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Minutes of the meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held at Stackpole VC School on Monday, December 5th 2016, at 7.30pm.

Present: E Morris, P Nicholas, A Evans, B Evans, B Rae, D Edwards, J Mirehouse and the clerk, Rose Kennington. Apologies received from Councillor Alderman.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held on November 14th 2016: Proposed by Councillor David Edwards and seconded by Councillor Ed Morris.

Update on current issues

- 1. Broadband provision:** Fibre optic broadband is up and running in Castlemartin. Councillor David Edwards has contacted Angela Burns stating that the village has been waiting for over a year. BT stated that Stackpole is far down in the queue for connection.
- 2. Closure threat to Stackpole VC School:** Final approval has been given a temporary governing body is in place. Clive Condon has been appointed as the new headmaster. The name for the new school has been decided and will be Penrhyn (Welsh for peninsula). Email received from Barry Cooke Head of Property at PCC stating that PCC owns the school under two deeds of transfer. The main part of the site (excluding the additional playing field) is subject to a buy back clause in favour of the original owners whereby PCC must serve notice on the vendors or trustees of its wish to sell and the vendors may within one month of such notice elect to purchase the property at a price equivalent to the then existing market value thereof. The playing field is subject to a restrictive covenant not to use it other than for recreational purposes for the school. At the appropriate time PCC will serve notice on the vendors (for the main site) of their wish to dispose and, if they chose not to buy back, PCC will then draw up proposals for the marketing of the site. Disposal of the playing site will involve PCC liaising with the vendors to see if the restrictive covenant can be lifted or relaxed before making any decisions on its future. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Barry Cooke requesting a Village Hall for Stackpole on the site which would contribute to the wellbeing of the community. The community council was notified that because of a delay the new school will not open until January 2018. For one term only the new school will operate out of Stackpole VC School. The ground has been cleared. PCC has still not provided an indicative budget.
- 3.** The councillors asked the clerk to write to Ruth Edwards the dog warden requesting bigger dog fouling signs to be put up on the entrance and exit of the village.

4. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas and request that the bushes opposite 6&7 Woodland Rise be trimmed back. The bushes facing the road have been trimmed inside the fence to be trimmed in the New Year.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from St Gwynnog's Church in St Twynells asking for a £100 donation towards the upkeep of the two churchyards.

Letter received from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park detailing the updates on Local Development Plan Land Allocations and larger development sites in the National Park.

Letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council detailing the changes to waste and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Letter received from Valero informing the community council of their submission of plans for a proposed £100 million investment to build a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Cogeneration Unit at Pembroke Refinery. The 45 megawatt unit under review by Valero will provide power to the refinery, as well as supplement the refinery's steam demand.

FINANCE

Balance of Community Account @ Nov 17th 2016: £817.14

Cheques agreed this month:

100114 Stackpole VC School £15.00

100115 Miss R. Kennington, clerk's salary and expenses, £79.17

AOB

Councillor Rae gave an update from the recent meeting she attended at Valero – In the future there will be a tougher safety certificate. There is new legislation coming into force. Valero Volunteers Group offer free services e.g. stewarding public events. Councillor David Edwards asked it to be noted that he took no part in the Valero debate.

The councillors asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas at PCC to report that the drain covers outside number 1 The Village, Stackpole, Pembroke are sunken.

The councillors asked the clerk to contact Bangeston Farm regarding the brambles falling into the road shortly past the turning for Stackpole from Cowshed Hill.

The councillors asked the clerk to contact Richard Brown PCC to find out why juice cartons are not currently being recycled.

The funding for the mobile phone mast has been withdrawn the councillors asked the clerk to contact Gwyn Evans PCC to find out if there is any European funding that may be available.

Next Meeting: The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The council will next meet at Castlemartin Community Hall on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30 pm.