

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Lamphey Community Council held on 20th July 2022 held at Lamphey Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr N Vince, Cllr A Skeels, Cllr D Phillips, Cllr M Colley, Cllr P Bowling, Cllr J Purser, Cllr T Hodgson and Mrs P Davies, Clerk.

1. Apologies

Cllr S Cannon (covid), Cllr L Scourfield and Cllr R Talliss

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest would be declared as and when required during the meeting

3. Minutes from the Meeting held on the 15th and 22nd June

The following amendments and additions made:-

Added to the list of donations - Cricket Club to received £50 after the Jubilee Event

15 – Purchase of Graveyard – Cllr D Phillips added as Cllr J Purser mentioned twice.

Proposed by Cllr A Skeels and seconded by Cllr D Phillips that the minutes should be accepted as a true and accurate record with the above amendments.

4. To receive updates on outstanding action points from previous minutes. Separate action log for details

An updated action log had been circulated. If a topic was on the agenda it would be discussed as an agenda item.

The Clerk had contacted PCC for an update on the road works on the road from Lamphey to Freshwater East. An email had been received from PCC to advise that the works would be actioned in the very near future.

An email had been received from Darren Thomas from PCC following an email written by the council highlighting the length of time the work had taken by contractors to repair the road outside Lamphey. The email was read out and the Council although the council felt that the County Council were covering up and didn't like the criticism.

Cllr N Vince advised the council that the arrangements between PCNP and the Longhouse at FEW for issuing keys was working well and a new supply of keys were available for the forthcoming summer season.

The hedgecutting had been carried out and Cllr N Vince thanked Councillors for their input earlier in the year on areas that would benefit from an early cut.

Cllr R Talliss advised that there was no update from WW on the sewerage issue via email.

Cllr J Purser advised that a subcommittee had met to start making arrangements for the proposed bonfire event.

A quotation had been received from a company in Manorbier for £2000 + vat for a 12/15 minute display.

A second quote from a company in Milford Haven who prepared displays in Tenby was £155/minute with no vat included. They were able to supply the relevant insurance documents. A 10 minute display would be £1550.

The preferred date is the 4th November 2022.

Proposed by Cllr J Purser and seconded by Cllr A Skeels to ask All Seasons Fireworks from Milford Haven to provide the display on the evening of the 4th November. All councillors in favour.

Further arrangements to be made by the subcommittee.

Approximately 80 medals from the Jubilee Event had been presented.

Purchase of Graveyard – a meeting to be arranged to discuss the viability and further arrangements.

5. Report from Cllr T Hodgson – County Councillor

- Cllr Hodgson had been asked for feedback on the recent arrangements for Long Course Weekend. – Agenda item
- Email from Phil Legett to advise that the footpath from Westhill to the crossroads which would happen shortly.
- The fund of money available through the Enhanced Pembrokeshire grant was in the region of £46,000
- Road closures for the Iron Man would only happen on the Sunday 11th September
- Bins – the response read out from Neil McCarthy.
- Application for dropped kerbs in Freshwater East – there was a long list of applications for funding and Cllr Hodgson would keep the Council updated.
- Cllr Hodgson to attend a budget workshop soon.
- The mobile library was back in service
- Tree Planting – Cllr Hodgson confirmed that PCC did own the land by Honeyhill in Lamphey was owned by PCC and any further arrangements for tree planting should be directed to Phill Leggett and Helen Baikie Mcleod.
- Following a meeting the previous evening Cllr J Purser highlighted wheelchair access down onto the beach which would be down past the toilets. The access

down the slipway was difficult and this was something that needed looking at. Cllr Hodgson to contact Steve Davies from PCNP for an update and suggest any grants that may be available to help with the access.

6. Feedback on Long Course Weekend

Cllr T Hodgson had been asked for feedback on the recent Long Course Weekend for a follow up meeting.

- Cllr D Phillips wasn't happy with either supporters or the event organisers writing graffiti on the roads – was it necessary?
- Cllr A Skeels had a number of issues that had occurred at the Village Hall which included athletes using the playing fields as toilets, bikes leaning against cars/vans in the village hall car park, litter issues.
- Cllr M Colley had to phone as there wasn't any stewards/marshals at the car park and had threatened to close the car park due to the lack of coordination. Cllr Colley advised that the Village Hall were thinking of asking for a bond in the future before confirming that the facilities would be made available.
- Cllr J Purser felt that the event was a burden on the local area and only supported private companies.
- Cllr M Colley also advised that there was a lot of litter and sweets around the field which could have been urinated on around the village hall which children could have picked up.
- Cllr N Vince felt that the restrictions made it difficult for businesses who had holiday lets in the area as the road closures made it difficult for the cleaners to service the properties.
- Cllr N Vince had also been advised that athletes had been using the grassed area near the playarea as a toilet when children were nearby and this was not acceptable and should be a police issue.
- Cllr M Colley advised that as the majority of the competitors were professional athletes they didn't want to wait for the toilets.
- Cllr N Vince felt there was no accountability from any of the organisers.
- Cllr J Purser wanted to see the facts and statistics to see what the event brings to the south of the county.
- Cllr T Hodgson – there were more competitors this year and the road closures this year made the event more complicated and did seem to be a money making scheme.
- Other comments made, that some visitors avoided visiting the county that weekend due to the event.
- The Village Hall and other organisations would feedback separately.
- Proposed by Cllr A Skeels and seconded by Cllr J Purser for the clerk and Cllr Hodgson to liaise as there were some serious concerns to be addressed following the event.

7. Update from outside Organisations

The following events had already been suggested for money from the Enhanced Pembrokeshire Grant – OAP Christmas meal. The money had been awarded for four events to be held during the year.

Cllr A Skeels queried whether there was any allocated money carried over from previous years – the clerk to check back through the cash book.

Suggested that the forms should be submitted with the help of Cllr M Colley.

9. Planning Applications

NP/22/0377 – Construction of new field access and gateway, opposite Barn Hill, Ridgway

Cllr N Vince failed to get further details on the application and wasn't sure on the exact site. After further discussion there was no objection to the above application.

The current planning situation at the Dial Inn was discussed. It was felt here were a number of issues pertaining to the site that need clarification. Noted that there was a caravan at the back of the car park which to the council's knowledge didn't have planning permission and the extension to the bungalow had never had planning applied for. It was felt that any further development on the site would reduce the capacity of the car park. The Clerk didn't recall any correspondence for applications and Cllr Hodgson couldn't recall any applications and it was felt that the process either wasn't working if the council hadn't been consulted. A recent email had been received approving the application and the council felt this was setting a precedent for the rest of the village. Cllr T Hodgson to make some enquiries and feedback that the council weren't consulted.

Cllr T Hodgson left the meeting at 8.10 pm

Feedback – Cllr A Skeels advised the meeting that an alternative mower spares had been found in Lincolnshire and repairs to the mower would now costs less than £2500 which the Community Council had paid £750 towards the repairs.

Village Hall – Cllr Colley advised that a new heating system would be installed towards the end of the summer with some help from grant payments.

8. Financial Reports

On-line transactions – The Clerk advised that the Council needed to set out limits and guidelines on setting up on line payments and have these recorded.

Cllr J Purser proposed the following – seconded by Cllr P Bowling and full council approval

- a limit of £250 for salary payments
- £750 would need full council approval
- Transaction limit of £500 for one payee

- In special circumstances a council decision would be taken

Cllr A Skeels asked the Clerk to look back through the cash book as he understood that there was some money ring fenced from previous years for events. The Clerk to look back through the cash book or give the cash book to Cllr Purser.

10. **Payments**

Firework Display – deposit of	£300.00
Clerks Wages July	£234.25
HMRC	£58.60
Harries Bassett monthly statement	£72.00

Proposed by Cllr J Purser and seconded by Cllr P Bowling to approve the payments above. All in favour.

Cllr Purser had made enquiries with a company in Milford Haven who organised the display in Tenby for the Tenby Spectacular. It was proposed by Cllr J Purser and seconded by Cllr P Bowling to book All Seasons Fireworks from MH and pay a deposit of £300.00 to secure the booking. All in favour.

11. **Freshwater East Liaison Meeting**

The liaison group had met the previous evening and Chris Taylor from PCNP had been present. Chris Taylor thought that the Councils request for some land to be donated for a play area had been refused. To be followed up.

12. **Defibrillator**

A cheque had been sent await for further updates.

13. **Proposed purchase of graveyard**

No meeting had been arranged to date. Cllr J Purser was trying to find a copy of some correspondence from a previous tenant before arranging a meeting. Await an update after the subcommittee for the graveyard had met.

14. **Land at Freshwater East**

Cllr M Colley advised the meeting that he was aware that some properties at Freshwater East were extending their properties beyond the building line and onto land owned by PCNP without applying for planning permission. Cllr M Colley highlighted that PCNP had a duty to all residents in Freshwater East to monitor the situation and to stop any further encroachment. There were a number of properties that were effected by encroachment.

Cllr A Skeels also thought that any encroachment had to be stopped.

The following properties were affected:-

Neathcote, Anchorage, Bentonville and the Burrows.

Proposed by Cllr J Purser and seconded by Cllr A Skeels to contact the Land Registry to ascertain the facts and obtain the necessary plans/maps. Any payments should be paid by card and the clerk to be reimbursed if necessary.

16. **Freshwater East Traders – Cllr M Colley**

Cllr P Bowling declared an interest. Again there was concern that certain properties were operating without the necessary planning permission and some “traders” were being treated differently. Cllr N Vince commented that even though everyone was aware of what was happening the Council hadn’t been informed of any planning applications.

Proposed by Cllr M Colley and seconded by Cllr D Phillips that the Clerk should write to the enforcement officer for an update on how and why some “traders” were being treated differently and what the PCNP policy is on street traders. All in favour and Cllr P Bowling abstained.

17. **Save Withybush Group – information circulated**

All the Councillors felt that this was a very important issue and the Council should be supporting this campaign.

Proposed by Cllr A Skeels and Seconded by Cllr M Colley to write and support this issue. All in favour.

18. **Service Level Agreement from PCC for the playarea**

The letter was read – the cost was £650.00 per annum and this had been included within the budget.

Proposed by Cllr M Colley and seconded by Cllr P Bowling to accept the agreement and pay the £650.00 for the inspection. All in favour.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chair

Date