advised that he had been referred to Kelly Morris at PCC regarding the variation to our village signs to include alternative messages on the signs. Various options had been sent, and a full discussion took place on the type, design and size of our requirements. It was agreed that the three signs at Llandelay, Treffynnon and Trefgarn Owen be included. Cllr Carter offered to contact Kelly Morris re the dimensions and the costs and report back to the next meeting. He also agreed to contact Keep Wales Tidy to see if they could assist.

The general littering of the area was again discussed. An incident had recently been reported to Cllr Carter by a local resident, where a bag full of cartons and packaging had been dumped near the Llandelay crossroads. When searched the bag also included paperwork revealing identification and address details. This matter has been referred to PCC to investigate. This was a good example of the local public assisting the council, and Cllr Carter would advise of the outcome of this case once known. The clerk also advised that he had received a response from Paul Watkins at PCC Waste disposal , who confirmed that they do not provide wheelie bins for domestic purposes.

Cllr Tierney advised that the beach clean at Newgale beach by the Wombles, was to go ahead on Saturday April 6th.

4e. The clerk reported that he had applied to the land registry for a copy of the register and a copy of the plan as agreed at the February meeting, for the strip of land at the Fold Llandelay. Unfortunately an error had been made by the clerk, as the wrong reference number was used for the register. The clerk agreed to attend to this and report back to the next meeting. It was also agreed that we claim ownership with a new registration of the access path between Maes y Llan and the hall at the Fold Llandelay.

4f. The clerk had tried to contact Ailnor Evans the coordinator of the recent TOVA meeting but had not received a response.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

5. A letter was received advising of a vacancy for a community councillor on the standards committee. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Morgan and seconded by Cllr D E Jones that our Chairman Cllr Mrs G Lawrence be nominated.

Pembs Coast National Park.

6. The clerk advised of a new procedure adopted by PCNP for their planning applications. This will now be available online, with no paper applications issued in future.

7. Light Pollution. A letter was received and read out advising of the current situation. This was received and filed. The chairman advised that she had attended a meeting on this subject last year, and that the refineries and Brawdy camp were the main offenders.

8. Advice of consent to vary or remove conditions of planning application no. NP/17/0708/FUL at Sands Cafe Newgale. Received and filed.

Other Correspondence.

9. Cllr Tierney advised that the notice board in Trefgarn Owen had been blown down and damaged in a recent storm. It was agreed that it be relocated at the bus shelter. Cllr Carter would enquire as to the ownership of the bus shelter, and if allowed, both he and Cllr Tierney would place it on the wall.

10. Rural Bus Service.

Cllr Carter advised of a cost cutting exercise affecting the local bus services between St Davids and Haverfordwest, via the local villages. There is an online petition being circulated locally protesting against these decisions.

A new service known as dial a ride is being launched as cover for the withdrawn services. Cllr Tierney agreed to add this to Facebook and Cllr Carter agreed to ask PCC to produce a leaflet or poster for local residents to let as many locals as possible know of the services now available. It was strongly felt that the community council should have been consulted before these decisions to cut services were made.

11. A letter from a company in Monmouthshire was received headed 'Pembs deserves a better internet service'. It was agreed that as this was not a local company it be received and filed.

12. A donation request was received from Pembs YFC. As it was not local it was received and filed.

13. Cllr Carter had written to Peter Walker from the Pembs Cycle Tour offering to meet to discuss the route, also involving Solva CC. The event was due to take place on May 18 th, and it was very disappointing that no reply had been received, as we still did not know details of their actual route.

Cllr Carter agreed to contact him again.

14. The annual report 2019/20 from the IRPW was now available. The website address was provided.

15. Details of Merchant Navy Day on 3/9/19 was received and filed.

16. The clerk advised that the local quarterly OVW meeting was to take place at County Hall on Tuesday 16 th April. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence agreed to attend, and the clerk would forward the details to her prior to the meeting.

17. The clerk was instructed to contact PCC regarding the second home council tax premium scheme. This was to ascertain whether the purchase of a defibrillator would qualify under their scheme.

Report of responsible finance officer.

18. The clerk reported up to date bank account balances as at 1/4/19 as : Current Account £ 31-67 and Deposit Account. £ 3741-03. This was a combined total of £ 3772-70 which was the final figures for this financial year.

19. The clerk confirmed that all cheques issued as donations had been paid through our accounts. Also a receipt from each beneficiary had been received.

20. The clerk issued a copy of his pay slip and income tax payments for April, which were inspected by councillors.

21. The clerk advised that he had been contacted by the accountants regarding the receipt of holiday pay.

He was advised that a payment amounting to 12.07% was due. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk keep a timesheet for 2 months to gauge the exact amount of hours worked, and a further discussion take place at the May meeting. In the meantime the clerk would discuss the options with the accountant. The clerk agreed to waive holiday pay for 2018/19.

22. The clerk confirmed that the annual audit for the year had been received. This would be completed and presented for scrutiny and acceptance at the April meeting.

23. The clerk reminded everybody that the £150 cheques would be prepared and presented at the April meeting.

24. The date for the next meeting was set for Monday April 29th at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.39 pm.