



Minutes of Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 26th February 2020

Angle Village Hall @18.45

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Howells, Cllr K Watkins, County Councillor Steve Alderman and Mrs A Randall (clerk).

Apologies: Cllr B Brown – unfortunately still unwell. Best wishes conveyed to him and ACC hope he can return to the team soon.

Declarations of interest: - None

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 5th February 2020 – Community Councillors agreed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and they were signed off by Cllr Williams

2. Matters arising and updates:

1. Action points from last meeting – Completed, with further updates below
2. West Angle Bay Car Park - ACC has submitted a letter to PCNPA objecting to the planning application to install a ticket machine in the car park at West Angle Bay. They have also submitted objections to the application online. A formal complaint to PCNPA regarding their management of the case now to be submitted as involving the Ombudsman can only be considered following complaints to the original authority.
3. Playground renovation – This project is slowly making progress but Cllr Howells is still waiting for confirmation of where the boundary lies between the play area and the school and also information about the terms of the lease. ACC decided that the lease needs to be fairly lengthy, given the amount of work the residents need to undertake to restore the playground area. There was some discussion around transferring the land under a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and Cllr Howells will look into this further.

The Playground Committee has compiled list of equipment that residents would like to see installed and Cllr Howells will now ask the preferred supplier for an updated quote based on these requirements.

Applications for funding have been submitted to the National Lottery and Places for Nature for the environmental aspect. Further fundraising events include an Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg hunt which will both take place on Easter Sunday, VE celebrations over the weekend of 8th to 10th May and the Garden Fete on 25th July.

Cllr Howells invited Cllr Watkins to join the Playground Committee and she accepted.

Action Point – Cllr Howells will speak to PCC about the lease for the playground and will also investigate the merits of transferring responsibility under a CAT.

4. Pontoon – No update for this month, although there may be some movement on this shortly as meetings are taking place mid-March.

5. School Governor post for Penrhyn School – Cllr Watkins has been told verbally that she has been successful in obtaining this role but still has not received any written confirmation. This needs to be progressed asap to enable her to attend the Governors’ meeting on 17th March.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will contact Governors’ Services at PCC to ask them to process the paperwork asap.

6. Community Works Grant – This is a scheme where communities can bid for grants of up to £10K for highway improvements to PCC. ACC agreed to discuss this with representatives from PCC’s highways department who will be attending their meeting on 4th March.
7. VE day celebrations – ACC discussed a number of ways the village could celebrate this event, eg eating food from the era, formally unveiling the memorial plaques for WW2 participants, asking residents to share their memories and photographs etc, but would be keen for residents to come up with other ideas of their own. Money raised would be added to the Play Park fund.

Cllr Howells put out a request for anyone willing to offer help to get in touch with her.

Action Point – Cllr Williams will approach Mike Brotherton to lead a service to unveil the WW2 plaques and will ask George Gear at Chapel Bay Fort and Museum whether he can provide any support to the celebrations.

8. Keep Wales Tidy – Delivering ‘Local Places for Nature’ in Communities across Wales – Environmental Charity Keep Wales Tidy is offering Starter and Development Packages to create, restore and enhance local places for nature. ACC agreed that this would be a good scheme to take forward and discussed options which could benefit and the community. They identified possible sites to rent and develop as a Community Garden to get local children involved in growing their own food etc.

Action Point – Cllr Howells will apply for funding online and Cllr Williams will speak to a couple of local farmers about renting land for the community garden.

3. Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions - As of 26th February 2020, Current account balance is £3,010.72, Sun Edison Account Balance is £10,479.48, Reserve account balance is £3,008.29, and Playground Account is £1,327.13.
2. Payments Out - Clerk’s wages and expenses of £152.89 (agreed and authorised by Cllrs Williams and Howells and payment to Welsh Audit Office of £266.75 for audit 2018/2019 agreed. Payments to be made by bank transfer from the current account. Mrs Randall will set up the payments through the online banking account for Cllr Williams to authorise.
3. VAT reclaim – Mrs Randall will progress this to balance the books for the end of year accounts.
4. Rental for Village Hall - Mrs Randall has calculated the amount that ACC owes up to the end of March 2020 and has asked Mike Pedder to check and advise on preferred method of payment.
5. Consultation on future audit processes for Community Councils in Wales – The Independent Remuneration Panel has drawn up revised plans for auditing councils and community councils in Wales and has sent them to interested parties for their views. The basis for the new proposals is that audit is based on a 3 year cycle, with 2 years being light-touch and the third in depth. Exact details are unclear at this stage and the clerk has completed an online survey. Community councillors discussed the proposals and although mindful of the need to scrutinise spending public money are that the audit process should not be too burdensome or too costly for such a small council. (Audit costs for 2018-2019 were 6.4% of the overall precept).

4. **Sun Edison community fund** – No new applications received during the month.

5. **Planning issues**

- Globe Hotel licence application – Cllr Williams and Mrs Randall attended the public meeting on 13th February. The decision was deferred by 5 working days to allow councillors to review the substantial amount of information submitted. They ultimately refused the licence mainly due to inconsistencies in the written and oral submissions.
- West Angle Bay – application to install payment machine for car park NP/20/0020/FUL. ACC discussed application and have submitted their concerns.

6. **Highway Matters**

- Planned Changes to the Valero junction – Stephen Benger and Darren Thomas from PCC highways dept will be attending ACC's meeting on 4th March to discuss this issue with Community Councillors and Angle residents. ACC has notified residents and has also invited people from neighbouring communities to attend as the proposed changes are likely impact on a wide area. Questions will need to be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Williams has looked at Welsh Government policies and potential solutions and has written a comprehensive letter to Darren Thomas setting out the case against making changes to the junction, which she has copied to Angela Burns AM and Simon Hart MP. Although neither of these is able to attend the meeting on 4th March Cllr Williams has a meeting booked with Angela Burns on 28th February to discuss the issue.

Other matters to discuss with PCC at the meeting include concerns about speeding through the village and whether a Community Works Grant would be appropriate to fund potential solutions to this and repairs to road signs at West Angle bay which have been knocked over.

7. **Training** - CPR training for residents – Cllr Williams and Mrs Randall have both emailed the Ambulance service to set a date for this. No response as yet.

8. **Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings.**

- Freshwater West Steering Group Meeting - Cllr Alderman attended the meeting on behalf of ACC and fed back that the National Trust has delayed resubmitting the planning application prohibiting overnight parking for another year. He also reported that a surfing competition is scheduled to take place at the beach over the Easter weekend. Highways Agency are planning to submit an emergency order to implement a one-way system to manage the expected increase in the volume of traffic over that weekend.

Subsequent official feedback arrived via Freshwater West Steering Group as follows:

Capacity:

- All Steering Group members agree this is an issue, which needs addressing. Issues include: Volume of traffic, Inappropriate parking, overnight parking, increased number of incidents, bins overflowing.
- Constant issue with coaches parking in main car park and taking up multiple spaces.
- Surf Nationals - Concerns around capacity during Easter weekend.
- Overflow car park must stick to 28 day planning rule.
- Long term solutions must be looked at to address the capacity issues across the site (Road, car park, beach, water)

- Infrastructure is struggling to cope with the increase in visitors and vehicles.

Promotion of FWW- Issues with Countryfile magazine, Dobby and NT
Collaborative social media campaign/messaging to help manage public expectations during peak/busy times.

Dobby's grave – Concerns regarding erosion of the paths/dunes

Café Mor – Physical management needed for queues

Enforcement trial - A decision has been made to postpone the enforcement trial until further data is gathered, helping to shape the FWW steering group collaborative long-term plan.

Toilets – Pembrokeshire County Council will hand all responsibility (maintenance and cleaning costs), back to the National Trust by 1st March. This cost was not budgeted; however, NT will endeavour to keep the toilets open and clean but, will review this at the end of the 2020 season.

Community relations – All agree that communication and relationships with the local community need improvement. Steering Group to look at best ways of doing this.

Thanks – To all who helped with the container incident and New Year beach clean.

- Power Station Liaison Meeting – Weds 26th February. Cllr Alderman attended on behalf of ACC and fed back that the plant will close for a period in the summer for repairs/upgrade. They are currently experiencing some issues with obtaining parts due to the coronavirus, but this has not been a huge issue as wind power is becoming a more prominent source of electricity.

They are still trying to deal with the problem of excess foam production and are currently seeking an alternative solution to get rid of/reduce this.

9. Communication received

- Invitation to Police and Crime Commissioner St David's Day Conference – forwarded to Community Councillors on 17th February.
- IRP draft supplementary report on the principles relating to the reimbursement of the Costs of Care. Forwarded to Community Councillors on 16th February. Any comments to be submitted by 9th April 2020.
- Invitation to People, Place and Wellbeing – the Solva Symposium event on 11th March at the Merlin's Theatre Haverfordwest. Forwarded to Community Councillors on 18th February.
- Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales – forwarded to Community Councillors on 18th February for discussion at meeting.

10. Additional issues / Updates – additional issues raised during the meeting will be deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 20.30.

Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 18.30.

Signed:

Date:

Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request