MINUTES OF CAMROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON Thursday 14th December, 2023 @ 7.00 PM –

At Camrose Community Centre

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. J. Adams

Vice Chairman, Clr. N. Watts

Councillors: T. Bevan J. Codd, J. Belton, N. Belton, R. Mathias, K. Evans, A. Roach, T. Llewellin

In attendance: Clerk – Trisha Richards

Members of the Public –

**0.066 Declarations** of Prejudicial/Personal interest:

**0.067 APOLOGIES:** Councillors A. Rees, T. Rees

**0.068 CHAIRMANS REMARKS:** Chairman Cllr. J. Adams welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of 2023.

**0.069 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Minutes circulated to all Councillors via e.mail of previous meeting on 16th November, 2023 were read as true and accurate record of the meeting Proposed by Cllr. N. Watts, seconded by Cllr. J. Codd and unanimously agreed by all Councillors present.. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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**0.70 MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Defibrillators. No up-date
2. Pot holes have been reported. Some works have been undertaken but there are still areas outstanding.
3. The newly formed Play Sub-committee was adopted Cllr. R. Mathias proposed and Cllr. N. Watts seconded. Cllr. J. Adams proposed that each play area would cost somewhere in the region of £10,000 and he would now find out about pricing costs. In the first instance Camrose Community Council would approach the 106 fund and Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant.

**0.71 CORRESPONDENCE –** As circulated to all Camrose Community Councillors.

8. Public toilet possible closure at Nolton and Newgale. National Parks have now entered the discussions and we await there deliberations.

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**0.72 FINANCIAL MATTERS –**

(a) Community Account £498.15 . Business £5,396.65 (includes last Precept payment of £3011.00 and £8.31 interest payment, 2nd Business Account 4,052.29 (includes 14.06 interest)

(b) A further letter received from Barclays Bank – same letter requiring more information or will close the Community Council Account. Clerk has again contacted Barclays and complained. A call back has been promised within the next five days.

(c) Second payment to Camrose Community Centre of £1,000 is now due. A cheque has been issued.

(d) Windows 365 invoice for this year is £59.99.

(d) Monies will need to be transferred from the 1st Business Account into the Current Account to cover these payments.

(e) Clerk brought the budget forecast to the meeting. The amount of Precept required for 2024/25 was discussed. It was the view of the meeting that further discussion on this was required it was agreed that a Precept Meeting would be scheduled for 11th January 2024 via Zoom at 7.30 pm. If an earlier date is required once the Precept date is known Clerk will inform the Chairman and a new date will be set.

(f) Clerks salary due at the end of December

**0.73PLANNING MATTERS: - no planning matters**

**0.74 HIGHWAYS- (a)** Parking issues at Portfield Gate. The Community Council has written to Dwr Cymru on behalf of the residents at Portfield Gate to try and seek permission to park on the Welsh Water Site on the Haven Road. Camrose Community Council have not yet had a reply. Clerk will e.mail for an update

(b) There is a dangerous pothole at Sheltry Hill by the drain, this will be reported.

**0.75 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT :** Cllr. Adams reported that he had attended a long meeting today. There will be a steep rise in the second home council tax which will be up to a 200% premium. This will apply to properties which are not rented out for more than 182 days per year. Some rented homes will fall into this category. It is hoped that this will reduce the reliance on raising council tax too highly.

Pelcomb Cross caravan site has won an award for the quality of the camp site.

**0.76 COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS REPORT –**

Cllr. K. Evans asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to a local resident who cuts the grass around the bus stop. Clerk will send letter.

Cllr. J. Belton reported a pot hole at Oaklands.

Cllr. T. Llewellin reported that the culvert at Folly Cross needs cleaning out as there was flooding there earlier in the week.

Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm

**Chairman ……………………………………… Date ………………………….,**

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th January, 2024 @ 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend please contact Clerk for attendance details** [**trisha.Camrosecc@yahoo.co.uk**](mailto:trisha.Camrosecc@yahoo.co.uk) **or telephone 07826557609.**