

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2018

Present. Councillors D. Thomas, E. Utting, R. John, G. Hughes, R. Harries.
County Councillor M. John, C. Griffith (Clerk)

Members of the public. Mrs A. Lowman.

1. APOLOGIES. Cllr. D. Harries.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. None declared.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. No questions had been received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th July 2018 were passed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr R. John and seconded by Cllr Hughes.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Matters arising would be dealt with under the respective headings.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. One Voice Wales. Newsletter. Circulated
2. One Voice Wales. AGM & Conference 29/09/2018. Noted
3. Hywel Dda Health Board. Result of consultation on hospital changes.
4. Paul Davies. Newsletter. Circulated.
5. PCC. Town & Community Council Charter. Cllr Thomas said that he was unhappy with the way that such an important document had been circulated.

6. PCC. Notice of Environmental Enforcement commencing.

7. One Voice Wales. Agenda and minutes Area Committee Meeting.

8. Community Health Council. Volunteers needed. Notice Board.

9. Clerks & Councils Direct. Newsletter

10. Independent Review Panel on Community & Town Councils.

Outline findings and recommendations. Cllr Thomas said that the report stated that “the audit requirements were considered proportionate for Community Council finances”. This was not accepted by Community Councils with small budgets. There should be a banding arrangement whereby Community Councils with a budget under £10,000. had a much more simplified audit requirement.

7. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.

Cllr Thomas reported that Moorland Road had been resurfaced and that it had been done to a very good standard.

Mrs Lowman said that since the resurfacing the speed of vehicles using the road had increased. It was agreed by the meeting that Cllr Thomas would write to Highways Dept., PCC, thanking them for the excellent job done on Moorland Road and asking for suggestions on slowing traffic speed.

Cllr Thomas said that he would also ask for the crossroad sign near the kennels to be moved up the post, to improve vision for vehicles leaving the kennels.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

18/0488/PA. Extension & alteration at Keran, 5 Moorland Road. No objections.

18/0158/PA. Wildlife Pond at Cranham. Approved.

Cllr Thomas said that the caravan at Sandy Wells had been moved.

LDP. Cllr Thomas said that he had submitted an application for part of the playing field to be included in candidate sites, for the purpose of erecting a new hall should money be available in the future. A list of candidate sites had not yet been published by PCC. Cllr Thomas said that he attended a briefing from PCC on the LDP during the summer and that Freystrop would be upgraded in the new plan.

9. VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Thomas reported that due to rising electricity prices he had arranged a new contract with British Gas. It would be at a fixed rate until 2022, with only a slight price increase on the present rate.

Refurbishment.

Cllr Thomas said that the exterior refurbishment was finished apart from a gully pot in the rear car park and painting parking spaces for car parking. A new notice board had been fitted that afternoon. He wished thanks to be recorded to Esme & Graham Utting who had cleared the undergrowth along the fence in the rear car park.

Interior.

Insulation had been fitted in the attic space. The interior painting remained to be completed.

Cllr Thomas said that the dehumidifier had been serviced and that the old wall heaters were not as efficient as the new one, so he suggested replacing the old ones. This was agreed.

Cllr Thomas also said that Sardis Village Hall had broadband fitted, and he thought it might be useful to have it at Freystrop. Cllr R. Harries would pursue the matter and obtain costings.

Bank Accounts.

Deposit Account.	£1596.39
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Current Account.	£2071.60
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10. CEMETERY.

Cllr Thomas said that there did not seem to be any problems at the cemetery. Cllr R. John said that people were forever leaving the gate between the car park and the cemetery and he said a "Close the Gate" sign might improve the situation. Cllr Thomas said that he would look into it.

11. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr. Thomas said that compensation re. the sewerage scheme had still not been settled by Welsh Water, and the Councils Agents were still in discussion with Welsh Water over the wet patch in the field.

Cllr Thomas said that there was uncertainty over the use of the field by Llangwm Football team this year due to them relocating to a pitch in Haverfordwest. The Chairman will try and get an update on the matter

12. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Clerk presented the report which had been returned from Grant Thornton, the external auditors. The comments made by the auditors were readout and accepted by the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr John that the report be accepted.

The Council were unhappy with the fee charged.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Bank balance £14,291.28
Accounts for payment.
Clerks wages, July, August, September.
HMRC. Paye on wages.

14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said that he had been following up on the complaints of vehicle excessive speed and had been in touch with Community Speed Watch who attended the village the week before.

He said that PCC had engaged a private firm to undertake environmental enforcement and they would issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, littering and anti social behaviour. He had established that they would operate throughout the county and not only in the larger towns.

A full meeting of the county council had chosen the Thomas Picton site as the preferred option but approval was needed from the Welsh Government for the new road.

15. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

None made.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th October 2018