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PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of Punctheston Community Council
Wednesday 31th January 2024
Smyrna Vestry at 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

In attendance: Chair Cllr Dewi Lewis (DL), Vice Chair Cllr Sue Collins (SC), Cllr Samantha Lewis (SL), Cllr Wyn Williams (WW), Cllr Delme Harries (DH), Cllr Jamie Williams (JW) and Clerk; Bradley Challinor (BC)

1. Apologises for Absence

N/A

2. Read and Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 29th November 2023 in the Smyrna Vestry proposed and approved by Punctheston Community Council chair (DL) and seconded by Vice Chair Cllr Sue Collins (SC).

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points discussed and completed.

4. Highway Matters (speeding meeting)

Agenda point 4 Highway Matter bought forward to top of the agenda to welcome Cllr Rhys Sinnett and PCC Officer Darren Moore to discuss speeding issues in Punctheston (following the invitation in the November Community Council meeting).

Please find below a summary of the discussion points:

- a) Punctheston had a speed measure in 2019. No issues arose from the monitor and no requirement for calming measures.
- b) September 2023 the 20mph speed limit was enforced.
- c) Between 7:30am and 9:00am is the most common time period for speeding.
- d) Lorry traffic (as a cut through road) speeding
- e) Farm traffic speeding (resulted in a close encounter regarding school children crossing the road)
- f) School parents speeding
- g) Speed bumps no possible due to the size of the road and noise from farm trailers will be loud.
- h) Requested from the community and cllrs for speed calming measure, signage, speed markings, buffer limits, trunking, voluntary measures, etc.
- i) No support from Go Safe or Police when reporting the speeding issues (by the cllrs and the community)

- j) Education needed for parents (Cllrs to speak to the school)
- k) Discussions around having speed restrictions the same as in Maenclochog
- l) Darren Moore from PCC explain issues with funding
- m) Darren Moore explained there is little data related to Puncheston around speed issues (compared to other areas of Pembrokeshire). No deaths, no crashes, etc.
- n) Darren Moore explained the need for data (deaths, crashes, etc.) before Puncheston would be even considered for speed calming measures due to council funding
- o) Darren Moore explained grant funding is disrupted by who is shouting the loudest (Cllrs, communities, schools, etc.).

Next steps and actions for Community Council (recommended by Darren Moore).

- a) PCC to complete a speed review (April 2024)
- b) Puncheston CC to provide locations for speed review
- c) Puncheston CC to work with school and parents in local area around speed awareness
- d) Puncheston CC to work with farmers and businesses in local area around speed awareness
- e) Puncheston CC to spend information in around speeding to Claire Williams

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Repairs to the telephone kiosk:

Cllr SC confirmed the local community will organise / support the repairs to the telephone kiosk and look to fundraise for a defibrillator

4. Highway Matters

The hole in the road that had been reported to PCC by clerk related to BT and the work has been completed.

5. Planning

No new planning applications

6. Puncheston Village Green

N/A

7. Defibrillator in Puncheston

Puncheston Community Council would like to again extend a huge thank you to the community for setting up the go fund me page and for all of the generous donations.

British Heart Foundation is giving away defibrillators to community groups. Clerk to apply via website.

8. Payments / Finance / Audit

Invoices / payments received:

- Previous clerks goodbye meal £22.90
- Royal British Legion Wreath £20.00
- Grass Cutting (Chris Hendly): £100.00

Unable to write and pay cheques as Barclays have frozen account. Clerk has account to be re-instated. Awaiting confirmation from Barclays

Clerk has updated companies awaiting payment regarding issue with bank.

Clerk to produce budget update prior to end of financial year.

2024/25 precept finalised and approved at a 7.5% increase (based on last year's county council tax increase). Precept amount for 2024/25 £5,695.35

9. General Allowance Payments

Completed for 2023/24 FY and IFRA paperwork submitted (remove from agenda until 2024/25 FY)

10. Correspondence

- OVW Training Dates
- OVW Newsletter
- Salt Bin (Clerk to gather prices for February meeting)

11. Any Other Matters

Cllr WW made cllrs aware of cardboard and polystyrene fly tipping in road (cleared up by the cllr).
Cllr SC asked clerk to run Facebook admin moving forward.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 28st February 2024