

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018.

Present. Councillor's D. Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, R. John, G. Hughes.
County Councillor M. John, C. Griffith, Clerk. A. Howard, PAVS.

Members of the public. None.

1. APOLOGIES.

Cllr R. Harries.

2. PRESENTATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PAVS.

The Chairman introduced Andrea Howard, a Community Connector from the Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services, who gave an interesting and informative presentation on her duties as a Community Connector. Her duties involve visiting elderly, infirm and lonely people and trying to offer them support. On completion of her presentation, which was well received by the members, the Chairman thanked her for attending and said he would provide her with a list of activities provided at the village hall. Leaflets on how to contact the Community Connector and the services they offer are available by contacting the Clerk or any councillor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

None were made.

4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions had been received.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr Thomas said that the Charter between Town & Community Councils and Pembrokeshire County Council had been agreed by PCC's Cabinet.

All other matters would be dealt with under the respective headings.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. One Voice Wales. Minutes of last Area Committee meeting and agenda for the next.
- b. One Voice Wales. Newsletter.
- c. PCC. Consultation on car park charges.
- d. PCC. Consultation on household waste and recycling.
- e. PCC. Consultation on Budget Deficit.
- f. One Voice Wales. Training courses available. To be discussed in February.

8. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.

Cllr Thomas said that he had recently been on Moorlands Road and it was in a bad state of repair, but that the marking on the road possibly indicated that drainage work was going to be carried out. Cllr M. John said that PCC had said that they would carry out drainage work before the end of this financial year, to prevent the pooling of water.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

Cllr Hughes raised the matter of a possibly illegally sited caravan alongside the bridleway from Moorland road to Dredgemans Hill. The Chairman said that he was aware of the matter and was in the process of reporting it to Planning Enforcement and Rights of Way Departments at PCC/

10. VILLAGE HALL.

The Chairman said that invitations to the public meeting to discuss the village hall would be sent out shortly. The meeting would be held on Wednesday 24th January 2018.

Bank Accounts.

General Account. £2013

Deposit Account. £1594

Income.

Short mat bowls. £157

Donation from New Years Eve Party. £70.

Expenditure.

Electric bill. £282.

The Chairman thanked Cllr D. Harries for the donation from the New Years Eve Party and the hard work she undertaken in organising the event.

11. CEMETERY.

Nothing to report.

12. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas reported that Welsh Water were very slow in settling claims.

He proposed that any money received from Welsh Water in compensation should be spent on improvements at the playing field. This was seconded by Cllr Utting and agreed by the meeting.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Cllr Thomas had previously circulated a Precept budget briefing and he gave an explanation of how he had arrived at the figures mentioned.

Cllr Thomas then said that a letter had been received from PCC stating that from now on, all community and town councils would be responsible for the expense of holding an election. Up to now the County Council had borne the cost. PCC had indicated that the average cost of holding an election would be in excess of five and a half thousand pounds. Cllr Thomas said that the community council should now start putting money aside to cover the cost of a possible contested election. He suggested increasing the precept by one thousand pounds and proposed a precept for 2018 – 2019 of four thousand pounds. This was seconded by Cllr D. Harries and agreed by the meeting.

Accounts for Payment.

Clerks wages, October, November, December, £435.12

HMRC. PAYE on clerks wages, £108.78

It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that the accounts be paid.

Bank Balance. £13,333.83

14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said that the vote on increasing council tax was to take place at a future date, and that there were options of between five and twelve and a half percent. All the options would involve a reduction in services.

Cllr John said that the name of the new secondary school in Haverfordwest had been agreed and would be Haverfordwest High V C School but that there were ongoing discussions as to the most appropriate site

15. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr R. John reported fly tipping at the cemetery car park. Cllr Thomas would report to PCC.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. Monday 12th February 2018.