

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Dawn-to-Dusk Golf Club, Bastleford Road, Rosemarket, and also online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Monday 4th March 2024

Present: C'llrs Caroline Haley (Chairman), James Milne, Gery Rostan, Stu Gray, Jackie Prest, County Cllr Danny Young; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llr Jill Gibson.

Declarations of known interest

None.

Approval of the minutes of the February 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'llr Stu Gray, seconder C'llr James Milne).

Opportunity for public representation on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present who wished to comment.

Matters arising

Defibrillator checks. It had been arranged for the monthly check for March to be carried out by the Clerk later that week in conjunction with updates to the noticeboards.

St Leonard's Well. C'llr Danny Young informed Members that Mr Richard Hayman had cut back some overhanging branches, and this had greatly improved the situation. C'llr Danny Young had put in hand replacement of a broken off discharge pipe on the well. Members thanked him and were grateful of his efforts in the matter.

Benches opposite The Huntsman. Clerk to follow up with Infinity Play, and ask them to comment on possible use of recycled plastic slats for replacement of defective existing ones.

Community bulb planting opposite church. P.C.C. had responded to the initial message sent following the February meeting, and provided details of information that would be required to progress the matter. C'llr Caroline Haley confirmed that she had passed this information to the residents' group co-ordinating the matter.

Planning matters

There were no plans for consideration this month.

Correspondence

1) P.C.C. - Confirmation of their ownership of grass area between Village Amenity roadside fence and carriageway - Members noted that the area was only included for one annual cut by default, and the matter of possible additional cuts was under consideration by P.C.C. Clerk to follow this up to ascertain the decision made.

2) Infinity Play - Operational inspection report for The Beacon Playpark - dealt with in agenda item below.

3) Infinity Play - Quotation for playpark inspections for forthcoming year - dealt with in 'Accounts' below.

4) P.C.C. - Notification of impending closure of Pembstcc.co.uk website from April 2025 - dealt with in agenda item below.

5) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - 2024 report - agenda item to be tabled for April to deal with necessary discussion and decision-making.

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (salary and fixed expenses January - March 2024) : As per contract

H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax on above) : As per contract

Infinity Play (playground inspections 2023/24) : £762-00

The above payments were approved (proposer C'llr Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr Jackie Prest).

Internal auditor for 2023/24 accounts

Members agreed to use the same internal auditor as for previous years (proposer C'llr Jackie Prest, seconder C'llr James Milne).

Infinity Play inspection package for 2024/25

Members accepted the inspection package as quoted (proposer C'llr Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr Gerry Rostan). Clerk to make arrangements accordingly.

Discussion of arrangements for annual asset and financial risk assessments

Clerk to carry out as for 2023, and also circulate around the risk assessments for the previous year for information.

Discussion of possible arrangements for pedestrian shelter provision at top end of Village

The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Greenwood, who had agreed to meet Members on the site to offer preliminary advice on the possible project. It was agreed that C'llr Caroline Haley would contact him to make arrangements, and she would also attend the site meeting, along with C'llr Jackie Prest.

Any necessary discussion of The Beacon (to include discussion on possible installation of outdoor gym equipment)

Maintenance work to play equipment and playpark. The Clerk had asked Infinity Play for a quotation to address all items listed on the recent operational inspection report. This was currently awaited. Clerk to chase this up with Infinity Play, and also ask them to hold off from completing the previously agreed work to the multi-play unit and slide until agreement had been reached on addressing related issues mentioned in the inspection report, where a possible overlap existed.

Outdoor gym equipment. C'llr Gerry Rostan reiterated his previous comment that some assistance with funding such equipment could well be forthcoming, if a decision was made to carry out such a project. Members discussed the likely degree of interest in such equipment among residents. There was some uncertainty about how much usage it would get. It was also recognised that decisions would need to consider the type of equipment installed, and whether this would be placed in a circuit, or a single location. Some Members commented on other similar-type installations that they had seen, but which appeared little used.

One possibility mentioned was the installation of an outdoor multigym. Clerk to investigate what options were available for this. Matter to be discussed further in future meetings.

Basketball hoop. C'llr Gerry Rostan suggested consideration for a suitable hard floor surface in the vicinity of the basketball hoop for ball-bouncing. Clerk to investigate regulations on this to inform further discussion.

Any necessary discussion of ongoing community Christmas tree provision

Members were informed that P.C.C. had informally offered to fund and arrange planting of a Korean Fir on the triangle of land at the top of Front Street. The agreement was subject to satisfactory completion of a number of administrative formalities. Further contact from P.C.C. was awaited on this.

Members felt that any Christmas tree for the land at the corner of West St. and Middle St. would probably be a cut tree, due to issues with obtaining consent from P.C.C. for anything more permanent. Cllr Caroline Haley thought it likely that the farmer in Kilgetty who had donated the tree for the previous Christmas would probably donate another one or possible more, next year. The Clerk had investigated the cost of a suitable artificial tree for use outdoor. The cost would run into the thousands of pounds. Storage of such a tree would also need to be considered. This option was ruled out in the immediate term.

Discussion of litter bin provision in community

Members were concerned at fly-tipping that was occurring on the cycle path by the crossing point with the Jordanston Road. It was noted that the existing litter bin had been removed by P.C.C., ostensibly to discourage fly-tipping. Whilst noting this location is outside of Rosemarket's boundary, it was felt that it was something that impacts enjoyment of the cycle path by residents of the village as much as the wider community. It was agreed therefore for the Clerk to ask P.C.C. to consider replacing the bin, but possibly at a slightly different location not visible from the road.

Discussion of additional grit bin provision for community use

Members considered possibly purchasing additional grit bins for The Beacon, and the triangle of land at the top of Front Street. Clerk to clarify costing and process for obtaining these with P.C.C. Further agenda item to be tabled for discussion in April.

Discussion of future website provision for community council

Members were informed that the current website hosted by P.C.C. was due to be shut down in April 2025, and new arrangements would need to be put in place before then. Cllr Caroline Haley had attended an online meeting hosted by P.C.C. to discuss the matter. P.C.C. was trying to identify a suitable no / low-cost alternative. A Google hosted website had been suggested as one option, and was under active investigation. Agenda item to be tabled again for April, in the expectation that further information may have been forthcoming from P.C.C. before then.

Any other business

Pavement parking. Members were concerned at the prevalence of pavement parking around the village, with consequent problems for pedestrians trying to negotiate the pavements. Matter to be tabled for discussion in April. In the meantime, the Clerk undertook to seek advice from the Neighbourhood Policing Officer to inform the discussion,

Rosemarket Village Hall donation. The Clerk confirmed that the donation had been acknowledged.

April meeting. To be held on Monday 15th April, to avoid a clash with the Easter holiday weekend. Physical venue to be the Dawn to Dusk Golf Club.

Rosemarket Village Hall. Cllr Gery Rostan provided an update on the current situation with the project to build a new Village Hall at Westaway Park, having consulted with the Village Hall Committee on the subject. It was also mentioned that progress was being held up primarily due to failure to find a buyer for the current hall.

The meeting concluded at 8-35pm.