**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 3rd December 2019 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:-** Cllrs. BJ Harries, Gerallt Miles, Barrie Griffiths (Chairman), Michelle Bateman PCC, Peter James and Mrs Mairwen Jones.

**Apologies:** Cllrs TC Griffiths, Gerwyn Williams.

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman sympathised with the Clerk on the death of his mother recently.

A welcome was then given to Mrs Mairwen Jones, from Goodwick (originally from the Village), who came to the meeting to discuss the possibility of carrying out an Oral History Project of the Community and its surrounds. Mairwen is quite happy to talk to people who are willing to share their memories of the community, but there would be a considerable amount of work editing the recordings. She also felt that the School and other organisations in the community should have an input to the project. Mairwen has spoken to representatives from PLANED and the National Screen and Sound Archives at the National Library of Wales who are very keen to be involved. After further discussions, it was agreed to call a meeting in the New Year and invite 2 or 3 representatives from each organisation to attend. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jones for attending, and hoped that the project will be a success.

**Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 12th November 2019 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:**

Although some remedial work has been carried out on the Sealyham to Welsh Hook Road in the vicinity of Broadmoor Farm, the problem has not been solved with excessive amounts of water still lodging in the road. It is understood by local Councillors that there is a pipe from a drain crossing the road that used to carry water into the adjoining field.

In response to issues raised in the previous meeting the following correspondence was received from PCC:–

1 The gullies on the road passed the Wolfscastle Hotel will be attended to when the gully tanker is next in the area, hopefully before Christmas. I have requested for the sweeper, through Environmental Services, to attended to the silt and leaves.

2 Request for the roads to be swept in the Wolfscastle and Treffgarne has been passed on to Environmental Services

3 The ditches along the Welsh Hook road will be attended to when the tractor and ditcher is in the area.

4 The erosion of the road passed Sealyham Farm has been passed on to Highway Asset Management to address.

(Cllr BJ Harries commented that there has been remedial work carried out on this stretch of road).

5 The ruts on the grassed area near the flower bed has been passed on to Environmental Services to deal with.

The following were received from the Welsh Government:-

I can confirm that the footpaths throughout the village of Wolfscastle have been inspected and that arrangements are currently being made for the clearance of weeds and leaves to which you refer. It was reported an excellent job had been done clearing the weeds and sweeping the pavements.

There are no plans at present for improvements at the junction with the A40(T) at Cross House, Letterston. However, the Welsh Government routinely reviews personal injury collision data from the Police to identify the need for improvements to road safety. We will continue to review police data regularly to establish if this junction should be prioritised for a safety scheme. If and when this location is identified for improvement, the scheme will be subject to funding and will need to be prioritised against other schemes across Wales.

**County Council Matters:** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman gave a synopsis of recent discussions within the County Council, mainly appertaining to the Budget for the coming year. Cllr Bateman reported that there is a funding gap of £52.6m, and that it is inevitable that there will a cut in services, and an increase of possibly 5% in the Council Tax for the coming year. However, there is uncertainty that surrounds the figures at present, due to the General Election which has delayed the Welsh Government’s possible settlements for the Local Authority.

**Enhancing Pembrokeshire:** There was no further developments to discuss at this stage with regards to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant scheme.

**Finances:** The Clerk presented the up to date Budget, and reported that due to the fact that Mr Robin Jones has been paid for work carried out on the Website, that it is possible that the Community Council would have overspent its budget for 2019 / 2020. In light of this the Clerk suggested that the Community Council should consider cutting back on the number of outside organisations that receive donations in the future.

**Precept Requirement for the Year Ending 31st March 2021:** With the possibility of the Community Council having to pay for Elections in the future, it was agreed by this Council to increase the Precept Requirement for 2020 / 2021 to £4680:00 (**Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Pounds**)

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

Welsh Government detailing the Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020-21 is £8.32.

PCC reporting that there would be a temporary road closure on the Class 111 (C3165) road in Treffgarne, in order to carry out Telegraph Pole replacement works from Tuesday 17th December 2019 for 3 days.

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

Cllr Gerallt Miles requested that the White Lines to the exit of Meadow Park need repainting.

Cllr BJ Harries reported that the Bridge in Welsh Hook is cracking, and the road has started to give way. There is a blocked drain in the vicinity of St Dogwells Church that needs clearing of debris. Also, in the same area, there are trees in quite a dangerous position - 'leaning on each other' that need cutting back.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 7th January 2020 at 8:00p.m. at Treffgarne Village Hall.

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