

## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

Present. Councillor's D. Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, R. Harries, G. Hughes, R. John.  
County Councillor M. John. Clerk. C. Griffith.

Members of the public. None.

## 1. APOLOGIES.

All present.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

None declared.

## 3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

None.

## 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 were passed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr Harries.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr. Thomas said that the wording of a draft charter between Pembrokeshire County Council and Community & Town Councils had been agreed and would be presented to the Cabinet at PCC later on this month. He said that the original draft charter had been rejected which had resulted in new version being drawn up. He then circulated a copy of the draft proposals together with the original for comparison

Cllr Thomas gave details of an area committee meeting of One Voice Wales he had attended. He had also attended a meeting titled "Your Town, Your Say", organised by PCC. It had been a disappointing meeting with the main topic of discussion being County Council owned buildings. It had been expected that this would be to discuss access to services on a "hub and spoke" basis.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE.

i. PAVS. Notice of AGM & Funding fair. Cllr Thomas will attend.

ii. Ombudsman for Wales. Casebook & Newsletter. Noted.

iii. National Park. Update on Local Development Plan. Noted.

iv. PLANED. Newsletter. Noted.

v. Paul Davies. AM. Newsletter. Noted.

vi. One Voice Wales. Survey re. Burial charges for children. Noted.

vii. One Voice Wales. Review of Community & Town Council Sector. Meeting at St Clears on 04/12/2017. Cllr Thomas will attend.

viii. Welsh Government. Revised Local Government Scheme. Noted.

ix. Marie Curie. Request for donation. Noted. No action taken this year.

x. Boundaries Commission for Wales. Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Cllr Thomas said that following the review there would be no change in Freystrop area. The new name of the constituency is likely to be Mid & South Pembrokeshire.

## 7. HIGHWAYS &amp; RIGHTS OF WAY.

Cllr R. John said that youths were hanging around the bus shelter at the crossroads and leaving litter behind and generally being a nuisance. Cllr Thomas said he would contact the police and ask them to patrol the area.

## 8. PLANNING.

17/0615/PA. Caravan at Greenfields. Cllr Thomas said that he responded to the application. PCC had approved the application with only one of Freystrops Councils comments being included as a condition of the approval.

Cllr Thomas said that PCC were holding a meeting on 06/12/2017 regarding the Local development plan. He would be attending and would urge PCC to include Freystrop as a development area. Cllr M. John supported this.

## 9. VILLAGE HALL

The Chair reported that the Hall insurance had been renewed the day before at a cost of £688.

The accounts for last year had been sent to the Charity Commission. Income had been £6812, and expenditure had been £6328, which meant an an excess of income over expenditure of £484.

Bank Accounts.

Business Account.           £2318.56

Savings Account.           £1594.49

Cllr D. Harries asked if other village halls published details of events being held at the hall. It was agreed that the Clerk would put a list of activities being held at Freystrop Village Hall on the council website.

## 10. CEMETERY.

Fly tipping had occurred in the car park which had then been cleared. This had occurred during the first week of closure of the Winsel Recycling Centre in winter arrangements.

## 11. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas reported that he had collected a bag of rubbish from the playing field during the half term break.

Cllr Thomas said that he had met with a representative of Edward Perkins to discuss the claim against Welsh Water over them laying a new main through the playing field. The claim was for £1710. If Welsh Water did not carry out certain agreed work then a further claim would be made.

## 12. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Bank Balance at 3/11/2017.       £12544.83.

Accounts for payment.   Welsh Audit Office.   £141.00

It was agreed by the meeting to pay the accounts.

The Chair had produced a review of expenditure against budget which had been circulated. The expenditure was in line with the projected budget. Cllr Thomas then gave details of items to be covered under next years audit, one of them being that if the councils cash reserves were too high then the council could be reprimanded. In view of this Cllr Thomas

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proposed using £5000.00 to pay for hall repairs, which he had itemised. This was seconded by Cllr Utting and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Thomas would draw up a tender document for contractors.

Cllr Thomas said that he had read the Guidance on appointment of internal auditor issued by the Audit Office and in view of this he proposed that Jamie Streeter be appointed Internal Auditor for the council. This was seconded by Cllr Utting.

### 13. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said that he had submitted several requests to PCC on matters such as a new bus shelter, speed limits, etc, and he read out the replies he had received. Freystrop was on a list for bus shelters but very low down, and there was no intention by PCC to alter any speed limits or introduce rumble strips.

### 14. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr Utting said that the public meeting to discuss a new village hall would be held in late January 2018

Cllr Hughes said that there leaves on the road near the church which could be dangerous. This could have been the cause of a car ending up in the ditch near the church.

### 15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017