**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Treffgarne Village Hall, on Tuesday, 1st October 2019 at 8:00p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. TC Griffiths.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Gerallt Miles did not participate in any discussion appertaining to the development at Tan y Garn, Treffgarne.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:** It was reported that the T5 Bus Stop Improvement Project have reconsidered the siting of the Bus Shelter at the entrance to Glancleddau Road, and has agreed that it would not be wise to move the shelter approx. 50m towards Letterston. The company involved with the project is also looking at the possibility of including sides on the Bryngomer Shelter, if there is adequate space to allow for disability access at the rear of the shelter.

A comprehensive email was read out from Mr Robin Jones in response to matters raised in the last meeting about the maintenance of the website. Most of the information will be static so would not need much in the way of updates, which keeps the maintenance overhead low. Robin also included fees for the various domain names, hosting services etc. and stated that there is a lot to take in but would like to move on so that we would have a nice web site for the community. It was agreed by Councillors to pay Robin the monies due, but to wait until the next meeting after the Chairman has had further discussions with him.

**County Council Matters:** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman updated fellow Cllrs on meetings that she had attended recently, to include the PAVS Awards evening. Cllr Bateman was involved in discussions relating to the House Building programme within the Local Authority. She had also attended discussions with regards to Intergenerational Community Strategies, the purpose being to promote greater understanding and respect between generations.

**Planning Application 18/1232/PA:** With regards to the Tan y Garn, Treffgarne Planning Application, it was reported that permission has now been granted for this development to carry on. However utter disappointment was expressed by Councillors as to the decision of the Planning Committee to grant permission, when there was so much opposition from residents living in and around the Treffgarne community.

**Enhancing Pembrokeshire:** It was agreed that Cllrs, Barrie Griffiths, Michelle Bateman and the Clerk should meet before the next meeting in order to discuss ideas of what is needed within the Community that meets the criteria that is set out in the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant application forms.

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that the balance in the Bank Account dated 30th August 2019 is £5755:92 (**Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Pounds and Ninety-Two Pence**), which includes the 2nd Precept Payment for 2019 / 2020 of £1450:00 (**One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds**)

It was agreed to pay Tim Brookes Garden Services the sum of £88:00 (**Eighty-Eight Pounds**) to cover 4 cuts of the grassed area adjacent to the Car Park.

**Wales in Bloom:** The Clerk reported that he was proud to announce that Wolfscastle Village were joint Gold Award Winners in this year’s Wales in Bloom Competition. In the report given by Mr Peter Barton Price, the Chairman and Judge for this year’s Competition, he congratulated the Village on their achievement and encouraged the community to keep up the good work and to set our sights now to the future and further advancement in the competition. The Clerk also reported that an enjoyable day had been received at the Award Ceremony in Ystradgynlais which was attended by the Clerk and Mr & Mrs Eric Williams.

**Captain William Davies Evans:** The Clerk reported all the arrangements are in hand for the unveiling of the William Davies Evans plaque on the 19th October, and that there is an open invitation for all to attend the event, to honour one of the greatest Welshmen of the 19th Century.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence were presented to the meeting:-

[a] An acknowledgment was received from the Independent Renumeration Panel for Wales, confirming the receipt of the Nil Statement for payments made to Councillors in the year 2018 / 2019.

[b] Notification was received for a Temporary Road Closure on the Unclassified Road towards Spittal, which was circulated by the Clerk to the Community Councillors on September 16th 2019.

[c] Information was received from One Voice Wales informing Councillors that public authorities (including Community & Town Councils) are required under the Environment Wales Act 2016 Section 6 to prepare and publish a plan setting out what it proposes to do to comply with the duty to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity within their current work areas. Further guidance will be issued by the Welsh Government.

[d] An acknowledgement had been received from PCC to a complaint reported by the Clerk, that there were black bin bags left on the roadside adjacent to road the bridge in Wolfscastle.

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

Cllr BJ Harries requested that a letter be sent to the SWTRA expressing concern on the number of weeds growing along the pavements on the A40(T). Cllr Harries also asked was there any news on the caravans?

Cllr Gerallt Miles reported that he felt it more appropriate that the white line markings at the exit from Meadow Park should be replaced with a solid white line, and that the ‘Give Way’ sign should be replaced with a ‘Halt’ sign.

Cllr Gerwyn Williams expressed his concern at the increasing amount of Traffic that is using the Letterston Co-op to the junction of the A40(T) , it was felt that there is a poor visibility for traffic coming out of this junction, wishing to turn right, or to cross the main A40(T) road. Are there any long-term plans to improve the view towards Letterston?

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting that there has been a stray dog roaming around Haul-y-Bryn, causing a nuisance to some of the residents. This issue was reported in the recent issue of the Wolfswhistle in the hope that the offending owners will take action and ensure that their dog is kept on a lead and not left to roam around the village.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 12th November 2019 at 8:00p.m. at Penybont Chapel Vestry.

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