

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 13th April 2022 at 6-30pm, online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, and in person at Pembrokeshire College, Merlin's Bridge, Haverfordwest

Present: Cllrs. John Cole, Mary Owen, Alison Palmer, Janice Morgan, Ian Lewis, Michelle Lewis, Veronica James; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Nick Stamp, Paul Davies.

Declaration of known interests

None

Approval of minutes of March 2022 monthly meeting

These were approved by Members, and retained by the Clerk for signature following the meeting (proposer C'llr Jan Morgan, seconder C'llr Michelle Lewis).

Matters arising

Noticeboard lettering. Still in hand with C'llr Jan. Morgan to obtain lettering for the reverse of the noticeboard.

Plans

Decisions

21/1030/PA - Extension to Merlin's Bridge Boxing Club to provide disabled persons facilities and access; Merlin's Bridge Boxing Club, Merlin's Bridge, Haverfordwest

Correspondence

01) P.C.C. – Speed-activated signage – dealt with in agenda item below.

Accounts

Payments

Cleddau Press (printing) : £230-00

The above payment was were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Michelle Lewis, seconder C'llr Alison Palmer).

End of year accounts statement (effective March 31st 2022)

Total expenditure in financial year to March 31 st	: £16,121-75
Total income in financial year to March 31 st	: £10,259-98
Funds on hand on March 31 st (current account)	: £13,295-84
Funds on hand on March 31 st (deposit account)	: £ 8,075-45

Full accounts statement to be provided to the 2022 A.G.M.

County Councillor's report

Pre-election period. C'llr Cole mentioned the pre-election period now affecting P.C.C. activities in the run-up to the election scheduled for May 5th 2022.

P.C.C. road sweeper. C'llr Cole had managed to get the sweeper to go down Boot Valley, with positive results. Members also expressed their appreciation for the work carried out by Mr David Owen in assisting with keeping areas around the community in good order.

Approval of draft annual report for 2022

The 2022 report was approved by Members (proposer C'llr Jan. Morgan, seconder C'llr Alison Palmer). Clerk to arrange publication on the webpage.

Discussion of situation with purchase of new speed-activated sign

Members discussed at some length the various options available to them. Following this, it was agreed that (a) C'llr John Cole would speak with officers in P.C.C. to try and persuade them to adopt the sign, for installation on the existing pole close to the Rugby Club; and (b) the Clerk should contact Evolis to request a refund for the sign, which remained completely unused. Matter to be placed on May agenda for further discussion.

Any necessary discussion of social media presence for Community Council

Facebook page up and running. Members discussed how to promote the account, and increase the number of followers, including word of mouth and possible advertisements in key locations.

Discussion of support for events in connection with Queen's Platinum Jubilee

C'llr John Cole was still awaiting information from the events co-ordinator arranged for the day. However, all arrangements were well in hand.

C'llr Alison Palmer suggested promoting the events planned via the Facebook page. Members were encouraged to think of ways to support the event, especially with games, etc., for entertaining children – face-painting, games, bouncy castle, etc. Local businesses were being approached for prizes to be used in a raffle on the day, with plans to sell tickets around the Village and on the day.

Discussion of possible tree / shrub -planting initiative

The Clerk had discussed the matter with officers from P.C.C. They had offered to attend a site meeting to assess sites of interest to Members.

C'llrs Mary Owen, Alison Palmer and Jan. Morgan offered to be available to attend a site meeting. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to instigate arrangements for this, preferably for some time later in April, and liaise between P.C.C. and Members regarding the arrangements. Clerk to enquire with the Community Council insurers regarding cover / liability for community volunteers who might be invited to assist with maintenance of any areas planted.

Any other business

Happy to chat bench The Clerk informed Members that approval had been confirmed for a bench to be sited at Glen View playpark. Agenda item to be tabled for May to discuss a possible request to alter the agreed location for the bench.

Unsafe parking by chip shop on Pembroke Road. Matter to be tabled for discussion in May.

Pedestrian cut through at Woodlands Park. Agenda item to be tabled for May to discuss unsafe steps.

Next meeting

Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 6-30pm, in person at the Pembrokeshire College, and online using the Zoom platform.

The meeting was closed at 8-10 pm.