



Minutes of meeting held 8th January 2020 Angle Village Hall @18.30

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Howells, Cllr K Watkins, County Councillor Steve Alderman and Mrs A Randall (clerk). Mr Keith Bradney also attended as an observer and Mr Stephen Thornton, Public Affairs Manager for Valero Refinery also attended.

Apologies: Cllr B Brown and Cllr E Parker

Declarations of interest: None

Cllr Williams started the meeting by welcoming Mr Thornton and introduced members of ACC.

Mr Thornton had come to the meeting to gain ACC's views on Valero's plans to change the road layout at the junction between B4320 and the road to Rhoscrowther in preparation for later in the year as Valero will be entering a period of back to back turnarounds later in the year. This will entail a significant increase in the number of workers on site for some time (2,000 in addition to their current workforce).

Mr Thornton explained that Valero were proposing to introduce 2 traffic calming schemes to reduce the speed around the area as they have a duty of care for their workers and people in the locality. The first scheme would reduce the speed limit for vehicles leaving the site from 60 mph and the second would change the traffic priority from cars travelling away from Angle to those exiting the power station, ie drivers coming from Angle would give way at the Rhoscrowther junction. They would also aim to get the speed limit on the main road reduced from 60 mph to 40 mph. Whilst ACC acknowledged the benefit to the economy of the increased employment opportunities and the need to make improvements to the Valero site, they expressed concerns in a number of areas.

Cllrs felt that the proposed changes to the junction layout will hinder traffic from Angle joining the main road, with an impact on travel times to work, school, and attending appointments in time e.g. GPs when appts are limited and only available on the day without being able to pre plan travel. At busy times cars travelling away from Angle may have to wait up to 30 minutes at this junction, and there would also be problems for residents joining the flow of traffic from the Castlemartin direction at the Speculation Inn junction.

They also raised concerns about drivers failing to slow down at the junction, overshooting the bend and landing in the hedge opposite and/or oncoming traffic. Cllrs felt that the current give way slows traffic down at the junction and reduces the risk of entering the bend at high speed, thereby reducing the potential for accidents.

ACC discussed potential ways to address these concerns with Mr Thornton, including a proposal to set up temporary traffic lights at the junction where timings could be adjusted to accommodate variations in the flow of traffic in favour of different priorities during the day. (Installation of a roundabout could solve some of these issues but would mean purchasing land from adjacent landowners and would interfere with underground cables and infrastructure so was thought not to be a viable option).

Valero have undertaken some scoping work to assess the potential impact on the number of accidents if these changes are introduced but Mr Thornton did not bring the figures with him.

Mr Thornton explained that Valero would be looking into these proposals in depth before making any final decisions. There may not be a public consultation as the project could go ahead as 'permitted development', but he would feed the comments from ACC back to the decision makers.

ACC then gave Mr Thornton a progress report on the playground project. Valero put aside funds for local community projects every year and a new community programme year has just started (running January to December). Cllr Howells explained that the playground group had run an event for the community before Christmas to show the plans from 3 equipment providers, setting out what details of potential equipment and costs. Those attending were invited to indicate which pieces of equipment they would prefer to see installed by attaching stickers to the plans on display. Cllr Howells will pull the results into a report to establish what the community would like. She is still waiting for PCC to provide some technical data and information about what help they can provide, which has been requested on a number of occasions. ACC are unable to apply for any funding without this information. Cllr Alderman offered to speak to the legal department at PCC on behalf of ACC to move things forward as final costs cannot be calculated until this is known.

Mr Thornton agreed to send application forms and the criteria awards are based on to ACC for them to apply for funds through this scheme. Although there is no deadline for any application Mr Thornton advised submitting a request by the end of March as funding gets awarded to projects throughout the year and the 'pot' starts to get depleted by late summer.

He explained that Valero's Volunteer Council might also be able to provide some practical support – ACC would need to send an email request once they've established what they would like them to do.

Mr Thornton and Mr Bradney left the meeting at 7.30 pm and the meeting continued with the rest of the agenda.

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 4th December 2019 – Approved as a true record and signed off by Cllr Williams.

2. Matters arising and updates:

1. Update on action points from last meeting – Completed, with further updates below
2. West Angle Bay Car Park – Cllr Williams has now spoken to the solicitor, who had received advice from the barrister she has been discussing the situation with. The outcome was that ACC would be unlikely to be successful in court and that if they took this further could be costly, with nothing to show for their efforts.

PCNPA discussed the introduction of car park charges at West Angle Bay at their meeting of 11th December. Although a number of council members voted against the introduction of charges more had voted for their introduction so this will be implemented. Cllr Williams subsequently received an email from Gary Meopham confirming this.

ACC will review the situation at their next meeting to decide any further action

3. Playground renovation update Please see above.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will speak to the legal department at PCC on behalf of ACC to progress their request for historical information regarding the costs and management of the playground and future involvement for the PCC.

4. Pontoon update – Nothing to report this month but item will be kept on the agenda for future meetings.
5. School Governor post Cllr Watkins has not yet been informed whether her application was successful.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will contact School Governor Services at PCC to request an update.

6. Freshwater West car parking update Nothing to report this month as National Trust had to resubmit planning permission for signage. Item will be kept on the agenda for future meetings.
7. Community Works Grant – bids for small highway schemes to PCC. Cllrs discussed whether to submit an application for funding to install traffic calming measures to the village to enforce the 20 mph speed limit already in place eg speed bumps, flashing speed indicator lights etc.

Action Point – Cllr Williams will look into this and will give an update at a later meeting

8. VE day 75 year celebrations The first Bank Holiday in May has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to make 8th to 10th May a long weekend for celebrations to take place. Plans are already being taken forward to hold events in the village and permission has been given to use the football field to set up stalls. ACC will ask to reserve the marquee for the whole weekend (their insurance will cover the marquee). Cllr Howells will ask the Playground Committee to take on the management of this at their meeting on 22nd January.
9. Dates for future meetings – ACC meetings will continue to take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 18.30 in the Village Hall. There will be no meeting in August. Dates as follows:

5th February, 6th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September (tbc), 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December

3. Treasurers Report

Bank balances and transactions - As of 1st January 2020, Current account balance is £3,322.70 (£1400 final instalment of precept was paid into the account on 27th December), Sun Edison Account Balance is £10,479.48, Reserve account balance is £3,008.29, and Playground Account is £1,327.13.

Cheques for signing - Clerk's wages and expenses of £152.89 agreed.

Budget Review and setting precept for 2020-2021 ACC acknowledged that the budget is being managed well - forecasts show that end of year balances will be on a par with those at the beginning of the year. As there are sufficient funds in the current account and cash in the reserve account to cover any emergencies ACC decided to keep the basic running costs £4,200 and to apply for an additional £1,200 to cover the additional work that the clerk currently undertakes on behalf of the council. This brings the precept request for 2020-2021 to £5,400, which ACC approved. Mrs Randall completed and signed the request at the meeting for submission to the council.

4. **Sun Edison Community Fund** – ACC discussed a request from Penrhyn School for £3,193.56 to purchase 8 iPad Airs. However, they decided they were unable to support this request as funds have already been allocated to other projects (eg memorial plaques and playground renovation).

Action Point – Mrs Randall will write to the school to inform them of this decision

5. Planning issues

- Greenlink Interconnector public consultation – no issues raised
- Planning decision on 19/0708/PA – alteration to screening embankment – approved
- Planning decision on 19/0713/PA – Pen Cae Bach, Wallaston Green – Conditionally approved

6. Highway Matters

Uneven manhole covers in the main road – Huw Marriott, senior engineer at PCC, visited the village just before Christmas to examine the situation and has asked the road maintenance contractors to correct the problems

7. Training - CPR training for residents – Mrs Randall reminded the Ambulance service of the request but has not received a reply so will email again.

8. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings.

- Setting the Council Tax budget for 2020-2021 – public meeting Weds 22nd January
- Meeting at Power Station 26th February – volunteer required if Cllr Brown unable to attend. Cllr Alderman offered to represent ACC as he would be attending the meeting. ACC thanked Cllr Alderman for his offer and will review this at their February meeting (due to take place before the meeting at the Power Station).

9. Communication received

- Request from PAVS for volunteer drivers – received 19/12. Forwarded to ACC members and displayed on notice board.
- Letter from Sports and Play Consulting concerning financial considerations for purchasing sports and play equipment – forwarded to Cllrs Williams and Howells
- Letters from the head teacher and children of Penrhyn school requesting funding for school equipment – forwarded to ACC and added to January meeting agenda for discussion.
- Letter from PCC concerning Community Works Grant available in the County - forwarded to ACC and added to January meeting agenda for discussion.

10. Additional issues / Updates – Cllrs agreed to invite Darren Thomas, Head of Infrastructure at PCC, to a meeting to discuss concerns about a range of issues in the village and future plans. Cllr Richards also expressed concerns about the recent increase in dog fouling in the village. Mrs Randall advised that she would try to establish the cost of signs to remind people to pick up their waste.

The meeting finished at 20.40

Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 18.30

Signed:

Date:

Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request