

## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

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

1. Apologies. None.
2. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.
3. Questions from the Public. No members of the public were present and no written questions had been received.
4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were passed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.
5. Matters Arising.  
Defibrillator. The Chair, Cllr Thomas apologised that he had been unable to follow up on this matter.
6. Correspondence.
  1. One Voice Wales. Guidance on financial assistance to the Church.
  2. One Voice Wales. Guidance on Model Financial regulations.
  3. One Voice Wales. New Model Financial Regulations.
  4. One Voice Wales. Conference & AGM on 05/05/19 at Pontrhydfendigaid.
  5. Paul Davies AM. Newsletter.
  6. ICO. Renewal of membership.
  7. Police & Crime Panel. Annual report.
  8. One Voice Wales. Maintaining & Enhancing Biodiversity.
  9. Clerks & Councils Direct. Newsletter.
  10. Eluned Morgan AM. Newsletter.
  11. Police & Crime Commissioner. Annual report.
7. Highways & Rights of Way.  
Cllr Thomas reported that Slow and Araf had been painted on Moorland Road.
8. Planning Matters.  
19/0134/PA. The application for change of use had been withdrawn.  
19/0993/PA. The application for a variation to the wall/ fence had been approved by PCC.  
There was no update on the LDP.
9. Village Hall.  
Cllr Thomas reported that the contract for improvements to the hall heating had been awarded to AB Security for the sum of £1265. A replacement smoke detector was also required, the cost of this was £170.00. This should have been replaced in May 2019. The work was expected to be carried out on the 24/25 September.

## 9. Village Hall/Continued.

Following the work Cllr Thomas thought it likely that some redecoration would be needed as well as new grilles for the new heaters. Cllr Thomas would obtain quotes for the over heater grilles.

Bank Balances as at 30/08/2019.

Current Account. £3099.96

Deposit Account. £1599.57

## 10. Cemetery.

Cllr Thomas expressed disappointment at the continuing lack of signs, which had been promised six months ago.

## 11. Playing Field.

Cllr Thomas said that a major item of play equipment had been removed from the play area by PCC, after failing a safety inspection. Freystrop Community Council had not been informed prior to its removal. A replacement would cost in excess of £10,000.00.

Cllr Thomas said that instead of going ahead with the land drainage scheme, the council should consider cancelling the scheme and instead allocate £5000.00 to pump prime a fund raising scheme in the village to raise money for new play equipment. Grants should also be applied for.

Cllr Thomas said that the council could carry out a tree planting scheme of willows or similar trees in the boggy area.

County Councillor M. John said that PCC had also removed play equipment at Llangwn and Hook and as PCC had no budget to replace the equipment, both Hook and Llangwm villages had groups who were fund raising for their play areas.

The councillors discussed replacement equipment, before supporting Cllr Thomas suggestion.

Cllr Thomas said that Llangwm Lions Junior AFC had requested the use of the field for their matches this season and have signed an agreement. Cllr Thomas had arranged a further lawn cut of the field at the cost of £70.00. The hirer will pay for the pitch itself to be cut.

## 12. Financial Matters.

Bank Balance. £20,002.38

Accounts for payment. Renewal ICO membership. £35.00

Clerks Wages, July, August, September.

PAYE on above

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

## 13. PCC Liaison Meetings &amp; One Voice Wales

Cllr Thomas said that there was little to report apart from the fact that the Chairmanship of the liaison group will change. This was due to Cabinet changes in PCC.

## 14. County Councillors Report.

County Cllr John said that there was still funding issues at PCC.

Waste and recycling collections will change in November. Black bags will be replaced by grey bags and these will be collected every three weeks, with a maximum of three bags per household.

Weighted bags will be issued for recyclable materials instead of the plastic containers originally suggested, but the plastic containers would be issued for a fee.

14. County Councillors Report/continued.

Cllr John would try to arrange a drop in event for our area, he had approached PCC, and it was thought that Hook would be the most convenient venue for all three villages.

Registration was now open for people to register for the collection of hygiene waste. Cllr John said that the toll booth and canopy had now been removed from the Cleddau Bridge.

15. Members Requests.

Cllr Thomas said that he and his wife had attended the Hook exhibition, which was excellent.

Cllr Thomas reported that Russell Lavis had set up a Dementia Drop In centre at the Village Hall, which will probably be one afternoon a month. Cllr Thomas suggested that a hire fee is not charged. This was agreed by the meeting.

Land ownership and registration. Cllr Thomas had attended a meeting jointly with Hook and Llangwm with the Land Registry. The Land Registry are looking to get all unregistered land registered by 2025/2016. Cllr Thomas has compiled a list of possible sites for registration which he will circulate to the other councillors for their opinion and local knowledge.

Cllr Utting said that she would arrange for the purchase of a Christmas Tree.

Cllr Hughes asked if there was any news on the bus shelter for Lower Freystrop. Cllr Thomas said there was no progress at the moment.

16. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019