

## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The FCC meeting was preceded by a public meeting to gauge the degree of interest within the Community regarding celebrations to commemorate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Dawn Harries. It was decided to hold a further meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February when a final decision will be taken.

### Minutes of Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**1.Attendance-** Cllrs. David Thomas (Chairman), Dawn Harries, George Hughes, Ross Harries, C.Cllr. Michael John.

**Apologies-** Cllr. Esme Utting **Members of Public-**Mrs Auriol Lawman, Mrs. Gwen Atkinson, Mr. Russell Lavis.

**2.Declarations of Interest-** none were declared.

**3.Matters from the public-**Mrs. Lawman raised the problem regarding cold-callers-some purporting to be have authority from PCC. C Cllr Michael John said that residents should always ask to see identification and if necessary telephone the company involved to check.

Mrs. Atkinson said that Targate Road is in an untidy state due to litter.

**4.Minutes of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**-these were approved-proposed G. Hughes but not seconded as the two other Cllrs. present were absent from the January meeting.

#### **5.Matters arising.**

a.We have received notification that our application for a defibrillator has been successful. We have to purchase a suitable cabinet/check that our (ex-payphone) kiosk has a power supply/set up training sessions/insure the unit/appoint 2 guardians to keep an eye on the unit nb. Nicholas Jones and Philip Harding have volunteered to be the guardians.

b.No applications received to date for vacant post of Clerk.

#### **6.Correspondence.**

a, Paul Sartori Foundation 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal agreed to consider in 2022/23 year as our current years donations budget has been used.

b.PAVS AGM is on 16<sup>th</sup> February –on line.

c. Care Inspectorate Wales Advisory Board-recruiting additional members.

d.Welsh Gov. Consultation on "Inclusion into Society of Migrants".

e.Town & Comm. Councils/OVW/Planed preparing video to encourage young persons to stand for elections.

#### **7.Reports- Highways and Rights of Way.**

a.Northmoor Common –There had been no further incidents reported to the CC.

#### **8.Planning**

a.BDS site. Further to withdrawal of planning application 21/0201/PA in November 2021 PCC received an application 21/0736/NM .This was a non-material application seeking permission to amend the design of the houses on plots 9,10,13 and 14 from those originally approved by the 1974 planning permission. (nb. PCC do not be consult Community Councils on this type of application ).

This application was refused last week and a further condition has been imposed stating that the developer has to adhere to the 1974 plans. BDS consider that it is PCC Planners making mistakes but this matter could possibly have been resolved by earlier dialogue between BDS and PCC.

C.Cllr Michael John said that he understood that another planning application is being prepared.

### **9.Village Hall.**

- a.Bookings are excellent at present with relatively few slots available. The Short Mat Bowls Club however will not be returning until the Autumn.
- b.The annual Fire and Safety check has been carried out at a cost of £108.60
- c.Bank balances –current A/C £14574.49 deposit A/C £1602.58.

### **10.Playing Field**

- a..An application for a Community Outdoors grant to purchase another marquee has been successful – grant of £1400 expected.
- b.PCC have introduced 3 year service level agreements (SLA) instead of 1 year for the insurance/play equipment inspections/grass-cutting in the childrens play area. There is the option to cancel the agreement at a months notice. It was agreed to enter into the agreement on this basis.
- c.An application for a “Chat bench” has also been submitted.

### **11.Cemetery.**

- a.The fly-tipping in the lower cemetery car park has still not been cleared.

### **12.Financial Report.**

- a.The Annual Return for 2020/21 has been signed off by the Internal Auditor .Approval was given for this to be sent to Audit Wales.
- b. Mr. Brian Hearne has carried out the 2020/21 internal audit which has proved difficult due to the non-receipt of the 2019/20 external audit and absence of various papers. The Chairman has had meetings with the IA and his report should be available shortly. The IA had already recommended that the former Clerk's PAYE for 2019/20 and 2021/22 years should be paid and this has been done already in respect of 2019/20 . Approval for these payments to be made by BACs transfer was granted.
- c. The Community Council precept for 2022/23 has been submitted in the sum of £5000 to PCC.
- d. FCC bank balances –current A/C £4957.41 deposit A/C £13002.02 as at end of January.2022.
- e. HSBC introduced bank charges in December 2021 –basic charge is £5/ month plus 40p/transaction.

### **13.OneVoice Wales & PCC Liaison meetings**

- a.The Community Hub ( linking vulnerable people with helpers etc.)is transferring from PCC to PAVS.The manager will be Lee Hinds [lee.hinds@pavs.org.uk](mailto:lee.hinds@pavs.org.uk) .Series of Road shows planned between March and May.
- b. Places for Nature presentation by Rachel Carter [r.carter@onevoicewales.wales](mailto:r.carter@onevoicewales.wales) .
- c.Emyr John –formerly with Planed is the new T and CC Link Officer for Pembs.
- d.OVW have sent a detailed response to Welsh Govt. about their proposals for hybrid/multi-location meetings and public participation.This is quite critical of the way in which Welsh Gov. consider that all 737 Town and Community Councils can easily adapt to the changes. Chairman mentioned that we could probably start off with a Myfi plug in box at a cost of about £14/month.
- e. PCC Liaison meetings -next one is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **14.County Councillors Report.**

- a.Welsh Gov. grant for 2022/23 shows a 9.4% increase but still the PCC face a £30M deficit which can only be partly plugged be drawing on reserves. PCC have to decide on Council tax of at least 5% shortly.
- b.Former Chief Executive pay off issue.Special PCC meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February decided to let matter rest in view of potential costs of other legal avenues.
- c.County Council and Community Council Elections to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- d. PCC had notified him that tree felling works were necessary along the road from Lower Freystrop to Little Milford due to Ash dieback.

### **15.Members Requests.**

Cllr George Hughes again commented on the blocked road gullies in Lower Freystrop causing flooding in heavy rain.

### **16 Close of Meeting 8.30pm**

**Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**These minutes were approved on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder \_\_\_\_\_