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Minutes of the Remote General Meeting of the Penally Community Council held on Tuesday 13th April 2021, via Zoom at 6.00 pm.

The Penally Community Council meeting was open to members of the public

Sinead Henahan – Pembrokeshire County Council attended the meeting to update the Council on matters appertaining to Penally Camp

Apologies for absence were received from Inspector Palin, via Email.

Present: Cllrs P Bradbury, C Bradbury, J D'Arcy, M Neal, J Rilstone, S Snow, J Williams-James and E Hooper

In attendance –Sinead Henahan and The Clerk

Prior to the meeting commencing, to respect the passing of HRH Prince Philip a moment of silent reflection was held.

2021/04 349 Apologies for Absence – None

Non-Attendance - Cllr O Duckett.

Following agenda item 349 - Standing orders were suspended to allow for the discussion to take place with the above listed guest.

Sinead advised that the Penally Camp is now empty of all Asylum Seekers, reinstatement works are being carried out and the Home Office is working through its exit strategy. It was confirmed that all Asylum Seekers had been housed elsewhere and were continuing with their applications for Asylum.

Sinead confirmed that a record of the Clerks extra hours had been received and had been forwarded to the relevant department.

Before leaving the meeting Sinead, once again, thanked the residents of Penally who, in the main, welcomed the Asylum Seekers into the community of Penally while maintaining a dignified atmosphere. Sinead also thanked Councillors for their cooperation and assistance while working through this challenging time.

The Council thanked Sinead for all her support and hard work in ensuring Penally Community Council and the residents of Penally were represented at meetings and kept informed of all matters appertaining to Penally Camp.

The Council and Sinead also thanked the Clerk for being professional, positive and accommodating of her time during the past six months.

Sinead left the meeting

Standing Orders recommenced at 18.18

2021/04 350 Chairman's Report – Cllr P Bradbury advised that all matters would be covered within the Agenda

2021/04 351 To disclose any personal and prejudicial interests in any items of business listed below

None

2021/04 352 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 10th March 2021

Cllr Snow proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of Penally Community Council, as presented to the Council, held on 10th March 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting; Cllr Neal seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/04 353 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

2021/02 333 Rubbish being tipped on the grass verge opposite the Grange. This is still a major problem with additional rubbish being added to what is already there – A further Email to be sent to Pembrokeshire County Council advising it remains a major problem.

2021/04 354 To Receive the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting Held on the 21st March 2021

Cllr Rilstone proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of Penally Community Council, as presented to the Council, held on 10th March 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting; Cllr Williams-James seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/04 355 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

None

2021/04 356 Consideration of Correspondence Received

- Email received advising of training sessions being offered by One Voice Wales regarding Local Council Legislation, Policies and Procedures
- Various Consultations received and forwarded to all Cllrs
- Email received advising of broken glass within the childrens play area – Pembrokeshire County Council advised.
- Increased fly posting around the village and along the Marsh Road – The Clerk to advise Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the increase in fly posting.
- Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Authority – Planning Decision Notice 20/0650/PA the Old Vicarage, Penally - Refused

2021/04 357 Account(s) for Payment and Bank Reconciliation

Cllr D'Arcy proposed that the bank and cash book reconciliation, as presented within the end of year report, be accepted as a true record of the Penally Community Council's finances with a carry forward figure of £12,808.05; Cllr Neal seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

Cllr Neal proposed that the invoices, as presented to the Council, be paid in full; Cllr Snow seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/04 358 To consider the Clerks overtime (if any) worked during March 2021

The Clerk confirmed that no extra hours had been worked during March 2021

2021/04 359 Planning Application(s) Received

A 20/1163/PA Highcroft, PENALLY, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7QE

First floor extension over existing decking, rear balcony and ground floor patio area

Following consideration of all information presented by the Planning Authority, Cllr P Bradbury proposed that Penally Community Council support this planning application; Cllr Neal seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

B NP/21/0167/FUL Whitewell In The Ruins, Penally, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7RY
Demolition of existing kitchen and rebuilding new kitchen/dining area extension

Following consideration of all information presented by the Planning Authority, Cllr Neal proposed that Penally Community Council support this planning application but request that the recommendations of the Planning Authority be adhered to; Cllr P Bradbury seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/04 360 Reports from Council Representatives – None Received

2021/04 361 Reports from Council Committees

Cllr C Bradbury - On behalf of the Grounds Committee April 2021.

Rhys Thomas of Smart Gardens has completed the new planting at the Penally Heights entrance to the village. This is a great improvement.

Mark Sneezum has completed the refurbishment of the pump and trough. The cobblestones have been treated with strong weed killer and the gaps have been re-sanded. Mark has done an excellent job and the whole area looks very smart.

The bench is to be removed and renovated.

A new sign replacing the one on the rubbish bin has sadly been removed. Mark will replace and include Penally Community Council, perhaps making it less desirable.

Mark Sneezum is providing a quote for painting the picnic area. The committee is considering paint colours. The colour will be chosen shortly.

It has been reported that litter has been left on the beach in Penally after people held a barbecue. The foil barbecue, cans and bottles were cleared away by a resident of the village.

Consideration was given to the reinstatement of the low post and chains around the pump. Various safety implications were raised. This will be addressed at a later meeting.

The lack of bins on the Penally end of South Beach was raised, it is understood that this is due to the implications regarding emptying such. The Clerk to report the Council's concerns to Pembrokeshire County Council Beach Warden and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.

Agenda Items:

2021/04 362 To receive any updates regarding Penally Army Camp

Chairman Cllr P. Bradbury made a statement regarding the recent events at Penally Army Camp.

To conclude this matter I would record the fact that the Camp was closed as an Asylum Refugee Camp on 21st March 2021, this being some 6 months from its opening on 19th September 2020. This was when our community was confronted with a strange and disturbing situation by the Home Office without consultation or pre warning of any kind.

Various and numerous doomsday scenarios were voiced by opposition groups especially on social media. Throughout this 6 month period I would note that generally our residents held a very positive response and none of these scenarios came to pass.

I would like to thank our community for their forbearance and congratulate them on their positive and welcoming nature.

All Councillors unreservedly endorsed this statement.

Councillors thanked Cllr P Bradbury for all his time spent regarding all matters appertaining to the Penally Camp being used to house Asylum Seekers.

2021/04 363 To receive an update regarding the History Group's Information Boards – to be placed in the village to replace existing outdated boards

Cllr Neal advised the Council that the information boards are now ready to be printed once payment is received by the printers. The wall is ready to be painted, the Grounds Sub-Committee are deciding on a colour to compliment the boards. Cllr Neal requested if he could take possession of the old boards, this was agreed by the Council.

Cllr Rilstone requested Cllr Neal to thank the History Group for researching and designing such informative boards.

2021/04 364 Parking on the grass verges opposite the station Car Park – to consider the issue of cars parking on the grass verges within Penally

Cllr P Bradbury gave a synopsis of the Penally Community Council's actions regarding the ongoing problem of vehicles being parked on the grass verge opposite the Station Car Park.

A Public Meeting was held in 2018 and was well attended by residents of Penally as well as a representative from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority. During the meeting residents of Penally stated that they did not wish double yellow lines to be installed through the village, although the major parking issues were acknowledged.

It was further acknowledged that vehicles have been parking along this stretch of grass verge for a number of years prior to the public meeting and the introduction of charging for parking in the Station Carpark.

Cllr P Bradbury confirmed that Sargent Price, at the Public Meeting, advised that parking on grass verges on the Bypass road was only illegal if it was necessary to mount the pavement or the road was an urban clearway, therefore the police are unable to enforce any restrictions.

The Council acknowledged that although it is not illegal to park here, it is a major hazard with persons getting out of parked vehicles adjacent to a busy, main road with a 50 miles per hour limit and no footpaths.

This has been an ongoing problem exacerbated by car parking charges being introduced at the Station Carpark. Cllr Hooper, whose property overlooks the carpark, reported that even if there are spaces in the car park vehicles are still parked along the verges.

The Council acknowledged that there is no feasible solution to this major problem but following the speed survey scheduled to take place in the summer months, the Council will request that consideration be given to the speed limit along this stretch of road be lowered.

Prior to the meeting closing Cllr Rilstone requested a Vote of Thanks to Cllrs Piers and Carol Bradbury for all their dedication to the Penally Community Council over the past seven years. Cllr Rilstone stated that due to their dedication Penally Community Council has become compliant and professional in its actions.

All Councillors agreed.

Cllr P Bradbury thanked all Councillors and added that it had been an honour and pleasure to Chair Penally Community Council for the past five years.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 6pm
This will be Penally Community Council's Annual Meeting

Meeting closed 19.30