**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 5th March 2019 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. M Bateman, PCC., Barrie Griffiths, Gerallt Miles and TC Griffiths.

**Apologies:** Cllrs BJ Harries and Peter James.

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 5th February 2019 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** Acknowledgements had been received to issues raised by Cllr BJ Harries with regards to the pothole opposite Dolwerdd, Wolfscastle and the blocked drains below Sealyham Farm. The Clerk reported that he had sent a letter to Mrs Raymond regarding the request that parents park tidily on the roadway outside the school.

It was noted that the offending overhanging branches at The Jays, Treffgarne have now been completely removed.+

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman reported that the full Council that met recently and that the budget and council tax increase recommended by the Cabinet had been passed.

**Wolfscastle in Bloom:** The Clerk reported that the Wolfscastle in Bloom Committee had met recently, and it was agreed to enter the Village once again in the Wales in Bloom Competition 2019. He also announced that there is a further meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5th April at 6:30p.m. in Penybont Chapel Vestry.

**Finances:** It was reported that a receipt of the precept for £4350, had been received from Mr Jon Haswell, Director of Resources PCC.

It was agreed to pay One Voice Wales Membership Fee of £93:00 (**Ninety Three Pounds**) for the year 2019 / 2020.

An invoice had been received from the Wales Audit Office for the Audit of Accounts 2017 / 2018. It was agreed to pay the bill due for £182:75 (**One Hundred and Eighty Two Pounds and Seventy Five Pence**)

**Internal Auditor 2018 / 2019:** It was agreed by the Councillors to invite Mr Eric Williams, Retired Bank Manager, to be the Internal Auditor for the Council, and for a letter of engagement be sent to Mr Williams outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Council and the Internal Auditor.

**Independent Remuneration Panel:** Councillors were reminded that this Council is authorised to make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year for costs incurred. However, it was agreed by Councillors present not to claim any payment.

**Co-option of Community Councillor:** The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the advert for a Councillor to represent the Wolfscastle Ward of the Community Council. Therefore, suitable names were suggested for the Clerk to approach inviting the person to consider accepting the post as Community Councillor.

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

[a] A letter was received from Letterston Community Council, expressing concerns about the old Brynawelon site. Whilst it is not within their authority, there have been concerns expressed to councillors by residents that the site is starting to look very dilapidated and is an open invitation to fly tippers. The clerk had forwarded the letter to the Planning Dept of PCC, and had a verbal response from Ceri Jones who informs this Council that once permission has been given for such a development, then the work has to start within 5 years, which is the case in this instance. Once the work has started then the permission stands for ever and the Council can do nothing about the situation. However, a Section 215 can be served on the developer to compel him to tidy the site, when its condition adversely affects the amenity of the area.

[b] A letter was received from Jill Evans MEP, outlining the fact that the Government is currently looking for a Welsh community to “volunteer” to host an underground nuclear waste dump, to bury all the high-level nuclear waste from the UK’s nuclear weapons and nuclear power programmes. Any volunteering host community would be rewarded financially. The MEP is urging all councils to pass a motion stating that your community will not volunteer to host an underground nuclear waste dump and to forward such a decision to CND Cymru.

[c] A letter from Chief Inspector Amanda Diggens of Dyfed Powys Police seeking the support of Community Councils that in preparation for Brexit and as representatives of residents across Pembrokeshire, and having close connections with local communities – Dyfed Powys Police would be grateful if they could be notified of any existing or emerging community tensions that come to our attention. Early identification of any tensions will greatly assist DPP to ensure that they provide the most effective response, to protect, support and provide reassurance to all members of local communities.

[d] A copy of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Receipt can be seen on the IRPW’s web site.

[e] Letters acknowledging the financial contributions were received from Spirit of Youth, Wales Air Ambulance

**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 Road Sweeper to clean throughout the Village,

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 2nd April 2019 at 8:00p.m.

 **Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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