

St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Prior to the Meeting County Councillor Phil Baker was due to give a brief talk on Close Pass – Cycling Campaign

Present: Cllrs D Brace (Chairman), H Rawson Humphries (Vice Chair) and D Mitchell

In attendance: County Cllr Jon Preston and The Clerk

Unfortunately, Cllr Baker was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded all the information required by Councillors via Email which the Clerk read out.

Cllr Baker advised that a number of signs were purchased by the Pembrokeshire County Council Road Safety Team for temporary display around the County along the various routes frequented by persons training for athletic events. These signs can be purchased from the Road Safety Team for a price of £7.50 each along with cable ties. It is recommended that, for maximum impact, that these signs are displayed during the training season only.

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllr D O'Hanlon and D Nash

2. The Consideration of the position for co-opted Councillors

Cllrs requested that the Clerk place an advert in the Tenby Observer advising that there are currently two vacancies for Councillors on St Mary Out Liberty Community Council and any interested party should contact the Clerk for further details.

3. To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.

None

4. Chairman's Report

Cllr Brace advised the Council that slight damage had occasioned to the grass verge opposite Rowston Drive, purportedly by lorries turning out of the opposite driveway. It was agreed that no action was required at present and the damage would be monitored, if further damage is caused the offending party will be notified.

Cllr Brace also reported that the drainage issues are still outstanding at St Anne's Church. Cllr Preston advised the Council that Pembrokeshire County Council are still investigating the situation.

5. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 11th February 2020

Cllr Rawson Humphries proposed that the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 11th February 2020; Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

Cllr Rawson Humphries advised the Council that the 30mph sign located by the entrance to Trevayne Lane had been turned around along with the other signs in that area, now with all the signs depicting the incorrect direction. Cllr Preston agreed to talk with Pembrokeshire County Council to rectify this matter.

The Clerk advised the Council that the external, lockable electrical socket had been fitted and if a timer was required this would be an extra £20. It was agreed that he Clerk should purchase such.

7. Account(s) for Payment and consideration of the bank reconciliation

Cllr Brace proposed that the bank reconciliation be signed as a true record, Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Cllr Mitchell proposed that the accounts presented to the Council be paid in full; Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement. The Clerk presented the cheques to the Council for signing.

101152	HMRC PAYE	£134.20
101153	Safe Electrics – Electrical Socket	£ 72.00
101154	M Priestley – Wages (March)	£193.63

Planning Application(s) Received

Received following publication of Agenda

PA/1149/PA – 7 Crestville, Twycross	Conversion of Garage and sub-division of dwelling to create a self-catering holiday unit
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Following consideration of the above planning application Cllr Mitchell proposed that the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council approve such; Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

8. Licensing Application(s) Received

None

9. Consideration of Correspondence Received

- Notice received from Pembrokeshire County Council advising that the precept of £5,600 has been accepted.
- In light of the recent health concerns regarding the Coronavirus – anyone concerned should stay indoors and telephone 111. The Public Health Wales Website has UpToDate information if required.

10. Reports from Councillors and Committee Representatives

County Councillor Jon Preston

Following the news that two people in Pembrokeshire has tested positive for the Covid 19 virus, Pembrokeshire council leader Cllr. David Simpson has made the following announcement: “Further to the news that two people in Pembrokeshire had tested as positive for the Covid 19 virus, I am sure you will join me in wishing them both a speedy and full recovery. I can reassure you that our services will continue as usual, and all our employees can continue to attend to their work, appointments, schools and services as they normally would. We should all help protect ourselves and our communities by following Public Health Wales advice, particularly around washing hands and using a tissue for symptoms associated with cold and flu and then safely disposing of it. Anyone who has travelled to the specified areas identified within Public Health Wales advice (the information on their website is being regularly updated), or think they may have symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend work, nor health facilities such as GP surgeries, Emergency Departments and Minor Injury Units, but should self-isolate and if appropriate call NHS 111. I am grateful to the co-operation and hard work of all our staff and we will provide further updates and information when we have them. In the meantime, I can confirm that detailed planning

arrangements, both internally, with partner agencies and through the Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum, are well underway to ensure that the Council and Pembrokeshire are as well placed as possible for whatever challenges we may face. Thank you.”

Community Risk Register

Considering the news of the Covid 19 virus in Pembrokeshire, I think this is a good time to revisit our community emergency plan and ensure that it is up to date and fit for the purpose of dealing with any potential cases in our immediate community. We will take our lead on this from Pembrokeshire County Council and any other Government advice we receive, but we need start thinking about any vulnerable members of the community who may need support. We can use our local knowledge to try and identify any risks in our area that may not be included on the Community Risk Register which is held by the emergency services. The importance of risk assessment is emphasised by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA). Examples may include people who have recently had an operation; people without access to transport; people with limited mobility; groups that might find it difficult to understand emergency information; and transient groups such as holiday makers or travelling communities. The Community Risk Register is compiled to support emergency services in events such as flooding, severe weather or any other high impact occurrence in the community, however it is prudent that we are prepared for such outcomes as supporting those who may need to self-isolate or who are otherwise at risk.

Budget

As council may be aware the 20/21 financial years council tax will increase by 5%. I made the point at full council that I am finding it difficult to defend a contribution of something in the region of £70000 to private major events using public money that could be used for repairs in the ward.

I need to make it clear that I do support these types of events and have friends, family and colleagues who have been involved in major events in some shape or form. However, to put this into context, and to use an example the Ironman brand is owned by a Chinese businessman with a reported wealth of \$12.5 Billion, yet the Pembrokeshire taxpayer is expected to contribute to private company events and provide all the manhours and resources free of charge. Despite a reported £6 Million boost to the local economy, there is no business case to support this information. There is also at present no evidence in the way of financial return to the council taxpayers in the county.

Millbay Housing Development

Officers from PCNPA have arranged an on-site meeting with the housing developers to address the hedge bank at the entrance to Oak Drive. The meeting which is planned to take place during this week will be attended by the tree and landscape officer, the main contractors and the groundworks sub- contractor. Once I have received an update I will report to council.

Drainage on the by-pass

Unfortunately, due to sick leave there is no progress to report on the drainage issue at St. Anne’s church. I understand the problems continue and will enquire as to who may be covering this post if the absence becomes long term.

Enhancing Pembrokeshire grants

I’m pleased to report that the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grants scheme is set to continue into the next financial year with application deadline being 16th March 4th May 4th September and December 2020 (date TBN).

Fly Tipping

The authority is trying to encourage people to come forward with information leading to successful enforcement action against individuals by offering a £100 reward. From Monday, a dedicated email address will be set up by the council to enable members of the public to report incidents of

fly tipping 24 hours a day. The email address is: fly.tipping@pembrokeshire.gov.uk Also available from Monday, (during office hours only) is the phone number 01437 77525

Cllr Rawson Humphries – On Behalf of New Hedges Village

- Reiterated Cllr Preston's comments regarding the Emergency Plan require updating
- Resurfacing works have been completed through the village
- Daffodils are blooming around the village
- One Monterey Pine tree has been damaged at the 'top' of the village. The Clerk to advise the tree owner of such, due to potential danger to pathway users
- On the pathway between the village road and the Bypass, water is pooling on the pathway between two inspection chambers. (There is no sign that this is foul water). Cllr Preston will contact the home owner.
- Litter has been noticed along the village road and bypass. It was agreed that a village litter pick will take place on Sunday 5th April 2020, any person wishing to take part please meet at the Village Hall at 10am.
- The damaged lamppost located on the junction of the B4316 and Broadfield Hill is still to be repaired.

11. Agenda Items

- a) **Close Pass** – The Council considered the Road Safety Scheme and the possibility of signs being purchased and the possibility of implementing the scheme through the village. The Clerk to contact Pembrokeshire County Council to ascertain if the signs are still available.

Date for Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th April 2020

Meeting closed 20.10