**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 2nd July 2019 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, TC Griffiths, Barrie Griffiths, and Michelle Bateman, PCC

**Apologies:** Cllrs Gerallt Miles, Gerwyn Williams and Peter James.

In his absence, sympathy was extended to Cllr Gerallt Miles on the death of his mother recently.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 4th June 2019 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:** With regards to the new 2minutestreetclean board, and litter picking equipment, it was reported that these had been delivered to the Community, by Kate Daly Strategic Project Officer PCC and that Cllrs Barrie Griffiths and Michelle Bateman were there to accept the equipment on behalf of Wolfscastle and Treffgarne Villages.

It was reported that the growth on the hedge bank at the back of the Car Park has been cut back as requested.

Cllr Griffiths reported that the grass cutting has been carried out at the entrance to Meadow Park, Treffgarne.

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly reported, Cllr Bateman updated fellow Cllrs on issues concerning this Council, including the following:-

[a] It was mentioned that Marc Owen, PCC, has agreed to meet a representative from the NFU and 2 members of this Council to discuss matters with regards to Farming issues within the Community.

[b] It has been brought to Cllr Bateman’s attention that there are no dropped kerbs for wheelchair users adjacent to the entrance to Railway Terrace, Wolfscastle, which makes it very difficult for certain residents to get about. Cllr Bateman reported that she would pursue this matter with the South Wales Trunk Road Agency.

[c] Concern has been expressed as to the speed of vehicles through the village. Again, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the SWTRA expressing the concerns of the community as to this matter.

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by some parents who have to cross the main A40(T) to use the School Buses. The same person also expressed concern with elderly people crossing the A40(T). The Clerk was instructed to write to SWTRA seeking their views on this matter.

**Annual Audit:** An email was received from Grant Thornton Auditors, seeking further information on the following issues:-

[a] Please could you provide a copy of the Council’s financial regulations and standing orders?

[b] Please could you confirm if the Council awarded any contracts in 2018/19. If contracts were awarded, please provide evidence that the body complied with its standing orders, e.g. copy of advertisement, reports to the body and minutes approving the award of the contract.

The Clerk responded to the requests and sent copies of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders, also confirmed that no contracts were awarded during 2018/.2019

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that there is a balance in the Bank Account dated 31st May 2019 of £4448:92 (**Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Eight Pounds and Ninety-Two Pence**).

**Enhancing Pembrokeshire**: A number of suggestions were put forward as to how the money could be spent, e.g. Updating the Community Website; New Notice Boards; Interpretation Panels; After School Club; Recording the History of the Community etc. It was agreed that consideration should be given to these ideas, and will be discussed more fully in the next meeting.

**Planning Application:** It was confirmed that application number 19/0066/PA – Demolition of existing workshop and construction of 2 new dwellings at The Workshop, Wolfscastle has been Conditionally Approved.

**Wales in Bloom:** The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Barton Price, the Chairman and Judge for this year’s Wales in Bloom Competition will visit the Village on Friday, 5th July, and that there is an invitation for the Councillors to meet the judge and have a coffee at the Wolfe Inn before the judging commences.

**Captain William Davies Evans:** The Clerk reported that he has made contact with descendants of Wm Davies Evans, one who lives in Falmouth, Cornwall and another in Ashford Kent, both who are keen to visit Pembrokeshire and be a part of the ceremony. Mrs Linda Bicknell from Falmouth has also agreed to pay for the plaque. A provisional date for the unveiling ceremony, of October 26th has been arranged, but will be confirmed in due course.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence were presented to the meeting:-

[a] Hywel Dda Health Board enclosing a discussion document on Developing Trauma Services within the Health Board.

[b] Hywel Dda Health Board enclosing a summary of the approved A Healthier Mid and West Wales strategy to guide our health and care through the next 20 years so we and future generations can live well.

[c] An email was received from Kenny Richards Environmental Services PCC confirming that the grass on the Village Green will be cut just before July 5th. Although this area is only cut 12 times a year, it has had 5 cuts already during this cutting season.

[d] An email was received from Emrys Llewelyn, stating that the concrete repair by the drain on the hill was done because large vehicles have been cutting the corner and eroded what should have been a hedge bank. It caused a nasty dropped edge which we have repaired previously but this did not last, and water was tracking behind the gully. We repaired this area with concrete and formed a concrete ramp to direct the water into the gully. I did receive a call last week regarding the ramp and we have done some remedial work, so the ramp is now not so severe.

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

Cllr BJ Harries enquired as to whether there are further developments with the Planning Application at Tan y Garn, Treffgarne, to which Cllr Bateman was able to reply that it would be discussed by the Planning Committee in due course.

Cllr Harries also expressed concern that the work to Bill Rise has not been completed.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 at 8:00p.m. at Penybont Vestry.

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