

## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

Present. Councillors E. Utting, D. Harries, R. John, G. Hughes, R. Harries, County Councillor M. John, C. Griffith(Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES. Cllr D. Thomas.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None Declared.
3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.  
No questions had been received.
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were passed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr D. Harries and seconded by Cllr G. Hughes.
5. MATTERS ARISING.  
Matters arising will be discussed under the respective headings.
6. CORRESPONDENCE.
 

1. Wales Audit Office.	Fees for 2019-2020.	Noted.	
2. Wales Audit Office.	Report on Town & Community Council audits.		Noted
3. Paul Davies AM.	Newsletter.		
4. Paul Sartori.	Request for donation.	March agenda.	
5. Network Rail.	Road closures Merlins Bridge.		
6. Egni Coop.	Solar panels on community buildings.		
7. One Voice Wales.	Newsletter.		
7. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.  
In a written report Cllr Thomas said that he had reported faulty street lights in New Road, which had been repaired,  
Cllr Thomas had visited Lower Freystrop with Owen Roberts from PCC to discuss location and size of a bus shelter. Cllr Thomas had started preparing an application under the second home levy scheme to obtain a grant for the purchase of a bus shelter. The sum involved would be around two and a half thousand pounds.
8. PLANNING MATTERS.  
Variation to details of No 4 Poplar Meadow had been approved by PCC.  
Cllr Thomas had submitted the community councils response to the LDP strategy to PCC. The candidate site at Bracknell Lodge, Targate Road had been enlarged and a new site had been submitted on land north of New Road beyond Beulah.
9. VILLAGE HALL.  
Cllr Utting reported that Gary had taken on additional caretaking duties at the hall. She said that Cllr Thomas had carried out these duties for number of years and she proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Thomas on behalf of the council and the hall committee for all his hard work. This was seconded by all the members and Cllr Utting requested it be recorded in the minutes.

## 9. VILLAGE HALL/cont.

Cllr Thomas reported that a new wall heater had been installed and a damaged part of the floor in the kitchen had been repaired by Carl Griffiths.

Bank balances. At 31/01/2019.

Current Account. £2388.08

Deposit Account. £1597.97

## 10. CEMETERY.

An apology had been received from James Allen for the slow response to the request for signage at the cemetery. He would chase the matter up.

## 11. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas reported that it appears that Welsh Water are about to give the go ahead to Locke Brothers to install land drains around and through the boggy area. The councils valuers are insistent that it is the responsibility of Welsh Water to foot the bill.

## 12. ONE VOICE WALES &amp; PCC LIAISON.

The Chairman, Cllr Thomas had attended a One Voice Wales training session on GDPR information management. The course was poorly attended. Cllr Thomas said that it was interesting and he was considering suggestions made regarding security of emails, back up of data, discrete councillors email addresses, and he would report back to the council. Cllr Thomas said that the One Voice Wales Newsletter appeared to omit any reference to the Welsh Government change of heart on future approach to Town & Community Councils.

## 13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Bank Balance. 03/01/2019 £14,300.98

Accounts for payment. One Voice Wales. Training Course £40.00

It was proposed by Cllr R. Harries and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that the account be paid.

## 14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said the County Council Budget was being discussed the following week and around a 10% increase in council tax was likely to be put to full council for consideration on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

Charging for post 16 school transport had been dropped for this year but could be considered again next year.

Removal of the tolls on the Cleddau Bridge. This matter was still being discussed between the County Council and the Welsh Assembly.

Cllr M. John said that he had reported flooding near Heathfield, Targate Road to PCC, who had examined the drains and said they were in good working order. He had asked them to look again and to try and rectify the problem.

## 15. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr Utting said that she thought that the hall heating was inadequate and needed either more or better heaters. Item to be discussed at the next meeting.

## 16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019