**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. M Bateman, PCC., M Barrie Griffiths (Chairman), Gerallt Miles, GJ Williams, Peter James and BJ Harries.

**Apologies:** Cllr TC Griffiths.

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 4th February 2020 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** In response to issues raised in previous meetings, the following were reported to the meeting:-

An email was received from Emrys Llewelyn PCC stating that he has asked for the potholes to be filled. With regards to the condition of the road at the Glancleddau Junction with the A40(T), he has asked Robert Evans to keep an eye on the situation and if it worsens then it will have to be resurfaced.

With regards to the Community Council’s disappointment with the new Bus Shelters, Mr Owen Roberts reported that the shelters provided have been possible based on the Trunk Road and Disability Discrimination Act requirements.

A response was received from NRW stating that the issue raised with regards to tree trunks etc lodging under the arches of the River Anghof has been forwarded to the incidents team, and that they should reply in due course.

With regards to lorries parking in the Harp Inn lay-by, Letterston and obstructing the Post Box, James Gibson, Operations Manager in the Welsh Governments reports that the layby provides a rest area for the travelling public and as such we would not look to introduce any restrictions. The post box in question is the responsibility of the Royal Mail and any requests for changes to and /or relocation should be address to them.

With regards to the 2 Council Farms within the community, Mr Tim Bullock reports that **Wernllwyd** has been advertised to let since December of last year. The closing date for applications was Friday 7th February. We have another good response and will be shortlisting and interviewing over the next few weeks with a new tenant being appointed hopefully for 25th March.

There have been a few internal moves on the Estate recently, the tenants of West Ford moved to Clover Hill in Solva, the current tenants of Wernllwyd are in the process of moving into West Ford, which is why the opportunity to re-let Wernllwyd has come about. Unfortunately, the logistics regarding animal movements, bio security, welfare and rationalisation schemes plus works the Landlord may have to do mean that tenants cannot move over night, but they are done as quickly as we can for everyone’s benefit.

**Rock View Farm** was subject to a farm business tenancy due to expire on 25th March this year, this was surrendered early, and PCC took back control of the holding on 8th January. It is our intention to re-let the holding as a starter unit, however, before we can consider this there are other works that will need to be carried out on the farm over the next few months. We would hope to be in a position to be able to advertise the holding for re-letting in the next 4 – 6 weeks.

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman reported that the full Council that met recently and that the budget and council tax increase of 5% recommended by the Cabinet had been passed. Cllr Bateman also referred to LDP asking Councillors to study and if necessary, respond to it as this is a critical document as it sets out the development framework which is used to determine planning applications until 2033. Cllr also referred to the County Farms review and said that there had been a very positive report as a result of the consultation.

**Finances:** Balance in Bank as of 28th February 2020 £4560:12 (**Four Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds and Twelve Pence.**)

It was reported that a receipt of the precept for £4680, had been received from Mr Jon Haswell, Director of Resources PCC.

It was agreed to pay One Voice Wales Membership Fee of £98:00 (**Ninety-Eight Pounds**) for the year 2020 / 2021.

An invoice had been received from the Wales Audit Office for the Audit of Accounts 2018 / 2019. It was agreed to pay the bill due for £239:75 (**Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine Pounds and Seventy Five Pence**).

**Internal Auditor 2018 / 2019:** It was agreed by the Councillors to invite Mr Eric Williams, once again to be the Internal Auditor for the Council, and for a letter of engagement be sent to Mr Williams outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Council and the Internal Auditor.

**Grass Cutting:** The Clerk reported that he had received 2 quotes for the Grass Cutting of the Amenity Area opposite the Chapel to include strim around all the benches, trees, monument and display boards. Cut the grass and collect. Leave the grass on site in the compost container provide. The grass bank that runs from the green down to the river to be stimmed when necessary throughout the summer. Also, the narrow strip in front of the wall towards the bridge.

It was agreed by Councillors to accept the quotation given by Mr Tim Brookes of £24:00 per cut, and this price will stand for 2020 and 2021 Seasons.

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

PCC Public Notice that the unclassified road towards Wolfscastle from its junction with access to the property known as Llety Danbarch will be closed for 3 days from Monday 24th February for Telegraph Poe replacement works.

An invitation had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a day conference at the Dyfed-Powys Police Headquarters on the 6th March 2020, which this year is an exploration of Policing in Rural Areas.

Acknowledgements had been received from Pembrokeshire Samaritans, Wales Air Ambulance and Friends of Crossroads for donations received from this Council.

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

Cllr BJ Harries reported a black bin bag dumped on the Sealyham Crossroads, also a Street Light not functioning outside Penybont Chapel.

Cllr Gerallt Miles expressed concern that there is overhanging vegetation that needs cutting back at Temple Springs, Treffgarne.

Cllr Barrie Griffiths thanked Cllr Miles for cutting back the overgrown vegetation opposite Treffgarne Village Community Centre. Cllr Griffiths also reported a pothole opposite No 7, Meadow Park, Treffgarne.

The Clerk raised the question would it be acceptable to deposit Minute Books etc. in the Pembrokeshire County Council Archives. It was agreed by the Councillors that for the safe keeping of these important documents that the Clerk should make arrangements to take the books to the Archives.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 7th April 2020 at 8:00p.m.

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

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