**CYNGOR CYMUNED PUNCHESTON /** **PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 3rd March at 7.00 pm.

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

1. **Representatives from Pembrokeshire County Council, Sara Morris, and Charlotte Harding:**

**Candidate Site in Puncheston – Farmland at Llys y Dryw**

Charlotte started by giving a presentation on the Local Development Plan Review (LDP2) and the timetable for this process, the consultation for the three additional candidate sites, one of which is in Puncheston ends 5pm 16 March 2022.

A discussion was held around the amount and type of housing proposed. Sara stated that at this stage, it is only a submission, and it is unknown what type and quantity of housing is proposed. Sara explained that the LDP team work on a general rule of thirty houses per hectare and look for certainty that the site will be developed, the number of properties that have been built historically in a location and the fact that Puncheston is impacted by the phosphates issue will also be a factor. Another consideration for the allocation of housing sites is based on the Local Market Housing Assessment, Charlotte said that there will be a requirement for twenty-four new market housing and sixteen new affordable housing in Puncheston over 13 years. Bob asked for a copy of the assessment which was agreed that it will be circulated. The Rural Facilities report which score’s locations on the number of services (shops, school, church, mains sewerage etc.) is also a consideration. After the consultation closes, Charlotte will consult with key stakeholders i.e., Dwr Cymru, Highways etc., and will assess the site for suitability and whether there is a need for a housing site in this location. Charlotte pointed out that there are two sites currently in the current plan which have not been developed which is something she will consider.

Concerns raised by members was the size of the site submitted is too large for the village. The access roads to and from the village are unsuitable for the amount of extra traffic a development of this size would create and the increase of traffic around the school. Open market housing would not be affordable for local people and would draw in people from outside the area increasing prices of the housing and the buyers may not be Welsh speaking; the loss of the Welsh language would have a detrimental impact on the character of the village. Any housing needs to be affordable and for local people.

Sara stated that the Welsh language is a sensitive issue in North Pembrokeshire, and this is dealt by a policy which requires developments to be phased. A consideration for the site would be 100% affordable housing, the Registered Social Landlords work from a local lettings policy and prioritise local people on their schemes. Sara reiterated that the site is only a proposal now, and if the whole or part of the site is included, the Community Council would have further opportunity to comment further later in the process.

A response will be submitted based on the above concerns.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had been sent a copy from a local resident of their objection to this candidate site.

1. Apologies: Mrs. Anne Thomas
2. Minutes of the last meeting (26.01.22 and EM14.02.22) Copies of the minutes of the last meetings had been distributed to members it was proposed by Wyn, seconded by Dewi, and agreed that they were a true record and were to be signed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
* Bin next to Puncheston bus shelter– Susan had displayed the poster on the bin and has since received complaints saying that this will make the dog fouling problem worse. Susan noted that the bin is emptied every Thursday and will only be an issue in the Summer. It was proposed by Susan, seconded by Wyn, and agreed to remove the poster.
* Mosaics in Little Newcastle and Puncheston – Susan had checked Puncheston and didn’t find any loose ones.
* Deep surface water trench by Tufton Arms – no response.
* Keep Wales Tidy posters – Susan had displayed a poster on the lamp post by the play area but has since been taken down/blown away and will put another poster up using screws.
* Defibrillator in Little Newcastle – The Clerk had spoken to Scilla Nicholls who confirmed that when she purchased the Zoll Defibrillator it included a maintenance package. The Clerk has contacted Zurich Insurance who advised there was not an increase in premium by adding it to the asset register. It is to be noted that the Community Council will not be responsible for buying any replacement parts for this device.
1. Highway matters

Temporary Road Closure Notice – C3166 road at Cwmwyntell, near Letterston for 2 days from 16th March – Notice and map has been posted on Facebook and noted.

Dewi reported surface water running down the road by Tyriet on the Puncheston to Trecwn road. The Clerk will report.

Dewi reported a branch that had dropped onto a telephone wire on the Little Newcastle to Letterston Road, approx. 50 Yards from Yet y Rhug (this is just inside Letterston Community Council’s boundary) The Clerk will report.

1. Planning

Nothing to report.

1. Cwm Gwaun & Puncheston Broadband project

No update.

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

The grant has been approved and the Funding Agreement had been circulated for consideration prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Dewi, seconded by Wyn, and agreed that the agreement is signed.

1. Puncheston Play area lease

A Subject to Contact and PCC Approval terms received from Helen McLeod-Baikie which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting for consideration. Dewi wanted to know who would inspect the play equipment, it was assumed that the Recreation Committee organize this, however, The Clerk will phone Huw Bevan to check. The Clerk said a consideration for next year’s budget/precept would be the cost of maintaining any trees on the site. It was proposed by Susan, seconded by Dewi, and agreed to accept the terms.

1. Defibrillator in Puncheston
2. Dewi and Wyn have moved the defibrillator to inside the bus shelter, both noted that the shelter needed cleaning and painting, Wyn queried if it was painted last year. The Clerk did purchase paint and dropped it off to Delme and agreed to ask Delme if his sister managed to paint it.
3. Gavin Ross is now the Guardian; a support guardian is required to assist when Gavin is on leave etc. Susan suggested asking Andy Adams if he would be willing, Dewi suggested asking a local nurse (Nicola), it was agreed to contact Andy in the first instance.
4. The Clerk had purchased new pads and a hygiene kit totalling £58.85. It was proposed by Dewi, seconded by Wyn, and agreed to reimburse the Clerk.
5. Happy to Chat bench

The application has been submitted and has received an acknowledgement.

1. Election 5th May 2022 – Community Councillor packs

The nomination packs had been received and will be delivered to members on 5th March. The Pre-election Guidance had been circulated to members prior to the meeting to assist them in completing the forms. Bob advised that the Pre-election period runs 18th March – 5th May meaning no financial decisions can be made after this date.

1. Queens Jubilee Celebrations

Susan had been asked by Rev Richard Davies if Puncheston would be interested in holding joint celebrations with Little Newcastle as well as separate events. Gavin Ross had also contacted the Clerk saying he had been talking with a few locals about arranging a summer do, possibly on the Jubilee weekend, suggested a street party if enough people helped. Dewi understands that Delme is arranging the lighting of the Beacon on the mountain. It was noted that there is no funding available towards these celebrations.

1. Financial Standing Order – Accounts reconciliation

Susan agreed to reconcile the accounts, which will be dropped off to her on 5th March.

1. Correspondence
2. PCC acknowledgement of the precept for £4800
3. PCC, Darren Thomas – any events planned for the Jubilee weekend to email Marc Owen, Streetcare & Parking Manager.
4. PCNPA – Tree planting to commemorate the PCNPA 70th Anniversary in 2022 – the offer of planting trees in the PCNPA area in Puncheston was discussed and it was agreed to respond asking the officer to find a suitable location and to advise.
5. Copy of email that Alison Evans sent to PCC reporting an unsafe tree east of Lower Puncheston.
6. Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme opening 28th March 2022 – posted on Facebook page.
7. Any other matters
8. Susan has received a complaint regarding the traffic and parking problem in Puncheston. The resident had a delivery when the road was closed, the lorry had difficulty turning by White Hart. Bob noted it was an ongoing problem and apart from yellow lines or parking permits was unsure what the solution is.

Note: Minutes, cheques and any other documents will be signed at a later date.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm

Date of the next meeting 30 March 2022

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Date………………………………………………….**