ST ISHMAELS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th June 2019

in the Memorial Hall at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Moira Hawkins (Chair), Linda Thomas, Barbara Harston, Colin Jenkins, John Everett, Ken Hackett. Mike Cottam (Clerk).

Also present: Chris Jessop, Marloes CC.

PROPOSED MARLOES – DALE FOOTPATH. Mr Jessop asked to be allowed to outline a proposed extension of the Dale – Marloes path (The “Gull-Frog” Path), the waymarking of which had already been agreed with the Nat. Parks, to St. Ishmaels. It was suggested that such a path, which would follow existing footpaths, could be called “The Mouse” path and would enable greater publicity for, and access to, the village. After some discussion, the idea was agreed by councillors in principle and it was asserted that the council would support this initiative. (*Mr. Jessop then left*)

MINUTES OF MEETING of April 15th were read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING Garden Centre Planning Application. Cllr Everett stated that he had heard nothing further.

*Donation to Garden Centre*. The clerk informed the meeting that he had sent a cheque to Simon for £50 as a charity donation regarding the 3 boundary flower boxes in the village. There was some discussion about these and other donations. Cllr Everett suggested that we should discuss future donations with the Garden Centre in due course.

DONATIONS Wales Air Ambulance and Paul Sartori Foundation had both received donations from the clerk on behalf of the council.

MEMORIAL HALL The meeting was reminded that the following Friday (14th June) was the absolute cut-off date for bids. The agents had reported to the clerk that there were five firm bids in existence, ranging from those substantially below, to those substantially above, the published asking price of £30K. It was reported by Cllr Everett that he had had representation from one of the bidders who wanted to restore and maintain the existing memorial tablets. The clerk said that he had received interest from another local bidder but without any bidding figure. (*This subsequently arrived on the deadline date*)

It was agreed that the council should meet on Monday, 24th June at 2,00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall in order to discuss the extant offers.

P.C.C. PROGRESS ON QUERIES BY TISH C.C. A list of complaints that had been forwarded to P.C.C. by the clerk were discussed. A reply by Darren Thomas was read out. The problems of the deterioration of the Sandy Haven slipway lay in the unknown ownership of the land and the council had affirmed that it did not lie in their area of responsibility. The clerk said that he would talk further to Mr. George Llewellin, P.C.N.P. Authority and the Land Registry to try to ascertain responsibility. Following an email from County Cllr. Reg Owens to Mr. Thomas, other items of concern had apparently been brought to the attention of other various section heads of P.C.C. The deterioration of Long Lane was a matter of urgent concern.

OTHER MATTERS

1. The necessary replacement of the timbers on the existing Trim Trail by the sports field was highlighted.
2. Dog Fouling was, as ever, a concern.
3. Cllr. Hawkins aired the problems of the inadequate path repair from Trewarren Rd to Lindsway Drive. Also, that one of the street lights seemed not to have been repaired.
4. Annoyance was expressed by several councillors about the gates that Monkhill Farm kept on leaving across the road down to the entrance to Soldier’s Rock. It was illegal and an impediment to pedestrians. It was decided to send a letter to Mr. Stoddard with this complaint.
5. The overgrown state of the hedges in Stuart’s Lane.

**END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS:** The clerk presented the final accounts for the 2018 – 19 financial year, internally audited by Mr. Richard Neale. The accounts for the year were accepted *nem con* by the council. Mr. Cottam made the meeting aware of the comments by Grant Thornton from the previous audit, especially their assessment of the accounts reserve being too high at 2.8% of the Precept. It was commented that, with a doubling of the charges on the toilets imposed by P.C.C., this reserve would substantially reduce for this financial year.

The meeting voted to accept the accounts for 2018 – 19 and the clerk is to send all the necessary paperwork to Grant Thornton by the deadline of the 17th June.

(*INFORMATION RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING The clerk had received an email from P.C.C. to say that the cutting of verges and hedges would commence on the 1st July…or earlier, if possible*)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 24th June at 2,00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall