

Minutes of meeting held 4th September 2019 Angle Village Hall @18.30

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr E Parker, Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Howells, Cllr B Brown, County Councillor Jamie Adams and Mrs A Randall (clerk)

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: None

1. Greenlink Interconnector update

The meeting began with an update on the Greenlink Interconnector project from Tom Brinicombe. He explained that the environmental scoping and subsea surveys have now been completed and applications have been submitted for both a Welsh Marine licence (to Natural Resource Wales) and an Irish Foreshore licence, and both are currently being processed. The next part of the process is to display the onshore plans online and at a round of public exhibitions which will take place in October for public consultation before formally submitting them by the end of the year.

Greenlink have no plans to constrain public use of the beach at Freshwater West while the cable is being installed and it will be buried significantly deeper than the sand and low tide level.

Although there will be some temporary road closures on minor roads whilst the cable is being laid beneath agricultural land, existing channels will be used wherever possible to minimise any disruption.

Tom agreed to keep ACC informed of progress. He left the meeting at 18.50.

- 2. Approval of minutes from meeting held 3rd July 2019 and extraordinary meeting 26th July 2019 approved and signed off.
- 3. Matters arising and updates:
- 1. Update on action points from last meeting cleared with further updates below
- 2. West Angle Bay Car park Consultation is in progress concerning the introduction of charges and Cllr Williams has drafted a letter to Darren Thomas at PCC further setting out the case against this proposal. Cllr Williams has discovered more evidence that the land was to be used as a free car park 'in perpetuity' and that Nolton Haven are in a similar position. She has requested a copy of the will of the late Mrs Joan Allen-Mirehouse to establish what her wishes were and is currently waiting for this. The solicitor advising on the situation has spoken to a barrister regarding next steps and will give Cllr Williams feedback when she returns from leave.

Action Point - Cllr Williams to update ACC at their next meeting

3. <u>Councillor vacancies</u> – Emma Howells has taken up one of the 2 posts available but there is still one vacancy.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will update the public notices and will update Glynne Morgan at Electoral Services on the current state of play

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Action Point – Community Councillors will continue to encourage residents to apply for the outstanding vacancy

4. <u>Playground renovation</u> – Cllr Howells has offered to take the lead on this project. She has consulted a number of residents (including teenagers/children) to establish what they would like to see installed and will take this into account when engaging with equipment suppliers and looking at costs.

Cllr Howells has also been in touch with a number of equipment suppliers for quotes and is meeting with Sinead Henehan from PCC for advice on taking the project forward as she has expertise in this area. She has also been in touch with Skrinkle Haven for advice as they have already gone through the process. One company will send some outline plans by the next meeting.

Cllr Howells has discovered that basic playground equipment will cost in the region on £40K but additional equipment such as a skate park could cost another £40K. Grants are available and Cllr Howells is looking into the application process. However, grants may not meet the whole cost so local fundraising might need to be considered. NB- Applications for grants from the second homes funds need to be submitted by 5th November.

Cllr Howells is aiming to get a group of residents together to progress the project and has written an article to invite people to get involved for the next newsletter.

Action Point – Cllr Howells will write to the council formally for confirmation of how much the upkeep of the playground upkeep has been over the last few years to back up the grant application process

5. <u>Marquee</u>- Cllr Williams has written an article for the newsletter to ask for help with managing the marquee and will wait to see if any interest is shown. The marquee is a community asset purchased with funding from AACF and local fundraising. The trailer was bought with funds from the Sun Edison Fund. Both marquee and trailer are being stored securely at the moment but the cost of maintenance, repair and insurance has not been met this year so its management will need to be reviewed.

Action Point – Cllr Williams will wait for response to the newsletter article and raise the issue with AACF as necessary

6. <u>Pontoon update</u> – Nigel Berry has obtained a copy of the feasibility study carried out in 1998 and has met with Richard Joseph from the Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) for advice as there are funds available via the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) to support local projects.

The 1998 study estimated the cost of installing a pontoon to be around £500K. However, Nigel feels that not all the elements set out in the plans are required, cutting the 1998 costs down by about £164K. Taking inflation into account the costs would still be significant though and he has agreed to meet with Richard Joseph again to establish what funding can be applied for.

Action Point – Nigel will meet with Richard Joseph and feed back any further information gathered to ACC

Action Point – Community Councillors to review the 1998 study to decide what elements they would like to see included in any new plans. To be discussed at October meeting

7. <u>2 minute street clean</u> – Councillors decided that the greater priority is to find a means of removing dog excrement from the village, in particular along the 'Hall Walk'. As there is a bin on the pavement next to the playground cllrs discussed the possibility of relocating it in the playground near the Hall Walk gate.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will contact the council to ask whether the bin can be relocated and whether the council would empty it if this was done

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8. Resilience, including Older People's Commissioner report, Car Sharing and Car Clubs – Councillors discussed the merits of setting up a group of residents who would be willing to offer support to neighbours if required, eg car sharing and lifts, shopping, collecting medicines etc.

Action Point – Cllr Howells will put an advert in the newsletter asking for people to sign up

- 9. <u>Long Course weekend</u> Mrs Randall has submitted feedback concerning the access difficulties that residents had experienced during the last LCW. Plans for road closures for the Ironman event over the weekend of 14th/15th September were circulated to councillors.
- 10. <u>Pembrokeshire Coast draft management plan</u> This proposal concerns the environment and ecology around the Pembrokeshire coast and is open for public consultation until 31st October. <u>Pembrokeshire</u> Coast Draft Management Plan. The plan can be accessed via the link above or through ACC website.

Action Point – Cllrs to view the plan and submit their views online

11. <u>Update on waste arrangements</u> - Cllr Adams explained that the waste management team at the council were keen to come out and engage with local communities over a 2-3 hour period to demonstrate the forthcoming changes regarding waste management.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will contact the team to set up an event for residents

12. Community Councillors' views on the level of Council Tax for 2020-2021 —PCC will shortly be starting the process to set Council Tax for 2020 to 2021 and Cllr Adams was keen to hear the community council's views on this. Cllrs explained that although Council tax costs were rising every year, local communities felt they were receiving less and less for their money and they were being asked to fund more themselves if they wanted to keep amenities going. Cllrs explained to Cllr Adams that they felt money was being wasted on projects that few people were using and would like to see the funds spent on services which were relevant to more people. Cllr Adams agreed to take these views into account when discussions start about Council Tax levels and spending allocations for next year.

4. Treasurers Report

- 1. <u>Bank balances and transactions</u>. As of 1st September 2019, Current account balance is £2,843.19, Sun Edison Account Balance is £11,973.56 and Reserve account balance is £3,006.79.
- 2. Cheques for signing Clerk's wages and expenses £297.65 agreed and cheque written.
- 3. <u>Audit</u> Grant Thornton has approved the audit with a couple of minor comments about completing the audit form. ACC will now set up an asset register will now be set up as advised in the feedback. Notice will be published that the audit has been completed and ACC accounts will now be made available for public inspection on request.
- 4. <u>GDPR</u> Advice from OVW was to follow the links through the flowchart to establish whether ACC should pay the data charge and to print of a copy of the result as evidence.
- **5. Sun Edison community fund** Cllr Richards wrote to ACC requesting the release of £3,000 from the fund to pay for the production and installation of WW2 memorial plaque(s). Cllrs approved this at the meeting.
- **6. Planning issues** The enforcement of parking restrictions for overnight parking at Freshwater West has been approved for 12 months but signage will be 'toned down' from what had been planned.

7. Highway Matters

- 1. Street lamp outside 8 Shirburn Close reported to PCC.
- **8. Training** Following the success of the recent defibrillator training in the village feedback from residents indicated a desire for hands-on CPR training and Ambulance staff are happy to provide this.

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Action Point - Mrs Randall will contact Louise Pearce at the Ambulance Service to arrange

- 9. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings.
 - 1. <u>Valero Pembroke Refinery Community Advisory Panel Tuesday 16th July</u> Cllr Richards expressed his disappointment that agency workers had been recruited to fill recent vacancies instead of local people, also he had been assured that this was not the case.

10. Communication received

- Information on an Older Peoples' Facebook page- circulated to Cllrs 4 September
- Invitation to Pembroke Power Station Meeting on 25th September. Printed off and handed to Cllr Brown at the meeting
- Email calling for project ideas in Pembrokeshire for EMFF funding Circulated to Cllrs and discussed at meeting as a potential funding source for the pontoon
- Public notice for Ironman Wales 2019 setting out road closures. Circulated to Cllrs 3rd September
- Age-friendly newsletter Summer 2019 from OVW circulated to Cllrs
- OVW News Bulletin circulated to Cllrs 15th August
- National Development Framework Newsletter 8 August 2019 Circulated to Cllrs
- County Farm Estate Consultation published on ACC website and circulated to Cllrs deadline for responses 25th September
- Pembrokeshire Coast Draft Management Plan published on ACC website and circulated to Cllrs deadline for responses 31st October
- **11. Additional issues** Cllr Richards expressed concerns about cars driving too fast through the village and Mrs Randall agreed to contact PCC about the options available. Cllr Brown asked for an update to the situation regarding repairs to Kiln Back Mrs Randall will write to Owen & Owen.

The meeting finished at 20.35.

Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 2 nd October at 18.30
Signed: Date:
Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request

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