

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020

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

Members of the Public. Mr & Mrs Timms, Mrs Low, Mr Blowers, Mrs S. Lewis, Mr F. Lewis, Mr C. Griffith, Mr K Locke, Mr K. Locke.

1. Apologies. All Councillors were present.
2. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.
3. Questions from the Public. Cllr Thomas addressed the members of the public and said that he believed that there some concern regarding the Local Development Plan. Cllr Thomas then gave a summary of the process involved in developing the scheme and said the Community Council would not be discussing individual applications. Any member of the public was allowed to comment on the plans and had until 4.30pm on the 18th March 2020 to do so.
Mrs Low spoke about an application to use land near Highgrove as an operating base for two goods vehicles. Cllr Thomas informed her that the Community Council as a body were not allowed to comment on such applications. Mrs Low said she was looking for suggestions on how to object. Cllr R. John spoke and offered her advice.
4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.
5. Matters Arising.
Matters arising will be dealt with under their respective headings.
6. Correspondence.

1. Keep Wales Tidy.	Local Places for Nature, Free Plants.
2. One Voice Wales.	Innovative Practice Awards. 20/03/2020, Builth Wells
3. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.	Annual report
4. Clerks & Councils Direct.	Newsletter
5. Paul Davies	Newsletter
6. One Voice Wales	Newsletter
7. Planed.	Survey re. Community assets. Done by Clerk
8. PCC.	My Account information officer appointed
Calor.	Grants available under Rural Community Fund
7. Highways & Rights of Way.
Lower Freystrop Bus Shelter. Cllr Thomas had submitted an application for a grant under the Community Highways Grant Scheme.
Cllr Thomas said there had been complaints of vehicles misusing the bridleway from the end of Moorland Road to Dredgemans Hill.

7. Highways & Rights of Way/Continued

Cllr Thomas said that the surface of the Chapel car park was being damaged by large vehicles and that the Chapel intended to put up a barrier. Cllr M. John said that grants might be available under the Welsh Church Act, which was administered by PCC.

8. Planning Matters.

19/1206/PA. Variation of internal layout at 7 Poplar Close, Freystrop.

19/0924/PA. Change of use and conversion of existing storage barn to provide lettable holiday accommodation has been withdrawn.

Cllr Thomas reminded everyone that the closing date for comments on the LDP was 4.30pm on Wednesday 18th March 2020.

9. Village Hall.

Cllr Thomas said that PAVS membership had been renewed for 2020/2021 at a cost of £35. Bank Balances,

Current Account. £3129, Deposit Account. £1601.17 on 28/02/2020.

Cllr Thomas said that booking level was excellent, but that a number of requests for WIFI in the hall had been made. Friendly Freystrop had offered a contribution towards the cost. Cllr R. Harries was tasked with obtaining costings for the installation and running costs of installing WIFI.

10. Cemetery.

Cllr Thomas said that there had been an excellent response by PCC to fallen and dangerous tree branches at the cemetery. Request had been made at 12.30pm and the branches cleared by 3.30pm the same day.

Better signage was still being awaited.

Cllr Thomas said that he had asked for the grass verges to be replaced with tarmac in the upper and lower car parks.

11. Playing Field.

Cllr Thomas said that further quotations for a replacement climbing frame and slide were being sought. He said that he had put a message on Facebook asking for fundraising volunteers with no success.

A report had been received from PCC on the state of the remaining equipment which did not make pleasant reading. Cllr M. John said that several other community councils had received similar reports and gave the reason for the report. He reported that the Cabinet at PCC had today given a grant of £7500 to an organisation towards a play area.

12. PCC Liaison & One Voice Wales Area Meetings.

Cllr Thomas said he had attended a One Voice Wales meeting on 11th February 2020, which had featured a presentation by Geraldine Murphy of the Citizens Advice Bureau. 5000 local people had been helped during the course of one year by only 35 volunteers. Cllr Thomas said that at the April meeting he would propose that the Community Council donate £50 to CAB, (Agenda April)

The Welsh Government were expected to make an announcement that Five Million Pounds would be available for Environmental projects. This has not been announced to date.

Cllr Thomas said that One Voice Wales/Pembs C C are planning to hold a seminar for councillors and clerks in September with presentations on various topics.

One Voice Wales were looking for funding for a Pembs Development Officer.

12. Continued. The One Voice Wales Chief Executive had expressed disappointment that the Welsh Government had only included three or four recommendations in the Elections and Democracy Bill out of the forty five suggested by One Voice Wales.

13. Financial Matters.

Bank Balance as at 03/03/2020. £17509.68

Accounts for payment.

Clerks wages. January, February, March.

14. County Councillors Report.

Cllr M. John said that PCC,s Cabinet had met that day and one of the items discussed was a review of farm estates.

The County Council had decided to increase Council Tax by 5%.

Recycling Targets. Cllr John said that Pembrokeshire was the top recycling county in Wales and since the new recycling system had been introduced, recycling had been increased from 60% to 72%.

The Council were introducing measures to counter fly tipping and people who reported fly tipping may be eligible for a monetary reward. He stated that householders who used waste carriers had to ensure that the carriers were licensed, if the carriers fly tipped the householder would be liable.

New school at Haverfordwest. Cllr John said that the Welsh Government had withdrawn objections to the new entrance so the scheme was moving forward.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys had stated the police will focus on rural crime.

There had been complaints of speeding and Cllr John hoped that the Go Safe van would be able to attend the area.

15. Members Requests.

None.

16. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th April 2020.