**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 16th June 2021 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, Barrie Griffiths, Gerallt Miles, Gerwyn Williams and Michelle Bateman, PCC

**Apologies:** Cllrs TC Griffiths and Peter James.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 4th May 2021 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:**In response to issues raised Mr Emrys Llewellyn PCC reported that the road through Treffgarne is on the list for surface dressing, therefore the sections of tarmac / patching will be covered over.

The potholes in the Welsh Hook area will be filled in due course, and the ditch on the road side will be filled when drainage work will be carried out in the area.

With regards to the question raised about the provision of a safe cycling route from Fishguard to Haverfordwest, Mr Ceri Rees PCC reported that this is something that has been considered in the past. However, it is possible that restrictions along the existing A40 corridor, particularly in the vicinity of the Treffgarne Rocks, will make it very difficult to fund and progress such a scheme in anything other than the long term. It may be that interim routes will need to be signed along ‘parallel’ quieter roads although it is appreciated that these are generally quite hilly and not as convenient in terms of directness as a route alongside the existing A40 trunk road. As such they may not entirely comply with current active travel guidance for new routes and this may present difficulties when it comes to funding especially in terms of WG Active Travel funding.

**Annual Audit:**The Council approved the Accounts and the Annual Return for the year 2020 / 2021. Mr Eric Williams, the Internal Auditor had signed off the Accounts but recommended that the two cheques issued in the previous year have yet to be presented and have been included in the bank reconciliation as if they had been cancelled. Unfortunately, unless the CC’s bank has been instructed to countermand payment, these cheques could still be presented at some future date and paid. To make sure that this does not happen, Mr Williams suggests that the payees are contacted with a request to return the original cheques, and if the CC is so minded, it can issue replacement cheques.

**Annual Governance Statement**: Members completed and formally approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21, answering statements 1-8 in the affirmative (statement 9, regarding trust funds administered by the Community Council was completed as not applicable).

**County Council Matters:-** In her report, Cllr Bateman updated fellow Cllrs on issues concerning this Council, including the following:-

[i] Cllr Bateman reminded Councillors that responses to the Hywel Dda University Health Board Questionnaire with regards to the public’s feedback in relation to its long-term strategy to develop and build a new hospital, somewhere between and including St Clears and Narberth, shouldbe in by Monday, 21st June 2021. [ii] Cllr Bateman reported that she’d had the opportunity to meet (on line) the new Chief Executive of PCC, and that he will be starting in the second week of September. [iii] the Seminar on Phosphates has been delayed for another year. [iv] PCC has begun a consultation exercise on the authority’s policies relating to second homes and long-term empty properties. There’s an opportunity to respond on-line, with the closing date set as Monday, 26th July 2021.

Cllr Gerallt Miles asked Cllr Bateman, why aren’t the Councillors back in County Hall? Cllr Bateman responded by saying that there is no need at present, when everything can be done on-line, issues can be sorted out by email or skype. Most democratic services have carried on throughout the pandemic, and that working from home has seen an increase in productivity. Services to the public are opening, Scolton Manor, Swimming Pools etc.

**Finances:**The Clerk reported that he’d received the recent Bank Statement, dated 1st June 2021 and that at there is £7113.48p (**Seven Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen Pounds and Forty Eight Pence**) in the bank account.

**Planning Application:**A Planning Application Consultation **21/ 0192/PA Installation of a Biomass Boiler and External Flue at Little Treffgarne, Wolfscastle** had previously been forwarded to Councillors. There were no adverse comments to this application.

It was reported that the following applications had been conditionally approved:-

[a]**21/0039/PA** – Alterations to Residential Care Home to create an additional bedroom at The Graylyns, Letterston.

[b] **20/1197/PA** – Provision of Conservatory at The Weir Ranch, Treffgarne.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence were presented to the meeting:-

[a] Notification from PCC that there would be a temporary Road Closure for one day on Friday, 18th June,on the Unclassified Road at Brimaston Cross, within the vicinity of the property known as Derlwyn.

[b] PCC Broadband Team, giving information with regards to Ultrafast Fibre Broadband coming to Pembrokeshire, and a request to complete the online survey, as the more people who sign up locally, the better.

**AOB:** The following issue was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

[a] Cllr Gerwyn Williams enquired as to when were the hedges on the side roads would be trimmed back? Cllr Williams also expressed concern that Farm Vehicles are damaging the verges, in particular on the Sealyham Crossroads. This issue has been reported a number of times in the past, but the Clerk will report the matter again to the appropriate office.

[b] Cllr Barrie Griffiths reported [i] that the grassed area at the entrance to Meadow Park needs cutting back. [ii] the road through the estate needs sweeping. [iii] reported that the White Lines along the entrance to Mount Pleasant Lane have not been repainted since the resurfacing of the road has been carried out a few weeks previously.[iv] requested for repair work to be carried out on the Notice Board in Treffgarne.

[c] Cllr BJ Harries reported the following issues [1] that there is a new 5 bay shed (75’ x 30’) been erected at Sealyham Farm. This matter should be reported to the Planning Dept of PCC to seek clarification as to why no Planning Application has been received by this Council. [ii] requested that the Welsh Hook to Sealyham Road needs sweeping. [iii] reported that the Bench on the Village Green needs repairing. It was agreed to ask Mr Gordie John to carry out the necessary work. [iv] the unsatisfactory way that the Village Green has been cut this year. [v] the Notice Board on the Village Green needs repairing.

**Future Meetings:** It was agreed that due to other commitments by some of the Councillors on the first Tuesday of the month, to hold future meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 10th August 2021 at 8:00p.m. at Penybont Vestry.

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