**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Monday, December 3rd 2018 at 8:00p.m.

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

**Apologies:** All present

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 6th November 2018 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** In response to issued raised in the previous meeting, the following comments were received:-

The clearing of the drain on Treffgarne Hill has now been carried out by PCC workforce.

The other issues raised i.e. the blocked drain near to St Dogwells Church, has been reported to the highway maintenance team, but have not yet been addressed.

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman informed the Council that PCC budgets would be very tight for the next couple of years. It is anticipated that the Council Tax will be raised by just under 10% for the coming year. There will be cut to services within the County, but these cuts will not affect Social Services or Education. PCC will have to increase pension contributions to teaching staff by up to 6% for the coming year, but hoping that a substantial contribution towards this will come from Central Government. Cllr Bateman, reported that the Replacement LDP Consultation will be running for 8 weeks and will be available from the middle of the month.

**Finances:** Notification was received from the Welsh Government, giving indication that for the financial year 2019 / 2020 the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137 increases from £7:86 to £8:12 per elector.

It was agreed to make a donation of £40:00 (**Forty Pounds**) to the Royal British Legion for 2 Poppy Wreaths that were laid on Remembrance week end.

**Budget Requirement 2019 / 2020:** The Clerk presented the up to date budget, and reported that the accounts, with minor changes were on course for the end of year balance. There will be an approximate balance of £3141:00 at the end of the financial year, thus keeping a small reserve for unforeseen expenditures.

**Precept Requirement 2019 / 2020:** It was agreed to defer this matter until the January Meeting.

**Notice of Casual Vacancy:** It was agreed to delay this matter until January after the Clerk has sought further information with regards to the exact procedure from the PCC Elections Office

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was received and noted:-

**Pre-Deposit Consultation 17 December - 4 February 2018 -** The Council is working on a replacement plan and this consultation will help influence the final LDP’s content. More information about these documents and the replacement Local Development Plan process can be viewed on PCC’s website

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

Cllr TC Griffiths requested for the pavements along the A40(T) to be swept of leaves and branches, which ate quite dangerous for pedestrians at the moment.

Cllr Peter James reported that the owners of Swmbarch have now cut large overhanging branches off the tree adjacent to the property. However this as resulted in a clearer view and an increase in the speed of traffic, now making it more difficult for drivers coming out from their property. Cllr James requested for a SLOW sign to be painted on the road or a SLOW sign to be placed nearby.

Cllr BJ Harries asked was there any further information with regards to the siting of workers caravans at Sealyham Farm. Cllr Harries also asked if anything could be done to prevent cars parking on the grassed area outside the wooden posts around the Village Green. With regards to this issue it was felt that nothing could be done, as the posts were placed in a strategic position as instructed by PCC. Cllr Harries reported that as a result of water flowing from the sewer manhole opposite Maes-yr-Afon, Wolfscastle during the recent severe weather, that the road has become quite slippery for pedestrians, and should be washed down before an accident happens.

Cllr Gerallt Miles asked Cllr Bateman who will maintain the Cleddau Bridge once the tolls are taken away. Cllr Bateman responded that discussions are taking place between the Welsh Government and PCC in order to secure an agreement about the future of the Bridge.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 8th January 2019 at 8:00p.m.

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