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Minutes of the General Meeting of the Penally Community Council held on Wednesday, 13th November 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall, Penally.

Major (Retired) Ewan Smith attend the meeting to discuss Penally Firing Range and scheduled firing thereon.

Major (retired) Ewan Smith advised the Council that there are no plans for the Penally - Army Training Base to close in the foreseeable future with the Army investing money in any needed repairs. Also, that the main months for the camp (and firing range) to be used are June through to August.

The question of the possibility of asbestos being disturbed during any maintenance works was raised. Major (retired) Ewan Smith advised the Council that professional contractors would be used if so required (the presence of asbestos has not been confirmed).

The discussion then turned to the issue of Clay Pigeon Shooting taking place on the Penally Range. Major (Retired) Ewan Smith advised the Council that:-

- The Range is inspected monthly by Range Officials with an annual inspection undertaken by the Army. The Penally Range is maintained to a high Government Standard.
- Any clay pigeon shooting that takes place on the range is conducted by military personnel overseen by trained military instructors, using military equipment.
- An Exception Certificate is granted if the above criteria are met enabling clay pigeon shooting to take place up to the hour of 20.30 without Notice having to be given.
- Clay Pigeon shooting sessions usually last around 2 hours.
- Sound levels are monitored to ensure all guidelines are adhered to.
- All clay pigeon shooting takes place within the curtilage of the Range

Present: Cllrs P Bradbury, C Bradbury, S Robinson, J Rilstone, J D'Arcy, M Neal, C Willett and S Cavill

In attendance – County Cllr Jon Preston and The Clerk

2019/11 95 Apologies for Absence

None

2019/11 96 The Consideration of the position for a new coopted Councillor

No further information.

2019/11 97 Chairman's Report

All things to report are being considered in the agenda.

2019/11 98 To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.

None

2019/11 99 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 23rd October 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Rilstone that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of Penally Community Council held upon the 23rd October 2019 and be signed by the Chair as such; Cllr Neal seconded the proposal with all Councillors in full agreement.

2019/11 100 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

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Cllr Neal advised the Council that if any persons in Penally require any assistance applying online for their updated Bus Pass they should contact him or Cllr D'Arcy who will help.

2019/11 101 Account(s) for Payment and Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the cash book balance for the end of October 2019 to the Council along with the bank reconciliation. Cllr D'Arcy proposed that the banking records presented be signed by the Chair as a true representation of the Council's finances to date; Cllr C Bradbury seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Accounts for payment:

Melanie Priestley	Wages (October)	£223.48
Smart Gardens	Grounds Maintenance (October)	£390.00
Smart Gardens	Clearing of Culverts and drains at side of Penally village road	£100.00

Cllr Cavill proposed that the above accounts be paid in full; Cllr Willett seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Cllr Preston handed a personal cheque to the Clerk as a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As Cllr Preston was unable to attend the Penally Remembrance Service, due to illness, his wreath was laid, on his behalf, by Cllr Neal.

2019/11 102 Half Yearly Budget Review

The Council scrutinised and discussed the 2019/20 budget and spending to date. It was considered that no changes should be made to the budget.

2019/11 103 Planning Application(s) Received

None

2019/11 104 Update appertaining to Lily Pond Farm Planning Application made under the One Planet Wales Scheme

This application is still being considered by the Planning Authority. Recent building works on this site have been reported to the Council, with all concerns being reported to the Planning Authority.

2019/11 105 Licensing Application(s) Received

None

2019/11 106 Update appertaining to the Queen of Clubs Licence Application

It has been confirmed that an appeal has been lodged regarding this Licencing Application.

2019/11 107 Consideration of Correspondence Received

Notice received from Pembrokeshire County Council appertaining to the new recycling procedure. Poster to be displayed in the village hall kitchen.

County Councillor Jon Preston

Planning (Air B&B)

Following last months meeting I contacted the head of planning at the request of council with a view to arranging a meeting with and Penally community Councillors. Following that request I have since been in touch with the PCC's Director of Planning who has advised that due to the issue of Air B&B's being a county wide issue it may be better to approach the matter via One Voice Wales. This option is still being developed, however in the meantime I have been advised of a recent case study in Warwickshire where the planning inspector addressed an appellant's claim that no material change of use had occurred. The court found that "whether the use of a dwelling house for commercial letting as holiday accommodation amounts to a material change of use will be a question of fact and degree in each case, and the answer will depend upon the particular characteristics of the use as holiday accommodation. The inspector remarked that the question to be answered was whether the character of the use of the dwelling house as a private residence had been changed so substantially as to amount to a material change of use. The evidence in this case indicated that there was a regular pattern of bookings for the property. Based on the evidence, the inspector concluded that there was a definable change in the character of the use made of the appeal site which was significantly different in character compared to the lawful use as a dwelling house. Therefore, a change of use planning application for a change of use was the appropriate course of action in this case.

Penally Grange update

The footpaths have now been constructed at the main entrance including footways within the application site. There was also a legal agreement which secured a financial contribution (£15,000) to go towards footpath provision to the north and south of the site (outside of the application site boundary) to ensure connection to existing footpath infrastructure. I can confirm that PCC is in receipt of this money and that the provision of the footpaths outside of the site to the north and south is likely to be provided next financial year as part of Highways Team's capital works programme.

Parking at Village Hall and Bus Stop

Road markings and signage have now been completed at the village hall and the green bus stop. To date I am not aware of any issues with the 349-bus service being delayed due to bad parking however there have been at least two occasions in the past month where the 349 Bus Service has not travelled through the village and has left passengers stranded. This seems to occur during periods of severe weather or when there is a technical issue. There is a need for a robust process to ensure people are informed of delays and diversions. I will be speaking with First Cymru and PCC to explore possible options.

Boules / Petanque Update

At the time of this report no expression of interest has been submitted for an Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant by the Petanque club. I have contacted the club chairman to advise that there are only two more grants panels sitting before the grant's availability will be reviewed. I am advised that the Petanque club do still intend to make an application.

Kerbside Waste Collections Roll Out

I have received notice of some issues with the new waste collection service. This has mainly been with assisted collections, which are held on an on-board digital assistant on each lorry. I have travelled around the village over the last two collections and have noted that several residents have put out bags that are not due for collection on that day, one property had even put out the old black and orange

bags. Each household should have received a calendar which shows what should be put out on what day. Any issues with collections or incidences of fly tipping can be reported to me directly.

Cllr C Bradbury on behalf of the Grounds Sub Committee.

Cllr C Bradbury reported that:

- Fly tipping is becoming an issue – Cllr Preston advised that if any fly tipping is noted that he is contacted and will advise Pembrokeshire County Council.
- The reconditioning of the village seats is still in process.
- The village Green paths leading to the Church are in need of their annual clean to ensure safe use of such. It was agreed that Cllr C Bradbury make arrangements with the Church representatives and Smart Gardens for such cleaning and payment thereof.
- Christmas Tree Arrangements:
 - Extension lead to be ordered to ensure that the lights start on the tree and not between the tree and lamppost.
 - Tree arriving 29th November 2019
 - Councillors meet 10.30am on the 30th November to erect tree and lights

Agenda Items:

2019/11 109 Pembrokeshire County Council – Local Development Plan Update.

No further information received

2019/11 110 To consider a date for a meeting of the finance Sub Committee

A meeting of the finance sub-committee will take place at 3pm on Wednesday 27th November at the Village Hall to prepare a draft 2020/2021 Budget and Precept figure for presentation to the Council at the December meeting for their consideration. The Remuneration decisions will also be discussed by the Sub Committee.

2019/11 111 To consider a date for the Clerks annual review

It was agreed that the Clerks annual review would take place on Wednesday 27th November 2019

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11th December 2019 (at the Village Hall)

Proposed training on Penally Gallery Range

Sunday 1 December 2019

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Normal firing times are as follows:-

Monday to Saturday 0830 - 1630

Sunday 1100 - 1530

Bank/Public Holidays No firing