**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at Puncheston School at 7.30 pm.

Present were: Mr. Dewi Lewis (Chairman), Messrs. Gareth Howells, Wyn Williams, Peter Lilley, Cllr Bob Kilmister, Mrs. Anne Thomas and the Clerk.

1. Apologies Received from Mrs. Alison Evans

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. The minutes were agreed as being a true record and were signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

1. Barclays Bank PLC – Clerk had been in touch with Barclays to arrange a mandate form. A form will be sent in the post.
2. Pothole bottom of Essex Hill has been repaired.
3. Gareth Howells said that PCC had been out to sort the manhole issue opposite Castleblythe Farm. They have excavated a ditch but the problem is not resolved. PCC have advised Gareth they will need to come back again.
4. The street lights reported following the last meeting are now working.
5. Anne Thomas reported that the post box has been returned to Little Newcastle.
6. The receipt for the wreath for Little Newcastle’s annual Remembrance Sunday will be brought to the next meeting.
7. The timetable board outside Puncheston Bus Shelter still hasn’t been fixed. Cllr Kilmister thought that it might not be PCC’s responsibility, but the bus company. The Clerk is to check with Richard Bros if they are responsible and report.

4. Highway matters

1. Anne Thomas reported that another pothole had appeared at the bottom of Essex Hill, other side of the road to the one that had recently been repaired.
2. Anne Thomas on behalf of Alison Evans reported that a streetlight (8031888) outside Maesyrafon, Little Newcastle comes on and off at random times.
3. Anne Thomas on behalf of Alison Evans reported that streetlight (803397) wasn’t working.
4. Dewi Lewis reported a blocked drain which is causing surface water issued outside the Swan Inn, Little Newcastle.
5. Wyn Williams emailed the Clerk after the meeting (3rd December) to report a pothole outside Smyma Chapel Vestry, Puncheston, and an overflowing drain outside the house next to St Mary’s Church, Puncheston.

The Clerk is to report these matters.

5. Planning

Nothing to report

6. Financial report

The Clerk presented a financial report as at 29.09.17. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

7. Clerk’s Salary and Expenses

It was agreed to pay the Clerk a salary of £525.00 for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st December 2017. The cheque was signed by Anne Thomas and Gareth Howells. It was agreed to pay the Clerk her expenses of £55.34 for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st December 2017. The cheque was signed by Wyn Williams and Peter Lilley.

8. Precept 2018/2019

It was agreed by all that the precept should remain the same as last year (£2200.00). Cllr Kilmister advised that next year the community council may be able to access money from the second home funding. This could be approximately £6000 per year for the community council to take over projects such as hedge cutting, grass cutting, flower beds etc. More information will be available in the New Year.

9. Correspondence

1. Pembrokeshire County Council Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) Review Report and Delivery Agreement Consultation – Consultation runs until 5.00pm Friday 5th January 2018. Invitation also to attend the Town and Community Council engagement event on 6th December or 13th December – No-one interested in attending.
2. Pembrokeshire County Council – Recycle more Pembrokeshire. Have your say on proposed changes to Household Waste and Recycling Collections. Drop in sessions available on various times and venues. Anne Thomas noted that the times of the drop in sessions did not allow some people who work in schools etc. to attend. Posters were issued to Dewi Lewis and Anne Thomas who agreed to display inside the village notice boards. Cllr Kilmister advised that the proposal of three weekly collections of black bags is better than the current arrangement. Nappies and sanitary wear etc. will be collected weekly. More items will be recyclable, and additional boxes will be issued. This will help the Council reach their recycling targets. Peter Lilley is frustrated with the amount of packaging on certain items and that a lot of it cannot be recycled, and said that the Central Government needs to sort out these packaging issues.
3. Clerks & Councils Direct leaflet passed to Anne Thomas.
4. NHS Wales Health Collaborative - consultation on Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys – no interest
5. Alison Evans had emailed the Clerk on 10th November to report a call she had received from a man called Dave Palmer from Jordanston Settlements near Neyland. He had a motorbike accident on the B4329 on 30th August 2015 near the New Inn cross-roads in our community council area. Police had attended the scene. Alison wanted this conversation kept as a record. Cllr Kilmister advised that as the Police had attended the scene this accident would have already been logged.
6. Dewi Lewis had received a letter from the Clerk of Maenclochog Community Council. A Mr. Geoffrey Davies residing at Nant-y-Ddwyland, New Inn had attended their meeting to raise two issues:

Additional road signs needed at New Inn Cross Road to reduce the speed of traffic coming from the Cardigan direction. Cllr Kilmister advised that Mr. Darren Thomas, Head of Highways & Construction at PCC was aware of this problem and was trying to obtain funding. This was also reported at a previous public meeting.

Mr. Davies would like the Community Council to consider the retention of the telephone kiosk at New Inn so that it can be used to store books which could be used by the locals as a book swap/library. It was agreed in principle to look into adopting this kiosk. The Clerk advised that Ambleston Community Council had recently adopted one at the cost of £1.00. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact BT Payphones and make enquiries, and to write to Mr. Davies and The Clerk of Maenclochog Community Council as an update.

10. Any Other Business

1. Wyn Williams asked about arranging a Christmas Dinner at The Drovers Arms. It was agreed that Wyn would check if Saturday 16th December was available. Menu was issued.
2. Gareth Howells returned the old minute book he had borrowed from John Griffiths. The Clerk is to take it to the Archives Unit, Haverfordwest.

The meeting finished at 8.50 p m.

Date of next meeting agreed as Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 7.30 pm at Puncheston School.