



Minutes Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 24th June 2020
Angle Village Hall Garden @18.30

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Howells, Cllr E Parker, Cllr S Alderman (PCC) and Mrs A Randall (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr K Watkins

Declarations of interest: None declared

The meeting started with a tribute to Cllr Brian Brown who sadly passed away on 11th June after being unwell for several months. Cllr Brown had lived in Angle all his life and was a well-known character in the village. He had provided great service to the community for many years - not only had he been part of the RNLI, but was an elected member of ACC. He will be sorely missed.

Cllr Howells, Cllr Richards and Cllr Alderman will be attending his funeral on 26th June and ACC agreed to make a donation of £50 in lieu of flowers to his chosen charities, the British Heart Foundation and the Fisherman's Mission. Mrs Randall agreed to take the donation to the funeral directors.

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 26th 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. Tribute to Cllr Brian Brown – as above
2. Action points from last meeting – Completed, with further updates below
3. West Angle Bay Car Park – Cllr Williams asked for views on the delayed response from James Parkin, Director of Countryside, Community and Visitor Services at PCNPA in answer to ACC's complaint about the process of introducing parking charges at West Angle Bay. Recent events where cars had blocked access roads and drivers had parked inappropriately when the car park was closed had demonstrated the problems that could be anticipated when charges are introduced. As the lockdown has caused much official business to be put on hold it seems unlikely that the required planning process will be completed in time for charges to be introduced this year.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will contact Tegryn Jones at PCNPA to establish the current planning situation and will ask him to hold a meeting with Angle residents to share views from each side. Cllr Alderman will keep ACC in the loop as to what is happening re planning dates etc.

4. Playground renovation – Cllr Howells reported that PCC are yet to provide a copy of the lease that ACC needs to agree and sign before they can get anything up and running to progress the playground renovation. The current situation means that ACC are unable to even access the site.

There has been some discussion around taking the site on as a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). Cllr Williams agreed to liaise with Cllr Howells over next steps to try to progress this, although the current situation means progress could be slow.

5. Pontoon – No update to report due to lockdown situation, but item will be kept on the agenda for future discussion
6. VE day celebrations and WW2 memorial plaque – Sadly these events had to be cancelled due to lockdown. The stonemasons have advised that the granite for the plaque is due to be delivered in July, when they will be able to produce the memorial plaque as ordered. Cllr Williams has been in touch with Mike Brotherton and Rev Josh Maynard with a view to holding an unveiling ceremony/memorial service when able to go ahead.
7. Community response to virus outbreak – Councillors commended and thanked Angle residents for the way in which they have supported and looked after each other during the pandemic. The village has pulled together very well and has kept the community safe. To our knowledge no residents have needed the services of the Community Hub set up by PCC.
8. ACC Facebook page – This was taken down because of inappropriate comments being made on a different Facebook page that had nothing to do with ACC. These comments had led to Cllr Williams receiving a visit from the Police and ACC took their page down temporarily to avoid any further confusion. ACC agreed to reinstate their own page as it is a useful source of information. However, it will be made very clear that this is a source of information only, not a discussion forum. Inappropriate comments will be deleted and the page will be taken down again if used for any other reason.
9. The Local Places for Nature Capital Grant Wales – 2 recent applications for grants have been made but the larger development grant was declined as it was deemed we did not meet the criteria as we have open land areas. However, we are still unable to access the park area, even though there is no play equipment and is now an open area. If we are still unable to access the site ACC feels that there are areas throughout the village that would benefit from flowers being planted so that we do not lose this award.
10. Filling the vacant Community Councillor Vacancy – Following Cllr Brown's passing ACC have to fill the vacancy on the Community Council. This will be proceeded in a timely way and in line with current restrictions for filling vacancies. In the meantime Community Councillors will talk to members of the community to encourage volunteers and nominations.

3. Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions and transfer of funds to reserve account As of 24th June 2020 the current account balance is £3,944.68, Sun Edison account balance is £10,485.96, Reserve account is £3,010.15 and the playground account is £1,453.13. ACC agreed to transfer £1,000 from the current account to the reserve account.
2. Reduction in interest rate on savings accounts – Mrs Randall has received notification from the bank that the interest rate on the Sun Edison and Reserve accounts will be reduced to 0.10% from 24th July 2020.
3. End of year accounts for authorisation and audit update End of year accounts for 2019-2020 were agreed, authorised and sign-off. Mrs Randall reported that the audit paperwork had been scrutinised and authorised by the internal auditor without any problems being identified. The paperwork will now be sent Grant Thornton for external auditing.

4. Member's Allowances 2020 to 2021 – Proformas had been emailed to all Community Councillors. Those present at the meeting completed their requirements and handed back to Mrs Randall for her records. Mrs Randall will follow up separately with Cllr Watkins.
5. VAT claim submitted 11/3/2020 Mrs Randall reported that HMRC have requested confirmation of the bank account that any refund needs to be paid into. As HMRC are currently under pressure to pay those receiving furlough payments she did not expect any immediate action to happen but would keep an eye out for repayment and follow up as necessary.
6. Payments to be made – ACC agreed to renew insurance with Zurich Municipal at a cost of £355.82 in July. Other payments agreed were the clerk's expenses of £22.27, Cllr Williams' expenses of £11.99, clerk's salary of £249.00 for May 2020 and the renewal of One Voice Wales subscription of £67. Mrs Randall will ensure payments are made.

4. Sun Edison community fund – No new applications received this month

5. Planning issues

- Greenlink applications – 20/0041/PA, 20/044/PA – Cllr Alderman advised that this scheme has been deemed a national priority and that he has been asked to speak at the planning committee considering the applications. He warned that people in the area should expect to encounter narrow roads and heavy vehicles for a considerable period whilst construction is ongoing. ACC had no objections they wished Cllr Alderman to raise on their behalf.
- The Old Vicarage – NP/20/0292/FUL – Mrs Randall had printed out all the planning documents relating to this application for Community Councillors to read and pass on. Any comments should be sent direct to Mrs Randall for her to collate and submit online.

6. Highway Matters

- Valero Junction – PCC undertook traffic surveys at this junction on the morning and evening of 11th March to feed into the discussion about reprioritisation of traffic flow at this junction. (Mrs Randall will publish the results of this on ACC website for residents to view). Cllr Alderman also undertook traffic surveys separately on 6th and 9th March. Whilst everyone acknowledges that the majority of vehicles comes from or goes to the Valero site there was some discussion about whether traffic leaving Angle would be held up for any period of time. All agreed that installing traffic calming measures and reducing the speed limit are a priority.

Steve Benger from PCC has offered to hold an online meeting between Stephen Thornton from Valero and local residents and Cllr Alderman will look into progressing this. In the meantime he will speak to Mr Thornton to pass on residents' disquiet about the proposal to change the right of way, stressing the need to reduce and enforce the speed limit and introduce traffic calming measures before any other changes are considered.

Action Point – Survey Information to be published. ACC to respond to Stephen Thornton, including copies of petition.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will keep ACC informed of developments

- PCC adoption of West Bay Court – PCC have indicated that they will take over responsibility for **some** of the road and street lights.

- Allocation and usage of council house – A local authority house at Mirehouse Place has been allocated but appears not to be in use – the tenant has been seen to collect post from the building but does not live there. As local authority housing is in short supply this is a waste of resources as there are families in the village who would make better use of the property.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will make some enquiries with the council as to what the situation is and will report back to ACC.

- Dog fouling – This is still a problem in parts of the village.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will contact PCC again to investigate signage and bins for dog waste

7. Training - CPR training for residents – nothing to update

8. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings

- Representative for Pembroke Power Station – Next meeting is due to take place in September. Community Councillors to consider whether they are willing and able to be the representative and will inform Mrs Randall if they are.

9. Communication received

- Request for donation from Young Farmers – Considered and turned down.
- ACC receives a significant amount of information from PCC and elsewhere every week. Everything received is listed and published on ACC website weekly and Community Councillors have full copies of documents should residents need further information.

10. Additional issues / Updates – None on this occasion

The meeting finished at 20.10

Next Meeting – ACC will reconvene if any urgent business needs to be attended to. Date will be decided as and when.



Signed:

Date: 2nd September 2020

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