**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.30 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 24.11.21 - Copies of the minutes of the last meetings had been distributed to members it was agreed that they were a true record and were to be signed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes

* Casual vacancies – No interest. Remove from the agenda and advertise after the elections in May.
* Fallen 30mph Sign – Done.
* Bin next to Puncheston bus shelter poster – The Clerk has created a poster which needs to be translated by Susan.
* Mosaics in Little Newcastle and Puncheston – Anne needs to collect more fallen mosaics in Little Newcastle and will drop off to the school. Susan will check if more have fallen off the one in Puncheston.
* Defibrillator guardian – Susan has been set up as guardian. She has been in contact with Andy Adams (Guardian for other local defibrillators) who has advised that the defibrillator will need weekly, monthly, and yearly checks. He has agreed to meet Susan the following week to check the one in Puncheston. He told Susan that pads have a 5-year shelf life, new batteries cost £239 plus VAT and maintenance cost can be high.
* Deep surface water trench by Tufton Arms – no response.
* Keep Wales Tidy posters – Have displayed in the three notice boards and the rest will be posted to Susan to laminate and display near where dog fouling is a problem i.e., play area.
* Christmas tree risk assessment and PAT testing – The risk assessment has been received, still waiting for the invoice for PAT test.
* Pipe which stabilises Christmas tree on village green – The Recreation Committee have asked for a bigger pipe to secures the Christmas tree to make it easier to put up. They have a new pipe and are willing to carry out the work themselves during the Village Green refurbishment so Nigel Griffiths can supervise, therefore, it will not cost the Community Council any money. It was proposed by Susan seconded by Anne and agreed by Wyn to allow a new pipe on the village green.
* No through road at top of Station View – This is PCC land, remove from the agenda.
* Streetlights outside Llygad y Haul and Y Bwthyn – Anne reported that these lights are working.

1. Highway matters

Temporary road closure notice – C3008 Puncheston to Little Newcastle Road for 5 days from Monday 24th January 2022 – The Clerk has posted on Facebook page.

1. Planning

21/1036/TF – Tree surgery – Puncheston Farm, Puncheston. It was decided to support this proposal.

1. Cwm Gwaun & Puncheston Broadband project

The project has been approved; next stage is detailed survey work will commence.

1. Puncheston Village Green wall and path – Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant (EPG)

The EPG panel have supported the application. The recommendation will be considered by Cabinet for final decision on 14th February. The Clerk will be notified after the 18th February of their final decision.

With regards to the land ownership Emrys Llewellyn had emailed Julie Davies in the Property Department: - ***From the correspondence permission was granted to the community council based on the area previously being maintained by the authority as a flower bed. Due to cut backs decision was made by head of service to reduce number of beds that would be maintained. Community councils were given the option to maintain the area themselves. When I became Area Maintenance Manager (North) in 2001 in charge of highway maintenance, cleansing, amenity grass cutting and horticulture works, the area in question was on the schedule of flower beds maintained by the authority. From the information below if it’s not PCC*** ***owned land it should not have been on the schedule.***

1. Puncheston Play area lease
2. No update, Cllr Kilmister will chase up.
3. Dewi has told Chris Hedley to cut the grass once a month for six months from April 2022 and payment will be made at the end of the season.
4. Parking issue

This is currently on hold because Cllr Kilmister has not been able to meet Marc Owen. Remove from agenda for time being.

1. Budget/Precept Sign Off

The Clerk had sent off the Precept for 2022/2023 at £4400 as agreed, it was agreed that the budget was to be signed off by the Chair**.**

1. Archie – Duke of Edinburgh Award

Archie has completed his litter picking as his volunteering section for the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. He litter picked along the five roads of Puncheston over a period of 26 weeks. He collected a lot of litter, one occasion collected four bags in one pick. He found all sorts of litter, from McDonald’s packaging to more unusual items like toothbrushes and coat hangers. He also reported that since he has stopped picking the litter, the main road out of the village has unfortunately begun to build up again. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Archie for his hard work.

1. Defibrillator in Little Newcastle

A couple from Little Newcastle have purchased a defibrillator with their wedding present money. Alison Evans contacted the Clerk to see if the community council would add the defibrillator under the insurance which was agreed. A few questions raised with regards who would be responsible for maintenance costs, has the appliance been registered on ‘The Circuit’ and has a guardian been appointed? The Clerk will make enquiries.

1. Local Development Plan Review – Candidate Site

In Spring 2021 the Local Authority became aware of a small number of individuals who were registered to receive updates for LDP2 updates, were not contacted. Those individuals were offered the chance to submit candidate sites, three were received, one of which was submitted for housing on farmland at Llys Y Dryw. A Consultation as an Addendum to the Candidate Sites Register will run from 19th January – 16 March. The Community Council can submit comments and been offered an opportunity to meet virtually with Sara Morris, Development Plans and Conservation Manager to discuss. It was decided to accept Sara’s offer, the Clerk will respond.

1. Correspondence
2. PCC - Local Development Plan 2 Timetable is delayed – noted.
3. PCC & PCNPA – Joint consultation – Cumulative impact of wind turbines / PCNPA only consultations – Coal Instability, Loss of Hotels, Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites, Safeguarding Mineral Zones, Conservation Areas – noted.
4. Precept remittance advice – £900 payment received 13.12.2021
5. Zurich – Her Majesty the Queen Jubilee celebrations COVID-19 guidance – noted.
6. Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under S137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 – S137 Expenditure Limit for 2022-23 - £8.82 per elector.
7. Western Power Distribution Certificate of Unmetered Supply for Christmas lights for Puncheston and Little Newcastle.
8. Any other matters
9. Dewi had received complaints about dog fouling by the play area, Bob advised that PCC no longer have an enforcement contract in place and suggested the children make posters and display. The Clerk will send Susan the poster she’s received to laminate and display.
10. Anne had been asked by Rev Richard Davies if the Community Council were giving any commemorative mugs for the Queen’s Jubilee. It was agreed that it was not the responsibility of the CC to be issuing memorabilia.
11. Bob advised that if there are any street parties being held for the jubilee weekend, PCC will need to be notified in plenty of time to arrange road closure.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm

Date of the next meeting 23rd February 2022