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Minutes of the meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held at Stackpole VC School on Monday, February 8th 2016, at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Morris, A. Evans, B Evans, Nicholas, Edwards, Rae, Alderman, Mirehouse and the clerk, Rose Kennington.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held on Jan 7th 2016: Proposed by Councillor Andrew Evans and seconded by Councillor Billy Evans.

Matters arising

1. Stackpole directional sign, Marledge Cross: It was reported that representatives of the county council had been seen assessing this sign. No further update at the time of the meeting. The clerk is to write to Darren Thomas of PCC again to chase up the matter.

2. Broadband provision: Fibre optic broadband, the box is in place and fibre optic broadband should have been up and running in Stackpole from the end of July 2015. The clerk is to write to Angela Burns with a complaint. Councillor David Edwards to attend a meeting with Angela Burns and BT to ascertain what the delay is. The junction box at the top of the hill is expected to be in place over the next couple of months. TFL have installed a new box at St Petrox. The meeting with Angela Burns and BT has not been arranged as of yet.

3. Tudor House, Castlemartin: A further letter was received from Brian Canning; the Pembrokeshire Coast National Authority's planning enforcement officer, who confirmed that he had revisited the property and that a new access has recently been formed by removal of part of the front boundary wall. The highway serving the property is classified, and as such planning permission is required. This has not been obtained and consequently the access is unauthorised. A retrospective planning application is being sought to consider the acceptability of the works that have been undertaken either in their current or amended form. The community council will be given the opportunity to comment. The clerk is to write to Brian Canning to obtain an update on this matter. No further update has been received at the time of the meeting.

4. Closure threat to Stackpole VC School: Kate Evan-Hughes to fully cost the new site. Current schools to be in operation for the next two years. Closure of school, still up for

consultation but Pembrokeshire County Council has approved for a new school to be built near Hundleton or Maidenwells with the help of 21 Century schools funding. The number of pupils will be limited to present school pupils total of 120, not allowing for any expansion. John Allen-Mirehouse declared an interest in the closure of the schools. Councillor David Edwards to write Kate Evans-Hughes at Pembrokeshire County Council with an objection in relation to the closure of Stackpole School as the council has not received all of the required information in order to make an informed judgement. Councillor David Edwards has received an acknowledgement of his letter at the time of the meeting and has requested freedom of information to view the report. A recommendation has been made to build a new school in Hundleton. The report is to go to council on the 14th Jan 2016. The new school is to be built on the riding school land

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Mr Gwyn Evans, European Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council informing the community council that during the period of 2007 – 2013, Pembrokeshire benefitted from significant amounts of European funding through the Convergence Programme. These European Structural Funds have been an important source of finance to help organisations in the public, private and third sector to deliver projects that they would otherwise not be able to afford, and which will help the local economy reach an even footing with other parts of the UK and Europe. Spend for the programme continued until December 2015.

Letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council confirming the precept to be £1000.00.

Letter received from Planning Aid Wales informing the community council of a series of free workshops in April, to explore how and when Community and Town Councils get involved in the review of Local Development Plan for the Pembrokeshire Coast national Park.

Planning

NP/15/0630/FUL

Conversion of existing smithy building and construction of rear extension with glazed link back to main building to create a single unit of holiday accommodation – Old Smithy, Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5HN.

NP/16/0044/FUL

Enclose porch at Awel y Mor, Deer Park View, Stackpole, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5DD.

FINANCE

Balance of Community Account @ Jan 7th 2015: £1531.36

Cheques agreed this month:

100096 Miss R. Kennington, clerk's salary and expenses, £82.95

10097 Stackpole VC School Room Hire £15.00

AOB

The councillors asked the clerk to write to Pembrokeshire County Council in relation to fly tipping opposite Lyserry lane.

Peter Nicholas asked the clerk to chase up the dog signs commissioned in July 2015 with the dog warden and the children of Stackpole VC School.

Peter Nicholas asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas of Pembrokeshire County Council to offer thanks for the cleaning of the old stone through at the bottom of Cowshed Hill, Stackpole.

David Edwards asked the clerk to contact John Roberts of Pembrokeshire County Council to arrange access to the Council website in order to post the monthly minutes online.

The Rhoscrowther windmill appeal has been turned down on grounds of the visibility.

Next Meeting: The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The council will next meet at Castlemartin Community Hall on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30 pm.