

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

Present: Cllrs Hilliard Studley (Chair), Mrs Queenie Thomas, Mrs Alison Palmer, John Cole, Richard Thomas, Paul Davies, Nick Stamp and Mrs R Johnson (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Cllrs Allan Thomas, Mrs Sylvia Hughes, Ms Janice Morgan, Grant Lewis.

2. Additional Agenda Items:

- School Crossing
- OVW Meeting
- OVW – Training Session

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – two small grammatical errors were corrected. After this the minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising:

- St Mark's School – a date has been set for Friday 24th November 2017 at 11.00am to see the Smartboard.
- Bin Bags – there was still no further information on the proposed 3 weekly collection. Cllr Davies asked if the clerk could write to PCC voicing concerns over this proposal.
- Finances – Cllr Stamp asked if the bank balances could be detailed on the minutes each month.

5. Correspondence:

- PCC – Planning Workshop to be held on Friday 10th November.
- Poster about forthcoming play in Narberth – The Unknown Soldier.
- OVW – Review of Community and Town Councils to be held on 4th December at St Clears.
- Community Health Council – Annual Planning Review. Comments to be submitted by 27th November 2017.
- PCC – email from Darren Thomas about crossing patrol at St Mark's School – reported proposing that the service would not be continue.

6. Donations:

Poppy Appeal - £33.00 donated on top of wreath charge of £17.00 – total paid £50.00

7. Planning

There were no planning issues for consideration.

8. OVW Meeting

Cllr Davies gave an update on the recent meeting attended. Charter is going ahead. PALC would be sending out notification to all its members advising that they would no longer be operating an also advising that these councils

would be welcome to join OVW. Currently 45 councils already in OVW, 16 are not part of any organisation and 16 belong to PALC.

9. OVW Training – Council Meetings

Cllr Mrs Palmer gave a report on the recent training she had attended at the Picton Centre run by OVW. This session dealt with council meetings and how to run them effectively. Some agenda items such as Matters Arising, Correspondence and AOB were not being included in agendas. Councillors were reminded that any matters requiring action could not be discussed under AOB – these should be submitted to the clerk either at the meeting or inclusion in the next meeting or added under Additional Agenda Items. An agenda item such as Public Participation was useful at the beginning of meetings for any members of the public who attended wishing to bring information/discussion to the meeting.

10. County Councillor’s Report

Cllr Cole commented on the proposal for stopping the school crossing patrol at St Marks School following the resignation of the person currently carrying out the role. He had received concerns from the school who were also asking if the Community Council would be able to assist with keeping the patrol in place (current cost runs at £3000 p.a). It was agreed that the clerk should contact Darren Thomas voicing concerns of the proposals and to ascertain how long the temporary arrangements would continue for. Cllr Cole was asked to arrange a site visit with Darren Thomas at the site to discuss the matter further.

Cllr Cole also advised that the preferred site for the new 11-16 school was the Tasker Milward school site. Traffic studies are being carried out to ascertain suitability.

Cllrs Paul Davies and Nick Stamp left the meeting at 8.05pm.

11. Financial

R Johnson – salary for October/expenses	£169.76
HMRC – Income Tax and NI for Clerk	£37.44
Poppy Appeal – wreath and donation (£17 wreath & £33 donation)	£50.00
SLCC – annual membership for clerk	£60.00
OVW – payment for training session – A Palmer	£40.00
Total Expenditure for November:	£357.20

No Income

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

Current account balance – £18277.60

Deposit account balance – £8060.00

12. Remembrance Sunday Service

The clerk had made all arrangements for Sunday – service to be held at 9.30am at the Cenotaph in Magdelene Street.

13. Christmas Events

Cllr Cole advised that the trees would be put up over first weekend in December. Carols around the Tree scheduled for **Wednesday 6th December** at 6.00pm at the tree on corner of St Issell’s Avenue/Pembroke Road. Posters had been circulated and also sent to the school.

14. Flower Barrels

December agenda item.

15. Bus Shelter

Cllr Cole advised that he had attended a site meeting and it was proposed to put any new bus shelter on piece of land near Fernhill - PCC advised that permission would be granted to erect any new bus shelter.

16. Youth Council

December agenda item.

17. Defibrillators

More information needed if/where there are any other defibrillators in the village. December agenda item.

18. AOB

There was no AOB.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....