

St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held on TUESDAY 14th September 2021 at The Regency Hall, Saundersfoot at 6.30pm. St Mary Out Liberty Community Councillors met face to face in the hall with a live link to any members of the public (or Councillors) that wished to join the meeting remotely.

Present: Cllrs D Brace, D Nash and L Bolton

Also present: Cllr Jon Preston and The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 18.45

2021/09 42 Apologies for Absence – Cllr H Rawson-Humphries and E Nash

2021/09 43 To Consider the Co-option process –the Clerk advised that no persons had shown an interest in Co-option. It was agreed that the spaces would be left open until the May 2022 elections.

2021/09 44 To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.

None

2021/09 45 Chairman’s Report

Cllr Brace reported that:

- The slabbed pathway on the grass verge running from Knightstown Lake to the village ship is bumpy and one person has recently tripped on it. Cllr Preston to report such to Pembrokeshire County Council.
- Cllr Brace questioned under what insurance was Mr Bolton covered for cutting the grass. The Clerk advised that as Mr Bolton did not receive any remuneration for such he was covered by the Council’s insurance as a volunteer. Cllr L Bolton also advised that Mr Bolton has his own Public Liability insurance.

2021/09 46 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 12th July 2021

Cllr Nash proposed that the Minutes, as presented, be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 12th July 2021; Cllr Bolton seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/09 47 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

None

2021/09 48 Account(s) for Payment and consideration of the bank reconciliation

		<u>Accounts to be presented</u>	
14.09.2021	101208	M Priestley Wages (August)	£ 183.69
14.09.2021	101209	The Regency Hall - Room Hire July	£ 15.00
14.09.2021	101210	Llewelyn Davies - 2 yrs. Internal Audits	£ 252.00
14.09.2021	101211	Tindle Hews - Grass Cutting tender Advert	£ 43.20
14.09.2021	101212	SCC - Broadband and printing lease (July/Aug)	£ 15.14
14.09.2021	101213	M Priestley Wages (September)	£ 183.69
			£ 692.72

Cllr D Nash proposed that the above invoices be paid in full; Cllr Brace seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

Cash Flow - July and August 2021	£	4,813.79	B/F
Payments Made	£	438.57	
Payments Received	£	1,998.00	
	£	6,373.22	C/F

Cllr D Nash proposed that the bank/cashbook reconciliation be signed as a true record of the Councils finances to date; Cllr Brace seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/09 49 Planning Application(s) Received - None

2021/09 50 Licensing Application(s) Received - None

2021/09 51 Consideration of Correspondence Received

- Email received from One Voice Wales advising of trainings available for Councillors to attend
- Email received raising concerns of the on-going problem of dog mess not being cleared up from the playing field. It was considered as this is a children's playing field Dogs should not be allowed to have access to such. As the field is in the ownership of the village hall the Clerk to advise the Committee of the Email received.
- Lighting of Beacons for Queens Jubilee – Cllr Brace to talk with Mr Reed to see if he will accommodate a Beacon on his land.

2021/09 52 Reports from Councillors and Representatives

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN PRESTON REPORT

Welsh Local Government boundary review

The Welsh Local Authority boundary reviews have been underway over the last four years. As I have reported previously the proposal made for the St. Mary out Liberty community is that it becomes amalgamated with St. Florence to create a new ward. The main aim of the Local Authority boundary review was to create wards that averaged an electorate of approximately 1500 voters. I wrote to the Welsh Minister Rebecca Evans AS/MS to reiterate my original objection and to draw the ministers' attention to the significant growth that has taken place in the New Hedges area ward due to two large residential developments. Also, that the proposals would create one much larger Manorbier / Penally ward of around 1800 electorate and a smaller St. Florence / St Mary out Liberty ward of around 1200 electorate. Effectively creating two new wards that have a greater variance to the target 1500 voters than the current ward arrangement provides. The minister has responded by saying she is grateful for the highlighting of concerns in respect of the proposal to combine Penally with Manorbier and St. Mary out Liberty with the community of St. Florence and that she had noted the Commission had received representation about this proposal during the review process, as reflected within its Final Recommendations Report. Despite this, the Minister has now confirmed that the proposals for the new ward arrangements have been accepted and will be in place in time for the May 2022 Local Authority elections. It is important to make it clear that these changes whether they are considered unnecessary or welcomed should not have any significant impact on the current running of community councils in the affected wards, apart from the fact that the County councillor elected in May 2022 will represent the communities of St. Florence and St. Mary out Liberty. The Boundary Commission for Wales will now work with Pembrokeshire County council to finalise arrangements for next year's Local Authority elections.

Active Travel Policy (New Hedges By-Pass)

The roadworks on the New Hedges by-pass are now near completion whilst the new footpath continues along the top of Broadfield Hill. Despite some initial problems during the early phase of the project which has been funded by Welsh government under its Active Travel

Policy for both walking and cycling investments, local feedback has been largely positive, however I have been asked to seek information on the possibility of reducing the speed limit which I will take up with PCC Highways. With the support of the cabinet member for infrastructure Cllr. Phil Baker we have been successful in addressing some individual matters that have been raised with me during the construction of the new by-pass. Cllr Baker and I remain available to anyone who may wish to raise any further matters or concerns.

Village hedge and grass cutting

Several New Hedges residents have contacted me regarding village hedge trimming and communal area's grass cutting. I have liaised with the community council clerk to try and resolve some of the ongoing issues. It is fair to say that this Summer has seen some particularly difficult challenges in getting some of this work carried out, however PCC are aware of the situation, and I have written to the residents who have raised their concerns with me to provide some explanation of the current situation. All indications are that the situation will improve with maintenance being carried out in line with the Local Authority and Contractor agreements.

Agenda Items

2021/09 53 Consideration how to resolve the requirements of a Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk advised the Council that Pembrokeshire County Council were unable to add New Hedges to this year's cutting program. It was agreed to ask Mr A Brace to cut the grass at the end of September 2021, as the last cut of the season, and Pembrokeshire County Council will take the grass cutting on from 2022

Meeting closed 19.55