**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 9th October 2018 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, M Barrie Griffiths (Chairman) TC Griffiths and Gerallt Miles.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Michelle Bateman, PCC and Peter James.

At the outset of the meeting members stood in a minutes silence in memory of fellow Cllr John Price, who passed away suddenly on October 2nd 2018.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th September 2018 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** The following response was received from Mr Hubert Mathias with regards to issues raised by Cllr BJ Harries:-

(a) Richards Bros who operate the T5 service on behalf of the Council, provide a hail and ride bus service. This means that the drivers, can, assessing the road conditions via a dynamic risk assessment, stop anywhere where they consider safe to do so. The hail and ride provision therefore allow drivers to stop and pick up and drop passengers away from formal stops. Taking away this and restricting stopping places would inevitably cause hardship to passengers who do not live near a bus stop. I will contact Richards Bros again to check whether they are aware of this drop off point and to confirm that they are happy that the driver is carrying out a dynamic risk assessment.

(b) As you are aware the width of the pavement does not allow for a solid panel. We have considered the suggested option of the plastic strips. The following being the observations.

The strips would need to be sufficiently heavy to resist the wind, therefore they would be heavy plastic. When wet, these strips would be unpleasant and therefore passengers would potentially walk around them and into the road. The strips would then have the same effect as having a solid panel fitted. Using lighter strips would result in them blowing in the wind.

Members were not happy with this response, so the Clerk was asked to write back to seek further clarification.

It was reported that the pot hole and blocked drain at Sealyham has still not been addressed.

An acknowledgment had been received from IRP that they had received the Nil statement of payments to Community Councillors. The Clerk also mentioned that this statement has been posted on the CC Web site.

An email had been received from Neil McCarthy PCC acknowledging the request for a Road Sweeper to visit the village, and that the request has been sent on to the area supervisor asking him to act on it accordingly.

With regards to the overgrown hedge at Meadow Park, a response was received from Darren Thomas, who states that he has copied in the Street Care Team, who can look into enforcing this matter. However, it was reported that although work has been done, there is still an issue with the hedge encroaching on to the pavement. The Clerk to pursue this matter with PCC.

A copy of an email that had been sent to Ceri Jones from our County Councillor in regard to issues at Sealyham, and the setting up a meeting in the hope to resolve this matter.

It was reported that the pot hole on the Welsh Hook Road had been filled in.

**Finances:** The Clerk produced the most recent Bank Statement, which is up to the 31st August 2018, which shows that there is £4753:11p (**Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three Pounds and Eleven Pence**), this includes the £1283 precept as noted in the previous meeting. The Clerk also reported that the 2018 / 2019 Budget is on course.

**Wales in Bloom / Britain in Bloom 2018:** The Clerk was proud to announce that the Village had received a Gold Award and overall winners in this year’s Wales in Bloom Competition in a ceremony held in Colwyn Bay recently. This is the first time for the village to receive a ‘Gold’, which is a huge achievement, now that the boundaries in the village classes have been changed. In his remarks, John Woods said "It was good to see that the voice of the young people in the village is now being heard through the formation of the Wolfscastle in Bloom Youth Group as well as the Young People’s Forum. It was also good to see the continuing support from the businesses located in the village. From the start it was obvious that the village class would be very competitive this year and that certainly proved to be the case. It therefore gives me great pleasure to award the 2018 Wales in Bloom Village Trophy to Wolfscastle. And having achieved 173 marks it’s a GOLD.”

The Clerk also reported that although he had written to PCC seeking financial support for the Ceremony in Belfast, it was disappointing to receive a negative reply. However, he’ll continue to write to local businesses and organizations appealing for support.

**Remembrance Services:** The Clerk reported that the Annual Remembrance Service will be held in Letterston on the 11th November, at 10:50, followed by a service in Horeb Chapel. On the following Monday morning, the service will be held at the School, when the Chairman of PCC, Cllr Aiden Brinn, and the Deputy Lieutenant of Dyfed Mr Jamie Lewis will be in attendance. The Chairman, Cllr Barrie Griffiths agreed to represent this Council and lay wreaths in both services.

**Correspondence:** As well as various correspondence received from OVW inviting Councillors to training sessions etc., the following was received and noted from:-

[a] Hywel Dda University Health Board enclosing an independent report of findings to the recent consultation.

[b] Reichard Brown Head of Environment and Public Protection for PCc, enclosing information with regards to a forthcoming change to tackle littering, dog fouling and other anti-social behaviour.

[c] PCC with regards to 3 consultation exercises, viz. Toilet Strategy, Proposal to increase charges and ideas to develop services at Parc Gwyn Crematorium and Tenby Pedestrianisation. All three consultations are to be seen on PCC Website for anyone to responds.

**AOB:** The following issue was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

[a] Cllr BJ Harries brought to the attention of the meeting that there are overhanging branches on the tree at the junction of the A40(T) and the minor road adjacent to the Car Park that are obstructing the view of vehicles wishing to join the A40. It was noted that tree surgery is being carried out along the A40 at present, hopefully they will be able to cut back the obstructing branches. Cllr Harries also reported that the Sealyham Road still has not been addressed.

[b] Cllr Barrie Griffiths mentioned a pre-application notice is posted at the site of Tan y Garn, Treffgarne, and that an eye will be kept out for more developments on this site. Cllr Griffiths also hoped that the collapsed drain in Treffgarne will be seen to in due course.

It was reported that the Glancleddau Road in Wolfscastle will imminently be resurfaced.

In passing by, Cllr Griffiths reported that Treffgarne Village Hall is now functional, and that there would be an invitation for the Community Council to hold their meeting there on occasions. The Clerk reported that was the case a number of years ago. However, none of the Councillors seemed to remember this.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 6th November 2018 at 8:00p.m.

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