

Minutes of Rudbaxton Community Council
held on
Monday 9th December 2019
in the
Meeting Room, Community Hall, Crundale.
at 7.00p.m.

Present: G. Bateman – Chairman
 A. Lowe
 R. Moffat
 D. Lloyd
 G. Elcock
 S.V. Davies
 A. Devereux
 M. Jones
 I. Banks

County. Cllr. S. Yelland

A. Bateman-Clerk to the Council

H. Thornton – Resident of parish.

Apologies: B. Gillinder – Vice Chairman

Before commencement of business
MARY JONES and IAN BANKS
formally signed their ‘acceptance of office’
as Co-opted Council members.

60.19 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held 18th November 2019

It was proposed by R. Moffat and seconded by D. Lloyd that the minutes be approved.

61.19 MATTERS ARISING

-55.19 – Grass Maintenance

Clerk had received a tender from S McQuarrie for Grass maintenance.

-56.19 – Internal audit.

Clerk had received a letter from Mr Howells declining the invitation to undertake the 2019/20 Internal Audit.

Clerk will make enquiries into finding a suitable replacement.

62.19 PRECEPT 2020/21**The Clerk/RFO presented the budget papers for 2019/20 and forecast for 2020/21.***appx.c*

Attention was drawn to the following issues which were felt required careful consideration when determining the precept for 2020/21:

i) Need for Election Contingency fund:- to cover cost of an election should the need arise. This was advised by the County Council in 2018 with a recommendation of £1200pa

Currently there are no funds earmarked for such an event, following discussion it was agreed that the Councils Contingency funds will be structured as follows:

- Welsh Language Act contingency fund - £2920 (increasing at 10% pa)
- General contingency fund - £4800
- Community Amenity Fund - £3000
- Election Fund - £2400

ii) Councillors Remuneration: - potential for payment of £150 per annum per councillor-which has been highlighted in previous meetings

iii) Rising general costs:- i.e increase in Clerk hours

iiii) Pembrokeshire County Councils continuing commitment to saving money and the potential for the Community Councils responsibility and therefore costs to increase.

After consideration of all funding requirements for 2019/20 and potential expenditure for 2020/21 it was decided to increase the precept to £7000.

This was proposed by A. Lowe and seconded by S. V. Davies.

All members endorsed this decision.

63.19 REPORT OF THE CLERK**A) Correspondence****Emails**

30.11.19	Paul Davies A.M.	November Newsletter
03.12.19	Birch Utilities	Tree surgery work – Quote
03.12.19	Tree Assured	recommendations of tree surgeons
05.12.19	Mr Thomas (resident)	Food Park Consultation
08.12.19	Scott McQuarrie	Grass maintenance tender

B) Planning**Applications****NONE****Decisions.****19/0675/AD**

Erection of sign
Ysgol Caer Elen, Withybush, Haverfordwest
[196077.763][217637.896]

- Conditionally Approved-**Other****NONE**

C) Financial matters

b. Receipts NONE

c. Payments. RCA-Hire of meeting room 40.00
chg no:603

64.19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

1. S. Yelland had been asked to pass on thanks from Withybush friends for the help provided in community planting within Withybush Woods.
2. Dingle Close – Progress is being made. Work will hopefully start early next year.
3. Footpath from Rosemary Lane to Boot & Shoe Close – Progress is being made.

65.19 RUDBAXTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPORT.

S V Davies reported that the Xmas bingo was a big success and they have the upcoming children's Christmas Party.

Hall Chairs – In the light of the RCA deciding to replace the chairs at the hall, the Community Council agreed to transfer ownership of the existing chairs to the Community association. Therefore, the association will be responsible for the disposal of present chairs. Proposed by A Devereux and seconded by D Lloyd

66.19 OTHER BUSINESS.

- i. There were discussions about the possibility of a springtime litter pick. TBC

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

At the conclusion of the meeting festive refreshments were provided by the Clerk.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th January 2020 - 7:30pm

Signed.....

Dated: 13th January 2020