**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 4th June 2019 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, Gerallt Miles and Gerwyn Williams, TC Griffiths, Barrie Griffiths, Peter James and Michelle Bateman, PCC

**Apologies:** Full Attendance

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman sympathised with Cllr Peter James on the death of his mother recently. Cllr Griffiths also congratulated Cllr BJ Harries and Mrs Elfeira Harries on celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary during the coming week.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Gerwyn Williams declared an interest when the Planning Application will be discussed on the grounds that he is the Tenant of land for which the application is made.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 7th May 2019 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:** In response to the request for litter picking equipment, Kate Daly Strategic Project Officer PCC reports that “due to a grant last year, I do have some spare equipment that we could donate to the village. We could give the equipment to a designated person to look after and lend out to volunteers as and when they come forward to carry out a litter pick.

Alternatively, we are just about to look for hosts for our new 2minutestreetclean boards. These are A frame wooden boards that hold litter pickers and bags so people can go out and do a quick clean when passing.

With regards to these issues, it was agreed to request for both types of equipment. Cllr Barrie Griffiths agreed to be the designated person for Treffgarne, and Cllr Bateman agreed that she would be responsible for the A Frame in the Village.

Cllr Bateman reported that there is no definite date for when the Tan y Garn Planning Application will be discussed.

In response to the request for litter bins, Mr Neil McCarthy reports that ‘unfortunately there are no litter bins in stock at the moment. I will have a word with Kenny Richards who is the supervisor for your area and ask him to have a look into the littering in the area

**County Council Matters:-** Cllr Michelle Bateman handed out written reports on her engagements during the past month, a record of which is kept on file by the Clerk.

**Internal Auditor’s Report:** A letter was received from Mr Eric Williams confirming that his review has now been completed for 2018 / 2019, and is pleased to confirm that in his opinion all is order, and has signed the appropriate documentation to this effect. Mr Williams does suggest that the cheque issued in 2014 payable to Pembrokeshire Samaritans was presented some 5 years ‘after the event’. This is somewhat unusual, and would suggest that contact is made with the local Samaritans Treasurer to confirm that this was a valid transaction. If not, then it would be appropriate to ask Lloyds Bank plc for a copy of the paid cheque to establish whether the original payee on the cheque has been fraudulently altered, if so, the Community Council should discharge its responsibilities by reporting the matter to the appropriate authorities. Mr Williams did not charge any fees for carrying out the audit, however, the Community Council agreed to purchase a £25:00 (**Twenty Five Pounds**) voucher from the Wolfe Inn.

**Annual Audit:** The Annual Return and supporting documents were presented and signed by the Chairman and RFO in order to be sent to the auditor.

**Finances:** There have been no Bank transactions since the meeting held in May.

A bill of £88:00 (**Eighty Eight Pounds**) had been received from Tim Brookes, Garden Services, for 4 cuts carried out on the Amenity Area. It was agreed by Councillors that this bill should be paid.

**Planning Application:** No. 19/0013/PA – ‘Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and the creation of a new access and driveway’ at Sycamore Cottage, Letterston.

**Enhancing Pembrokeshire** : Information was received on The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant which is part of the Council’s regeneration programme. The purpose of the grant is to offset negative impacts of second home ownership and long-term empty property ownership in Pembrokeshire communities. It was agreed that consideration should be given to this scheme, as it will benefit the whole community.

**Captain William Davies Evans:** The Clerk reported that there is much interest shown in commemorating the fact that this eminent gentleman was born in the Community. It was agreed by the Community Council that a suitable position for the plaque would be on the Village Green adjacent to ‘Gomer’s plaque.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence of significant importance at hand.

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

Cllr TC Griffiths reported that the hedge at the back of the Car Park needs trimming as the growth is starting to encroach on to the footpath.

Cllr Gerallt Miles requested that the hedges through Treffgarne Village need cutting back. Cllr Miles enquired regarding PCC’s viability of purchasing seven and half acres of land. Cllr Bateman reported that this will b e discussed in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and can be watched on the Web.

Cllr BJ Harries enquired are the Bus Shelters being changed, as it is noticed that Letterston Shelters have been upgraded. Cllr Bateman reported that this will be an ongoing process, and probably in the future the same will happen in Wolfscastle.

Cllr Barrie Griffiths reported that the overgrown grass at the entrance to Meadow Park is obstructing the view of drivers wishing to leave the estate.

Cllr Bateman reported that Hayscastle Environmental Group are holding an Open Meeting on the following evening, and that there is a welcome for all to come along.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 2nd July 2019 at 8:00p.m. at Penybont Vestry.

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