

Freystrop Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019

Attendance Cllrs David Thomas, Esme Utting, George Hughes, Roy John, Ross Harries, C. Cllr. Michael John.

1. Apologies. Cllr Dawn Harries, Clerk Clive Griffith.

2. Declaration of Interest. None.

3. Questions from public. None in attendance.

4. Minutes of February meeting were approved, proposed by Cllr. George Hughes. Seconded by Cllr Roy John.

5. Matters Arising.

Item 6.1 Wales Audit Office fee of £225:75 paid by cheque.

Item 6.4 Paul Sartori request for donation –decided not to support.

6. Correspondence.

Paul Davies AM monthly newsletter-noted.

O.V.W. March newsletter –link to proposed Welsh Government bill on “Senedd & Elections” makes no mention of Community Council matters as anticipated.

7. Reports-Highways and Rights of Way.

1. Troopers Inn .C. Cllr M. John gave a detailed account of the matters he had raised with P.C.C. Highways following 2 recent traffic incidents. Street lighting had been repaired, speed survey is planned and improved signage including “Stop” as opposed to “Give Way” on approach from Johnston and possibly from Llangwm requested.

2. Bus Shelter Lower Freystrop. Grant application under “Pembrokeshire Enhancement scheme “ to be submitted later in week of meeting.

Cost of shelter (of type specified by P.C.C.) £3100 exc VAT. Grant application will be for £2500.

8. Reports- Planning & LDP.

1. The Slate Centre at Middle Hill had now received planning permission to extend their storage yard into car parking area of former “Tiddley PH” (in same ownership).

2. LDP No update from P.C.C received.

9. Reports- Village Hall.

1. Improvement works –invoice received from Carl Griffiths Building & groundworks for £1640 exc VAT. This had been paid out of Village Hall account plus VAT exemption certificate issued to builder. Total of work carried out to date including direct purchases eg. new signage, new notice board, new heater and electrical fixing is £2210:59.

Council agreed to transfer £2200 from F.C.C. account to Village Hall account out of the £5000 “set aside “for hall improvements. Of remaining £2800 in “set aside” it was decided to reduce this to £1500 for further heating improvements and the remaining £1300 to be put back into reserves for other projects e.g. bus shelter &/or playing field improvements.

2. Village Hall bank balances at 04/03/2019 Current A/C £853:09 Deposit A/C £1597:97.

3. Utilitwise who have acted as our energy brokers for the last 5 years have gone into administration. However they did setup a 3 year contract with British Gas to run from 10th April 2019. Chairman has had confirmation that this was set up properly.

4. PAVS membership for 2019 .£35 paid by cheque.

10 Reports-Cemetery

Promised new sign still not erected.

11.Reports-Playing Field.

Our valuers Edward Perkins submitted a claim for £ 9110 to Welsh Water in respect of the new sewerage pipe crossing the playing field. Welsh Water are prepared to pay £7130 which is made up of £2190 for disturbance, reinstatement, marker posts and hedge repairs. The remaining £4970 is a 70% contribution towards the land drainage of a boggy area originally estimated to cost £6600 inc VAT .

It was agreed by Council that we

- A. Accept the £7130 offered
- B .Instruct the Land Drainage Contractors ourselves regarding the work and negotiate on the price of works
- C. Request supervision by Welsh Water&/or Bentleys when land drainage work is close to line of new sewer pipe.

12 One Voice Wales & PCC Liaison meetings.

These meetings have not yet resumed following decision by PCC Scrutiny Committee to look into All aspects of liaison between P.C.C & Town/Community Councils. It was expected that T.&C.C.s as stakeholders would be consulted but nothing heard to date.

Next scrutiny committee meeting.is on 26th March 2019.

13.Financial Matters.

- 1.FCC bank balance £14127:50 as at 3rd February 2019.
2. Payments –Qtly salary payment to Clerk £444:30 cheque
Qtly payment to HMRC-£111:06 cheque.
Transfer of £2200 from FCC to Village Hall a/c-cheque.
- 3.2018/19 financial statement to be prepared for April meeting.

14.County Councillors Report

- 1.Troopers Inn matter-see under Highways.
- 2.PCC have agreed a 10% rise in Council Tax-equivalent to £1:89 extra on a Band D property
- 3.Cleddau Bridge-removal of tolls from April. Welsh. Govt. will pay £3M/yr. for 20 yrs and will also pay for removal of toll-booths and staff redundancy costs.
- 4.C.Cllr. John had become a governor of Haverfordwest High VC School. The school will be housed in demountable buildings at the former Tasker Milward school while the new school is being built at the Sir Thomas Picton site. New school expected to house 1800 pupils.
- 5.New Welsh Medium school at Withybush has drawn substantial numbers from other primaries and from Preseli School in Crymych.

15.Members Requests.

Cllr Roy John requested information on the surface water drainage problems at Heathfield Terrace on Targate Road. Apparently Paul Davies AM involved and has feedback from PCC mentioning enlargement of pipes. C. Cllr. M. John will seek clarification from PCC and report back to next meeting.

16.Date of next meeting-8th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.