

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at
7pm at The Village Hall, Merlins Bridge**

**Present: Cllrs, Lisa O'Sullivan, John Cole, Queenie Thomas, Paul Davies &
Janice Morgan**

The Chair Cllr John Cole opened the meeting

Apologies – Cllrs. Mary Owen, Alison Palmer, Nick Stamp and Hilliard Studley

1. Minutes of the June Meeting

As correct.

Proposed by Cllr Janice Morgan and Seconded by Cllr. Lisa O'Sullivan

2. Matters Arising

The Chair Cllr John Cole pointed out that state of the Clay Lanes and overgrown hedge at the Cheese Factory have been addressed

3. Correspondence

- Letter from Welfare Committee regarding a request for the Council to consider releasing the additional funding that apparently the Council had indicated could be available, the sum of £5,000, so that further works to new Football Building could commence. Cllr Queenie Thomas said that she would like to see the VAT return sorting for the previous monies given, before considering any further monies. This was generally agreed by all Cllrs present.
- OVW – Notification of Training – Nothing local or within the County
- Environment Wales email regarding Biodiversity – 178 pages, emailed to all Cllrs. Discuss further at next meeting.
- Planning Notifications – Builders yard, bottom of Dredgemans Hill.
- Letter from Jill Evans, CND thanking Council for its reply in response to our opposition to hosting a GDF.

- Email - Revised Financial Regulations – To be discussed by the Finance Committee at their next meeting
- Dyfed Powys Police Annual Report
- Police and Crime Panel News letter
- Letter from Finance Audit Wales – None payment of Audit for 2017-2018. Agreed immediate payment. All Cllrs voted and agreed on this payment being made
- OVW emailed regarding upcoming AGM. Emailed to all Cllrs
- Zurich Insurance notification regarding Insurance – Immediate payment for necessary and Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan had spoken with the Chair Cllr John Cole and they made an immediate payment. All present Cllrs agreed on action taken.
- Notification from Local Job Centre regarding Clerk Vacancy – Decision made not to renew but to put advert at the Hospital, PCC and at the Archives Centre. It was also agreed to amend the pay to £10.16ph and hrs to be increased back to 20hrs. All Cllrs agreed with these decisions.
- Planning email – forwarded to all Cllrs. Cllr Stamp not in attendance but will discuss with him regarding the survey.
- Audit – Feedback as follows
 - (a) Financial Regulations - It was pointed out that we do not have Financial Regulations but these are actually in our Standing Orders
 - (b) Donation given has been misunderstood by the Audit people. Lisa had spoken to them regarding this and explained it was purely a donation and the project build had nothing to do with the MBCC.
 - (c) The Audit report hadn’t been dated.

4. Donations

None

5. County Councillors Report

Cllr John Cole report that there will be a display of the new Waste disposal Machine at the Community Centre site and information on the new waste disposal regulations on 5th October 12-4

- 6. Planning Cllr Stamp reported** – Not present at meeting. One email regarding a survey which has been forwarded to Cllr. Stamp.
- 7. Finance** - Cllr O’Sullivan reported two cheques to paid ££764.24 for Zurich Insurance and £225.00 Audit for 2017-2018.
- 8. OVW** - Cllr Davies reported next meeting of OVW is regarding Hwyl Dda Hospital on 8th October. It was pointed out that there had been an email despatched to all Cllrs regarding AGM of OVW on 5th October.
- 9. St Marks School** – No report from Cllr Queenie Thomas who forgot the meeting in July. Can report that the new roof is now complete.
- 10. Welfare Committee** – No report. Cllr. Palmer did not attend the last welfare meeting. Not present at Council meeting this evening.
- 11. Project Update**
Cllr Cole Reported – External and internal Plastering complete. More funding required to be able to move forward.
- 12. Adoption of Model Local Resolution Protocol** – Adopted.
Proposed by Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan and Seconded by Cllr Paul Davies
- 13. Party in the Park** – Due to bad weather, this event didn’t go head.
Welfare Committee to return donation given of £500
Proposed by Cllr Paul Davies Seconded by Cllr Queenie Thomas
- 14. Council Going Forward** - Cllr John Cole pointed out that the Welfare Committee organise and run all events currently but felt that this should be the responsibility of the Community Council, The Council felt that maybe the Community Council should work together with the Welfare on this in the future, this to be further discussed at next meeting.
All Councillors were asked to come to next meeting with suggestions for moving forward as a Council.
It was suggested that a Flyer be put out to all residents, inviting them to a meeting with their ideas of what they would like to see

happen in the community. All Councillors agreed and Cllr Lisa O'Sullivan will deal with this.

15. Bus Shelter St Issells Avenue – Discussion on location. Cllr John Cole will deal.

Add extra bus shelter to insurance

16. Remembrance Day Celebrations

Cllr Paul Davies to go and see John at the

Church and Heather Kale, Head of St Marks School

Cllr Lisa O'Sullivan will contact the Joe Richard, Trumpet Man.

17. Matters of Urgency

- Cllr John Cole will check documents for Laptop regarding Virus protect as he believes 5 years protection was purchased.
- Letters to be written to Cllrs Jess Massey & Cllr Richard Thomas regarding their position on the Council.

18. Matters for next Agenda

Further discussions on Council going forward.

Further discussion on Council and Welfare working more closely together on events etc

Update on Councillors.

Update on Clerks Vacancy

Meeting ended 9pm

Date of next meeting 9th October 2019

Signature Date