**Wolfscastle Community Council**

The Annual meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Treffgarne Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 8:00pm.

**Members Present:** Cllrs. Barrie Griffiths, TC Griffiths, BJ Harries, Michelle Bateman PCC, Gerallt Miles and Peter James

**Apologies:** Cllr Gerwyn Williams.

**Appointment of Officers:** The meeting proceeded to elect officials for the coming year 2019 / 2020:

**Chairman:** Cllr Barrie Griffiths

**Vice Chairman**: Cllr Brynmor Harries

**Signatories:** Cllrs Barrie Griffiths and TC Griffiths

**Planning Sub-Committee**: As in previous years.

**Internal Auditor**: Mr Eric Williams

**RFO & Clerk:** Revd Geoffrey Eynon

In accepting the Chair once again Cllr Griffiths thanked his fellow Councillors for putting their trust in him to conduct the meetings, and to lead the Council in the coming year.

The monthly ordinary meeting then pursued with Cllr Barrie Griffiths in the Chair.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters Arising:** In response to issues raised regarding litter etc. the Clerk reported that he had received an email advising that Jill Jack had now retired from the Council, and was advised to write to Paul Watkins, Waste Improvement Manager for PCC. but was advised to forward the request of this Council to Neil McCarthy and Katie Daly. No response had been received as yet. Further to this matter, the Clerk was asked to seek information as to who would be responsible to empty dog poo bins, if they were installed in the village.

With regard to an inquiry received from Cllr Peter James as to who is responsible for cleaning the roads after farmers have left muck on stretches of road as they travel between fields. A response was received from Mr Darren Thomas, PCC who states that the farmer is responsible. The Police do have powers to carry out enforcement if there is immediate danger, but usually refer such matters to us to follow through using highway enforcement powers: which is usually slower because we have to collect evidence, proceed with legal action, etc.

**County Council Matters:** In the monthly report to the Council, Cllr Bateman presented a comprehensive written report of her engagements during the past month. (filed separately in the folder)

Cllr Bateman also reported that the Planning Consultation for the Tan y Garn project in Treffgarne will go to Committee, but there is no date fixed yet as to when it will be discussed.

**Planning Application No. 19/0066/PA:** Demolition of existing workshop and construction of 2 dwellings at The Workshop, Wolfscastle. There were no adverse comments to this development.

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that he’d received the recent Bank Statement, dated 1st May 2019 and that at there is £4706:52p (**Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Six Pounds and Fifty Two Pence**) in the bank account, which includes the 1st Precept Payment of £1450:00 (**One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds**) for the year 2019 / 2020

**Insurance:** A renewal notice had been received from Zurich Insurance Company, giving a premium quotation of £257: 60 (**Two Hundred and Fifty Seven Pounds and Sixty Pence**). It was agreed that this quotation should be accepted and paid.

**Wales in Bloom:** The Clerk reported that the W’Castle in Bloom Team had met recently and that everything is proceeding well, with a few new ideas put forward to enhance the village for this year’s competition.

**William Davies Evans:** The Clerk sought the support of the Community Council to commemorate the fact that this person was born in Musland Farm, Wolfscastle in 1790. Captain Evans was the inventor of the tri-coloured warning lights on ships, also created a very important move in Chess, known as ‘Evans Gambit’. Already, the Clerk has had the promise of a sum of money from the West Wales Chess Association towards a plaque, and it is hoped that further financial assistance can be sourced from other organisations to fund this project. The Community Council agreed to support this project in the hope that it will come to fruition during the coming months.

**Councillor Allowances:** All Councillors present in the meeting signed the declaration that they wish to drop out of receiving an allowance of £150:00 in respect of financial year ending 31 March 2019.

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

[a] Michael Harries Environmental Services Manager, advising this Council of changes in Waste and Recycling Centres in Pembrokeshire. General waste bags will be checked to see if they contain anything that could be recycled on site. These changes will help towards improving our environment and support PCC in meeting the recycling targets set by the Welsh Government.

[b] One Voice Wales Acknowledging the receipt of the membership fee for 2019 / 2020.

[c] David Astins, Community Champion Co-ordinator for PCC seeking community support for various non-statutory services which otherwise might be at risk of being withdrawn. Over the coming months PCC will be approaching Community Councils to discuss assets in their area, with the aim that where communities wish to take over responsibility for assets this can be factored in to precept setting process for financial year 2020 / 2021.

**AOB:** The following issues were brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as practicable:-

Cllr. BJ Harries enquired as to when ‘Alwyn’s Bench’ is going to be put in place. This is Festival Week matter, and will be carried out in due course.

Cllr Gerallt Miles mentioned that remedial work has been carried out on the drain opposite the Salt Bin on Treffgarne Hill, but it is felt that the concrete lip could be a hazard and damage car tyres.

As there were no other matters to discuss the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 8pm.

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

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