

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 13th November 2019 held at the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs John Cole, Mary Owen, Alison Palmer, Nick Stamp, Paul Davies, Queenie Thomas & Hilliard Studley

The Chair Cllr John Cole Opened the meeting

Apologies: Cllr Lisa O'Sullivan

1. Minutes of October Meeting – Signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr Alison Palmer and Seconded by Cllr Mary Owen

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Further discussion regarding Cllrs being paid, it was stated that if each Cllr were to accept the monies, it would be taxable. Cllr Paul Davies representing the OVW said he had been told it wasn't taxable and would re-check this at the next OVW meeting.
- Cllr Alison Palmer said she had had further complaints regarding the hedge opposite the Cheese Factory. As this is privately owned Cllr Alison Palmer will look into contacting the owner directly

3. Clerks Vacancy

All three applications that had been brought forward by the elected Cllrs who interviewed, were discussed. A decision was made and the Candidate will be contacted.

Proposed by Cllr Palmer and Seconded by Mary Owen. All Cllrs agreed except Cllr Queenie Thomas who abstained.

4. Correspondence

- Recycling Poster received – to be put on notice Board in Community Centre
- Letter of resignation as Cllr received from Richard Thomas. Discussed nothing received from Cllr Jess Massey. All Cllrs agreed that we accept no contact as no intention to continue as Cllr.

5. Donations – None

6. County Councillor Report

- Recycling Discussion
- Street Lights
- Tree in Park has been marked to be cut down
- Cheese Factory is spending 4.5million on own power plant

7. Financial Accounts/Payments

- Financial Summary is the same as last month.
- Invoice for Wreath and two lots of flowers.
- RBL donation of £50
- Flowers on Cenotaph £10
- Trumpeter £25

Proposed by Cllr Paul Davies and Seconded by Cllr Alison Palmer

- VAT – has now been done by Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan with help from the clerk from Pembroke Dock. Awaiting monies.
- Financial Committee to meet prior to next MBCC meeting regarding precept and budget.

8. Representative for OVW

- Liaison Committee – Clerks to be trained to certain Standard
- Training packages to be done by all councillors PCC & OVW
- Wellbeing Act – Youth Clubs and OAP Clubs
- Youth Representatives on Community Council

9. Planning - Cllr Nick Stamp said the JUDP was ongoing and the JUDP will soon to be set for 2021-2027

10. Cllrs representing MBCC

- St Marks School – Cllr Queenie Thomas was unable to attend the Full Governors Meeting. She will bring Minutes to next meeting.
- Welfare – Cllr Alison Palmer said the committee consisted of 4, 4 others couldn’t attend. They struggle with Grant applications. The Council will offer help.
- McMillan Coffee morning raised £170.56 (these events need better marketing)
- Halloween Disco – 52 Children attended
- Xmas Trees to be put up. Cllr John Cole to organise – Cost to be billed direct to Community Council.
- Turn on of Xmas Lights – John Welsby.
- Carol Concert 4th December 6pm. Hall to be used for the Concert. Welfare Committee and Council to do Kitchen.

11. Training – Nothing

12. Council Going forward

The chair asked the committee to come to the next meeting with ideas

13. Council and Welfare

Working together

14.Matters of Urgency

- Xmas Cards.
- Thank School for support at the Cenotaph
- Thank Trumpeter and send donation
- Call Candidate for Clerk with offer of position.
- Letter to Chapel and a donation for use of Chapel for interviews.

15.Matters for next meeting

- Vacancies for Councillors – 3 Vacancies now exist.
- Chapel donation
- Xmas Cards
- Regular joint meeting of Welfare and Council & help with Grant Applications
- Suggestion for Council going forward.

Meeting finished 8.30

Next Meeting 11th December 2019

Signed..... Dated