

Brawdy Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly meeting held at Trefgarn Owen Schoolroom ON Monday 27th January 2020

2020/04

1. Present. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr M. Carter, Cllr D E Jones, Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs A Loch and Sean O'Connor (Clerk)
2. Apologies. Cllr Mrs A Morgan.
3. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020, and wished everyone a happy new year. She also thanked everyone for their messages of condolence, following the recent death of her father. She thanked the vice-Chairman for deputising for her at recent meetings. She then proceeded to read the minutes of the November 2019 meeting, and apart from a minor amendment to item 4h, it was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that they be accepted as a true record. The Chairman and the clerk then signed the minutes as confirmation.
4. Matters arising from the November 2019 meeting.
 - 4a. The clerk read out a reply from PCC regarding the ongoing issue with flytipping at Llandeloy. It advised that, as it was not owned by PCC they were not responsible to remove any flytipping. The matter was discussed at length, and it was agreed that Cllr Carter would draft a letter to all local residents, and also place a notice on the notice board and on the information board. This would be finalised in time for the next meeting, when it could be discussed further.
 - 4b. Cllr Carter advised that he had recently attended a meeting at County Hall regarding the enhancing Pembs scheme. He advised that if a council did not take up their allowance, it was possible for a merge with a neighbouring council. Solva CC were in the process of launching a bid, and were considering inviting other councils to outline the options. At this point Cllr Carter declared an interest and left the room. After a discussion involving the remaining councillors it was unanimously agreed that we prioritise local issues, and opt for our own project, within BCC, and not combine with a neighbouring council. Cllr Carter returned to the meeting. Various options were again discussed, including a defibrillator. It was advised that this option has been applied for, by other councils, but only in conjunction with another project, such as a book swap. The clerk read out a letter from BT regarding the redundant kiosks at Penycwm and Trefgarn Owen. They were available for purchase at a cost of £1 each, with details of ongoing repairs, maintenance and parts etc listed. It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr D E Jones that we proceed with the kiosk at Trefgarn-owen only. This was unanimously agreed. The clerk would contact BT and arrange this. At this point the possibility of community works Grant was also discussed. Cllr Carter read out a letter from Sinead Heneghan at PCC following our previous enquiry about a project for a bus shelter at Penycwm. She advised that this may prove difficult to approve. Cllr Carter offered to reopen this possibility with Sinead, and also discuss an alternative scheme at Newgale. He would report back to the next meeting.
 - 4c. The lighting at Trefgarn-owen was again discussed. As previously advised Cllr Carter, as local caravan site owner, had approached the chapel about the installation of a light, and requested an electricity safety certificate. To date he had not received a reply. The clerk advised that he finally received a bill from SSE for the ongoing supply for the new light, This amounted to £9.14. Funds had already been allocated in the account for this payment.
 - 4d. Cllr Carter confirmed that the 2 minute street cleaning board had been collected, and was now in place, and up and running.
 - 4e. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence advised that she had been unable to attend the One Voice Wales meeting in October. The clerk advised that as yet, no minutes from this meeting had been received.
 - 4f. Cllr Carter advised that he had contacted PCC regarding the no parking sign in Llandeloy. It transpires that the person who had erected the sign, occupied the land and was entitled to do this.
 - 4g. Cllr Tierney advised that he was following the refuse collection lorry recently, and the side door was open, with litter blowing out and on to the road. Cllr Carter acknowledged that this had been reported, but would raise it again at County Hall.
 - 4h. Cllr Carter advised that the Tour De Shane Cycle event was going ahead, but was expecting more like 500 competitors, rather than the 4000 previously expected. He advised that there would be no road closures, but some diversions. He offered to contact the organisers to provide confirmation of the final route as soon as possible.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

5. Details of the Sustainability appraisal report deposit plan LDP 2

2017/2033. were issued, with a consultation period running until 11/3/20. Details of local drop in sessions were also included. The plan was circulated commencing with Cllr Mrs A Loch. Cllrs were asked to read and circulate this document promptly, in order that everyone was able to see before the next meeting, when it could be discussed further.

6. Details of the PCC local budget engagement sessions were issued.

This was circulated commencing with Cllr D E Jones.

7. Details of the PCC community works grant scheme, including the funding criteria was circulated commencing with Cllr J Tierney.

Pembs Coast National Park.

8. Details of the PCNP matters arising to changes to their LDP plan 2019/2031, were issued. The website address was provided with comments or amendments requested by Friday 6th March.

Other Correspondence.

9. The clerk provided details of the annual donations made by BCC last year. He also advised that no new requests from local charities had been received or consideration during the year to date. Last year the four local churches and chapels at Llandeloy, Brawdy, Trefgarn Owen and Treffynnon each received £50. Solva Surgery, Shalom House, Paul Sartorial and Wales Air Ambulance all received £100. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that we repeat exactly last years donations. This was unanimously agreed. It was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr M Carter that the sum of £600 be transferred between our accounts to cover these payments. The clerk would issue cheques to each charity, in time for them to be banked and included in our accounts for this financial year.

10. Posters for the village notice boards from our AM Paul Davies, advising of his surgeries for 2020 were issued.

11. Clerks and Council Direct brochure for January 20 was circulated starting with Cllr Mrs G Lawrence. Cllr Jones raised an issue he had read in the November issue regarding 5G supply, which could prove dangerous, as reported by some councils. He encouraged councillors to read and consider this matter, which could then be discussed further if relevant.

12. A brochure from Glasdon UK was received and filed.

13. The clerk advised that he had been contacted by the Trefgarn Owen chapel representatives regarding new keys for the Schoolroom. He had arranged to meet prior to the meeting to collect a new set of keys. Upon meeting only one key for the side door was issued. Upon inspection it was found that the front door was locked and padlocked from the outside. A discussion took place regarding the overall safety of the building, and the clerk was instructed to write to the chapel on this matter. It was agreed to include the fire safety issue of only one exit, with the other being locked, and the issue of whether the electricity items were safe and had an current PAT certificate. The possibility of an alternative venue to hold our meetings was also discussed, and the clerk was instructed to write to the monitoring officer at PCC regarding the acceptable criteria.

14. The clerk advised that the Chairman had been included in a draw for council chairmen to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace. The Chairman had agreed to be included prior to the meeting.

Report of the responsible finance officer.

15. The clerk advised of up to date bank account details as : Current Account £ 115.68 and Deposit Account £6057.99.

16. The clerk confirmed that our final precept payment for this financial year of £2000 was received on 19th December 2019.

17. As agreed in our November 2019 meeting our annual precept request for 2020/21 amounting to £6180 had been submitted to County Hall by the clerk, within the timescale requested.

18. The clerk confirmed a receipt had been received from the chapel for the annual rent of the Schoolroom for £77.

19. The clerk provided a payslip and income tax payment slip for December 19 received via our accountants. The sheets for January had not been received, and these would be presented for inspection at the next meeting.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Carter advised that the notice board at Newgale was dislodged. He asked for permission to relocate it at his shop in Newgale. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Carter read out a letter from Vodaphone regarding the possible location of a new mast somewhere in or close to the A487. It was very misleading, and Cllr Carter offered to contact the writer for clarification.

Cllr Jones raises the issue of standing water and flooding in 3 areas of our community, including Hollybush and Castell

Cwcw. Full details were provided to Cllr Carter, who would take this up with County Hall, and ask them to liaise with Cllr Jones.

The Chairman advised that she would bring details of dates for the annual dinner for discussion at the next meeting.

The date and time for the next meeting was set for Monday March 2nd at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.