



**Minutes – Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 2nd September 2020
Angle Village Hall @18.45**

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr E Howells, Cllr E Parker, County Cllr S Alderman (PCC), Cllr K Watkins and Mrs A Randall (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr D Richards

Declarations of interest: None declared.

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 24th June 2020 – Community Councillors approved the minutes, which were then authorised 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 – Cllr Williams expressed her disappointment to discover that PCNPA had approved the plans to install payment machines at West Angle Bay on 26th June without further consultation with ACC as an interested party or advising them of the outcome. Cllr Alderman had tried to contact Tegryn Jones about this issue but had not yet received a response.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman agreed to contact Mr Jones again and will keep ACC in the loop

3. Playground renovation – There have been a number of delays in moving this forward over the last few months. PCC have asked for information from ACC piecemeal, which has extended the process. ACC has asked PCC to confirm where the boundary lies and to establish who is responsible for clearing the stream, but this information is still outstanding.

LNG had been in touch to check we still needed the grant they had offered. Cllr Howells will reply to confirm that we do.

Cllr Williams also agreed to contact Sinead Henehan to ask about the 2nd Homes Grant.

A health and safety risk assessment has been completed and forwarded to PCC.

Action Point - Cllr Williams agreed to write to PCC to formally ask for a timeline and to list everything that PCC need to try to move this project forward in a more timely manner

4. Pontoon – There was no update due to the current restrictions in operation but this item will be kept on the agenda for future discussion.
5. Defib checking – Both defibrillators in the village need to be checked in September. Cllr Williams will check the one held outside the village hall. Cllr Watkins reported that Nigel Berry had checked the one nearer the beach and had replaced the battery for the cabinet.

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6. WW2 memorial plaques – Cllr Williams had spoken to Cleddau Memorials and reported that the plaques are ready to be installed. This should be completed in the next few days. ACC agreed to pay the final invoice for £1,500 to Cleddau Memorials on completion.
7. ACC Facebook page – Cllr Howells has set this up again, with a disclaimer on the front page advising contributors that any unwarranted or abusive posts will be deleted. Mrs Randall will also be set up as admin on the page.
8. The Local Places for Nature Capital Grant for Wales - Local Places for Nature has delivered plants, planters and soil but were unable to access the site as PCC locked it up to prohibit access and discourage any 'wild' camping. The lock has now been removed but planting unable to proceed until PCC have transferred to land
9. Filling the vacant community councillor vacancy – The process to fill the councillor vacancy has now started and public notices will be displayed on the 2 noticeboards in the village, on the Community Council website and the Facebook page from 3rd September. Residents wanting an election to take place have 14 working days to write or email electoral services at PCC requesting this. If fewer than 10 requests are received by 23rd September ACC will move to fill the vacancy by co-option. Residents to note and speak to Cllr Williams for more information.
10. Potential visits from Tom Brinicombe (Greenlink) and David Jones (Erebus) – Tom and David have both asked to speak to ACC about the projects but current restrictions meant that this has been put on hold. ACC will invite them to a meeting when they feel it is safe to do so.
11. Up to date versions of Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Asset Register - Mrs Randall has updated these documents and will email them to Community Councillors to read so they are reminded of contents. Paper copies can be signed by all at a future meeting when it is safer to circulate paperwork.
12. Feedback on the work of the Community Hub during the pandemic – PCC set up a Community Hub to help people during the pandemic and have set up a survey to gain people's views on whether and how to take this forward following easing of restrictions. They had sent ACC a questionnaire asking for feedback which ACC discussed. Angle residents have been excellent at supporting vulnerable people in the village and although they have made minimal use of the Hub they felt this should continue. They indicated they would like to see more training in electronic communications and IT going forward. Mrs Randall will complete the survey form and return.
13. Update from County Councillor - Cllr Alderman expressed his gratitude to Angle residents for the way they have pulled together to support their vulnerable neighbours other over the last few months. PCC are not yet working normally as people from a number of departments have been redeployed elsewhere, which has led to some departments not being in and others understaffed. There are still long waits (up to 40 minutes) for people 'phoning the call centre and it will be some time before things return to normal. He agreed to keep ACC up to date with developments. He also made ACC aware of plans to install faster Broadband into Pembrokeshire homes that residents could sign up to and will forward information to Cllr Williams to distribute.

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3 Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions and transfer of funds to reserve account - As of 31st August 2020 the Current account balance is £3,748.59, Sun Edison account balance is £10,485.96, Reserve account is £4,010.15 and the Playground account is £1,453.13. Total held in bank accounts is £19,697.83.
2. Payments into account – A precept payment for £1,800 and a refund of VAT paid to March 2020 was paid into the current account in August.
3. External audit update - The external auditors had contacted Mrs Randall with a few queries about the paperwork she had submitted for audit, which she had responded to. Recommendations and conclusions are now being written up and should be issued in October.
4. Payments to be made – ACC approved the payment of Clerk's salary of £249, plus clerk's expenses of £53.97. They also approved payment of £92.00 to SLCC to renew their annual subscription (due by 1st November).

NALC has issued revised salary scales which increases the clerk's pay to £10.24 an hour from 1st April 2020 and £10.44 an hour from 1st September. ACC agreed to pay these increases. Mrs Randall will claim the back pay and increased salary in October.

4 Sun Edison community fund – No new applications.

5 Planning issues

- Greenlink applications – 20/0041/PA, 20/044/PA – approved mid July
- The Old Vicarage – NP/20/0292/FUL. ACC submitted observations and comments online concerning parking, potential obstruction and construction materials. Cllr Watkins agreed to keep an eye on the planning application.
- BT phone box - ACC have written to PCC to ask them to use their veto to oppose plans to remove the phone box opposite the Globe. Now awaiting developments.
- Valero wildflower meadows – NP/20/0327/FUL – No objections submitted.

6 Highway Matters

- Valero Junction – Traffic surveys conducted at the junction have not supported the view that drivers approaching the junction from Angle will be held up for a significant period of time if the proposed changes go ahead. However, concerns about excessive speeding remain. PCC's highways report concluded that there was no reason to decline the realignment but Cllr Alderman advised that has to approve a traffic management plan before any changes can be made. He has not yet seen this but so will pursue. He stressed that he had made it clear to both Valero and PCC that measures to monitor and control the speed of vehicles travelling to and from the Valero site will need to be installed as part of any changes. Changes were due to be started imminently, but did not advise on a date.

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Cllr Williams expressed her disappointment that none of the suggestions about traffic calming measures that ACC has made before making permanent changes to the junction appear to have been considered and that the work will go ahead regardless. ACC would like to hold a constructive discussion with Steve Benger (PCC) and Steve Thornton (Valero) about the way forward on this. Cllr Williams will write to both to arrange this.

7 Training

- Health and Safety/Risk assessment training for playground. Cllrs agreed that they needed to be up to speed on H&S requirements for the playground renovation project and ongoing maintenance requirements. Mrs Randall will write to PCC to investigate what training is available.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will write to PCC for advice

- Training provided by OVW - As One Voice Wales are currently unable to hold face to face training modules so is offering webinars to cover 'The Council as an Employer', 'Understanding the Law', 'Local Government Finance', and 'Advance Local Government Finance' at reduced cost. Mrs Randall had emailed the details to ACC and asked if they would like to participate.

8 Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings

- Cllr Williams agreed to represent ACC at Pembroke Power Station's online stakeholder meeting on 16th September.

9 Communication received

- a. Invitation to attend **Citizen's Advice AGM** on 30th September via Zoom. Forwarded to Community Councillors but no-one is available.
- b. ACC continues to receive a significant number of emails from official sources setting out guidance and laws relating to **COVID-19 issues**.
- c. Simon Hart MP replied to a resident who had written to him with his concerns about drivers **exceeding the speed limit through the village and antisocial parking**. His reply included a response from Dyfed Powys Police explaining that they patrol Angle almost every day and although they had conducted speed checks had not caught anyone speeding through the village. They advised people to report any incidences of cars obstructing the highway to them as they have the powers to remove them. As Steve Benger (PCC Highways) had agreed to look into the matter when he met with Angle residents on 4th March Cllr Williams agreed to write to him to follow this up.

Action Point – Cllr Williams will write to Mr Benger with her continued concerns about excessive speed through the village to ask for a solution

The meeting finished at 20.30.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday 7th October at 18.30

Signed:

Date:

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