

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2018

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

Members of the Public. None.

1. APOLOGIES. Closer's E. Utting, Cllr G. Hughes.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
None were declared.
3. QUESTION FROM THE PUBLIC.
None had been received.
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018 were passed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr R. Harries and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.
5. MATTERS ARISING
Would be dealt with under their respective headings.
6. DATA PROTECTION.
Cllr Thomas said that the proposed new data protection legislation would now probably exclude community councils from having to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Cllr Thomas said he was happy to stay as the Temporary Data Protection Officer until a decision is reached by Parliament. Pembs CC were holding a seminar on data protection on 22/05/2018 which the Chairman hoped to attend. He added that Pembs CC had offered to provide for a fee a Data protection Officer to check the data held by community councils.
Cllr M. John said that PCC had appointed a Data Protection Officer to cover the schools in the county, for which the schools would pay an annual fee. PCC were offering a similar scheme for community councils.
The Chairman would report back at the next meeting.
7. CORRESPONDENCE.
 - 1.1st Johnson Scout Group. Annual Celebration
 2. Hywel Dda. Drop in events re. Consultation.
 3. One Voice Wales. Guide to services offered.
 4. PCC. Extension to LDP candidate sites submissions to 14/08/18
 5. One Voice Wales. Information on data protection fees.
 6. PCC. Awareness session for data protection. Chairman will attend.
 7. Natural Resources Wales. Newsletter
 8. PCC. Draft Rights of Way Improvement plan.
 9. PCC. Consultation on access to service.
 14. Paul Davies. AM Newsletter.

8. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Thomas said that following a letter about the removal of a street light by PCC, he had contacted PCC to inquire why the lamp post had been removed. He had received a reply that it was policy that any isolated lamp post in a rural area would be removed if it was not up to the required standard. This policy had been agreed by the cabinet.

Cllr Thomas said that the grass verges in several parts of the village had not been cut. Cllr M. John said that municipal cuts were down from fourteen to twelve.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

The clerk reported that there were no new applications over the past month.

Cllr Thomas said that the deadline for submissions of candidate sites for the new LDP had been extended to 14th August 2018.

Cllr Thomas said that he emailed the enforcement officer at PCC regarding the caravan at Sandy Wells but had not yet received a reply.

10. VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Thomas said that hall had been accepted by PAVS for full membership.

The fire safety check had been carried on on 04/05/2018.

Cllr Thomas had emailed the contractor to ask about a start date for the work being done on the hall.

Accounts.

General account.	£2056.14
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Deposit account.	£1595.57
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Cllr Thomas said that the success of the Village Hall Craft Group in winning the Congregational Chapel award for community involvement should be noted. This group originally run by Age Concern is now run by the Community Council's Vice Chair, Mrs Esme Utting.

11. CEMETERY.

Cllr R. John said that in view of a recent incident at the cemetery grounds it had been requested that the branch of a tree be removed. This might possibly be in hand by PCC.

12. PLAYING FIELDS.

Cllr Thomas said that he had locked the entrance gate at the playing field to prevent littering and damage being caused by vehicles.

Cllr Thomas said that he was still waiting to hear from Welsh Water regarding compensation. The Welsh Water valuer was presently on maternity leave,

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The clerk presented the annual financial report, which was accepted by the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr D. Harries and seconded by Cllr. R. Harries. The completed form would be given to Mr Streeter, the Internal auditor.

Cllr Thomas said that the renewal forms for councils insurance had arrived and was cheaper than last year. This years premium was £283.11. It was proposed by Cllr R. Harries and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that the account be paid.

14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr John reported that PCC had elected a new Chairman, Cllr Aiden Brinn and that the Vice Chairman was Cllr Simon Hancock from Neyland.

Cllr John said that he raised the matter of development boundaries at County Hall, he would like to see the extension of blue line boundaries, additional rural housing and the rules on infill housing to be relaxed.

15. MEMBERS REQUESTS

NONE.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th June 2018.