**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 4th February 2020 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, Barrie Griffiths, Gerallt Miles, Gerwyn Williams, TC Griffiths and Peter James

**Apologies:** Cllr Michelle Bateman PCC

**Declarations of Interest:** The following declared an interest in specific matters on the agenda.

Cllr BJ Harries – Officer and Member of Penybont Chapel

Cllr Barrie Griffiths – Committee Member of Treffgarne Village Hall

Cllr TC Griffiths – Officer and Member at Penybont

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 7th January 2020 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** Cllr Peter James reported that he had spoken to Mr Michael George regarding the issues raised in the previous meeting. It was felt that the situation has improved slightly, but there is still a long way to go. It was felt that an appeal should be made to farmers and contractors to be more sympathetic, and take more consideration of other road users .Cllr BJ Harries agreed that he would try to see a local farmer, with regards to the issues relating to the verges etc adjacent to his property.

**Risk Assessment:** A revised copy of the Risk Assessment was presented to Council which was adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**Financial Regulations:** A revised copy of the Financial Regulations was presented to the meeting which was adopted and signed by the Chairman

**County Council Matters:-** Cllr Bateman was not present therefore there was nothing to report

**Local Development Plan:** The Council will be undertaking an eight-week consultation on Deposit LDP documents between 15th January and 11th March 2020. A hard copy was received for consideration, otherwise the Clerk had forwarded the information to the Councillors.

**Finances:** The Clerk presented the most recent Bank Statement (No.31), up to 31st December 2019, and records that there is £6683:42 (**Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Three Pounds and Forty Two Pence**) in the account. This includes the final Precept of £1450 (**One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty** Pounds) for the year ending March 31 2020

As the end of the financial year was approaching, it was agreed by Councillors that in light of the possibility of the Community Council having to pay for future CC elections that it would be advisable to reduce the sums of money distributed to the organisations that this Council supports annually. It was agreed therefore to donate the following sums of money:-

[a] Wales Air Ambulance £25:00 **(Twenty Five Pounds)**

[b] St Dogwells Parish Welfare £120:00 **(One Hundred and Twenty Pounds)**

[c] Penybont Chapel £120:00 **(One Hundred and Twenty Pounds)**

[d] Crossroads Care £25:00 **(Twenty Five Pounds)**

[e] Pembrokeshire Samaritans £25:00 (**Twenty Five Pounds)**

[f] Spirit of Youth £30:00 **(Thirty Pounds)**

[g] Urdd Gobaith Cymru £25:00 **(Twenty Five Pounds)**

[h] Fishguard YFC £40:00 **(Forty Pounds)**

[i] Wolfscastle in Bloom £40:00 **(Forty Pounds**)

[j] Treffgarne Village Hall £45:00 **(Forty Five Pounds)**

[k] Wolfscastle Festival (Defib) £40:00 **(Forty Pounds)**

It was agreed to pay Welsh Water the sum of £14:01 (**Fourteen Pounds and One Penny**) for water used at the Fountain.

It was also agreed to pay the Clerk £1700:00 **(One Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds)** this to include his salary and expenses for the year 2019 / 2020. The Clerk left the meeting whilst this matter was being discussed. On his return, the Clerk thanked the Councillors, and reported that this money is declared in his Annual Tax Expenses Claim Form, to comply with HMRC regulations, as filled in by Mr Graham Morgan, Accountant.

The Clerk reported that no invoice has yet been received for the Annual Audit from the Wales Audit Office for the year 2018 / 2019. It was also reported that probably an invoice will be received in due course from One Voice Wales for membership for 2020 / 2021.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence were received and noted:

PCC enclosing acknowledgement receipt of the precept for £4680:00 for the Financial Year 2020 / 2021.

Wales Air Ambulance Annual Review for years 2018 / 2019

**AOB:** The following issues was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

Cllr Peter James reported that there are potholes in the road in the Welsh Hook area.

Cllr TC Griffiths reported trees and branches lodged under the River Anghof Bridge, mention was also made that there are other branches further up the river that could eventually flow down and cause further obstruction under the bridge.

Cllr Gerwyn Williams expressed concern that there are lorries parking in front and obstructing the Post Box in The Harp Layby.

Cllr BJ Harries reported that he was disappointed with the new Bus Shelters that have been erected in the Village. Cllr Harries felt that there should be sides placed on the Bryn Gomer Shelter and a front placed on the shelter adjacent to the School.

Cllr Harries also queried as to why the two Smallholdings within the Community are empty for so long and losing rent for these farms. He felt that a new tenant should move in immediately after the previous one has moved out.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting to be held at Penybont Chapel Vestry on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 8:00p.m.

 **Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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