**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Treffgarne Village Hall, on Tuesday, 14th December 2021 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, (Chairman) Barrie Griffiths, Gerallt Miles, Peter James and Gerwyn Williams,

**Apologies:** Cllrs Michelle Bateman PCC, and TC Griffiths

At the outset of the Meeting the Chairman, Cllr BJ Harries mentioned that this was a sad meeting, as it was the last meeting for the Clerk who was finishing at the end of the month after serving the Council for over 39 years. Cllr Harries thanked the Clerk for all the support that he had given to the Council and Councillors over the years. These words were endorsed by other Councillors present in the meeting.

The Revd Geoffrey Eynon, responded and thanked the Council for the honour that was bestowed upon him when he accepted the role back in 1982. He hoped that he had served the Council and the Community to the best of his ability, and felt that now was the time to give up the role.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Gerallt Miles declared an Interest with regards to a Planning Application Consultation. Cllr Miles did not participate in any discussion appertaining to Application No. 21/0840/PA.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 16th November 2021 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:** The Clerk reported that Mr Emrys Llewellyn PCC had responded to issues raised in the November meeting, and that he had forwarded the requests to the Area Supervisor to look into the matters.

Mr Llewellyn also reported that he was saddened to hear that the Clerk was finishing, as he always looked forward to receiving the emails in Welsh, as very few other Councils write in the Welsh language!

The Clerk reported that he had received the 3 boxes (a total of 108 mugs) of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Mugs. Further Community discussions will have to take place as to how the Community will celebrate the Jubilee and distribute the Mugs.

In response to the recent correspondence to Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service it was reported that Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service has a software system on its appliances that highlights the location of water hydrants, along with other matters of interest to crews, whilst attending incidents. The Service can therefore provide assurances to Wolfscastle Community Council that the location of hydrants across the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service area is known to the operational fire crews.

Cllr Gerwyn Williams reported that PCC had also removed the Fly Tipping In the Welsh Hook Area

**Planning:** The following Planning Application Consultations was received, and had already been forwarded to Councillors for comments:

[a] 21/0765/PA – Proposed Extension to Form Sun-Room (Partly in Retrospect) and Proposed Replacement Garage at 20 Meadow Park, Treffgarne.

[b] 21/0840/PA – Demolish and Replace Existing Structural Unsound House at Treffgarne Home Farm, Treffgarne.

There were no adverse comments to the applications. However, Cllr Barrie Griffiths did report that there had been neighbourly disputes with regards to Application [a], but that this Council did not get involved with the disputes.

**Vacancy for Clerk:** The Clerk reported that there had been no further response to the advertisement with regards to the Vacancy. It was suggested that neighbouring Council Clerks could be approached to see if there was anyone interested to take over, if only on a temporary basis.

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that in the Bank Account up to the 1st December 2021 there was £7499.85 (**Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine Pounds and Eighty Five Pence**). He also reported that the 3rd Precept Payment of £1583.00 (**One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Three Pounds**) has been paid in to the Bank Account on the 13th December 2021.

**Council Tax Base – Financial Year 2022 / 2023:** It was agreed in the previous meeting that the Precept Requirement for the coming year should be £4975.00, and that the Clerk should complete and return to necessary information to the Senior Revenue Officer of PCC, by 14th January 2022.

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

[a] **Hywel Dda University Health Board**, enclosing information with regards to Temporary Children’s Services at Withybush Hospital.

[b] **Caru Cymru, Caring for Wales**, enclosing copies of their ‘dog fouling’ campaign. The campaign is based on research by behaviour change experts, and resources designed to ‘nudge’ people into making the right decisions.

[c] **Rebecca Evans, MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government** enclosing the response to the consultation specifying the qualifications a Clerk to a Community Council must hold in order to satisfy one of the three conditions for a Council to resolve itself to become an eligible Community Council for the purpose of exercising the general power of competence.

[d] **Welsh Government** noting that for the Financial Year 2022 / 2023, the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community Councils in Wales is £8.82.

[e] **PCC**- enclosing the Invoice for the 3rd Instalment of the Precept which had been paid into the Community Council Bank Account on the 13 December 2021.

**Community Councillors Reports:** The following issues was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

[a] Cllr Peter James reported once again the very uneven road surface in the Welsh Hook area. Also, Cllr James mentioned a number of overhanging trees on the road between Wernlwyd and Welsh Hook.

[b] Cllr Barrie Griffiths reported a pot-hole in the road adjacent to 10 Meadow Park, Treffgarne.

A number of the Councillors mentioned the very favourable comments made by people passing through the Community over the Christmas period, on the quality and display of the Christmas Lights on both trees in Wolfscastle and Treffgarne Villages.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 11th January 2022 at 8:00p.m. at Penybont Chapel Vestry.

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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