**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held at Smyrna Vestry on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.35 pm.

Present: Mr. Wyn Williams, Mr. Dewi Lewis, Mrs. Susan Collins, Mrs. Anne Thomas, Cllr Bob Kilmister and Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Nil
2. Minutes of the last meeting (29.09.21 and Village Green meeting 16.10.21)

Copies of the minutes of the last meetings had been distributed to members. It was proposed by Dewi seconded by Wyn that they were a true record and were to be signed.

1. Matters arising from the minutes

* Casual vacancies – No interest
* Fallen 30mph Sign – Bob has reported it and is trying to arrange a meeting with Marc Owen to discuss this matter plus the parking issue.
* Bin next to Puncheston bus shelter – suggestion put to Neil McCarthy, but no response received.
* Mosaics in Little Newcastle and Puncheston – no update from Amanda Lawrence.

1. Highway matters
2. Dewi reported a finger post sign falling down on the crossroads by Parcyllyn Nursing Home.
3. Anne reported a signpost that is leaning on the next junction further along to the above fingerpost sign and towards Little Newcastle.
4. A neighbour had complained to Anne about a tractor had knocked part of her wall – this is a civil matter which is outside the Community Council’s remit. It is understood the neighbour knew who had done this, so it was suggested her neighbour speaks to the farmer or report it to the Police.
5. Planning
6. Just for information the planning application has been submitted for the equestrian building that the community council raised, but it has not been validated yet.
7. Local Development Plan Review – The process has been delayed due to new Phosphate’s guidance, also an administrative error has come to light where a few people on the database who had asked to be updated on the review had not been notified, so they have been given the opportunity to submit a candidate site. One has been submitted in Puncheston by the school.

1. Cwm Gwaun & Puncheston Broadband project

Bob gave an update, the application has been sent to the Department of Culture, Media, and Sport to gain first stage approval.

1. Puncheston Village Green wall and path

The Clerk has started filling in the application form and will circulate to members for their comments. She has worked out that the CC will be able to contribute £800 as match funding towards the overall cost of the works, therefore will probably need to apply for further funding next year. She has spoken with Nigel Griffiths and Roger Lamb who have agreed to quote for the works, she has started getting quotes for benches and the picnic table. Will need to try and include a disabled access and will need to find out who owns the lane where the cars park in front of the two houses. Susan will make enquiries, but it was understood that this land has a right of way for the two properties. Wyn knows a Solicitor who may be able to help with registering the land, he will speak to him and let the Clerk know the outcome.

1. Puncheston Play area lease

No update on the lease, but it will be a straightforward process. Dewi will find out how much it would cost to cut the grass, and Susan will phone Huw Bevan to enquire how many times they would want it cut. This will need to be factored into the budget and Precept.

1. Parking Issues in Puncheston

The Clerk had written to Darren Thomas and has received an acknowledgment.

1. Correspondence
2. Paul Sartori – Thank you for the donation.
3. Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys area- Consultation – noted
4. Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust – asking all to make sure they register their defibrillator, and to assign a guardian to check it periodically to ensure it is rescue ready. The make and Serial number are required to register. Susan agreed to get the serial number. The clerk noted that the defibrillator was purchased from Cariad, but they are no longer operating. She has had an email from Kym at Calon Hearts Charity who has taken over from Cariad.
5. Any other matters

One of the councillors on Ambleston Community Council had reported concerns regarding the deep surface water trench on the B4329 road running along the hedge by Tufton Arms, and how it would cause considerable damage to a vehicle if they went into the trench. It has been reported to PCC.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

Date of the next meeting to finalise funding application via Zoom was agreed as 17th November 21 at 7.30pm, and ordinary meeting 24th November 2021.