**St. Ishmaels Community Council**

Minutes of Council Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, 29th March 2021

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Lynda Thomas, Barbara Harston, John Everett, Ken Hackett, Colin Jenkins.

Mike Cottam (Clerk). Reg Owens (PCC Councillor)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Moira Hawkins.

**WAR MEMORIAL**: Due to the restrictions of time in a Zoom meeting, the agenda concerned itself totally with the dispersal of funds from the sale of the Memorial Hall that are currently being held in the Council’s bank account. Although the new owner of the hall, Mr. Hawkins, had verbally agreed to the clerk that the current war memorial plaque could remain in situ on the wall, it was generally thought that this could be a recipe for difficulties for the following reasons:-

A. The memorial should be on a site that was publicly owned and freely accessible at any time.

B. This agreement would be subject to change by the owner at any time and access prevented.

C. In the event of the hall being sold on in the future, any new owner might not want to abide by

any agreement between the Council and the previous owner or owners.

D. In any case, the safe removal of the memorial tablet from the exterior of the old hall was likely to be very difficult.

* It was decided by councillors that the first call on funds from the hall sale must be for the re-establishment of a war memorial in a place to be decided upon; perhaps a memorial on Burgage Green
* It was decided that all members of St. Ishmaels Community should be canvassed for their opinions and suggestions on the form of a new memorial. Such canvassing is naturally likely to bring forth many views and possibly conflicting opinions, but it is nonetheless imperative that, when regulations allow, a public meeting should be held for villagers to participate in the further decision-making process. This to occur after suggestions had been received to the clerk.
* It was decided that the dispersal any funds remaining from the sale should be a decision

of the Community Council, after also receiving the views and suggestions of members of St.

Ishmaels Community.

* It was decided that the Clerk should formulate a questionnaire of suggestions to be available to all members of St. Ishmaels, and to be published on the Council’s Website, “Tish Topics” Facebook site, household letter drop and the three village poster sites. (Clerk)

In the time remaining in the meeting, a few initial suggestions for projects, after funding the establishment of a new memorial were received at the meeting from councillors. These included:-

1. Something to support the youth of the village.
2. Replacement of equipment in the play area by the sports field. PCC have decided not to fund further safety inspections.
3. Memorial Walk and Garden
4. Cap on annual rates.

It was suggested to the clerk that he investigate the form and likely cost of memorials at Hook and Angle to gather ideas. (Clerk)

**AOB**. After an approach by the clerk to the Llewellyn family at Trewarren about the deterioration of Monkhaven wall, Mr. Jason Llewellyn relayed his family’s decision that they, as part owners of the listed building, would bear responsibility for any repairs to the structure themselves.