

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 9thth September 2020 held at the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs John Cole, Alison Palmer, Nick Stamp, Janice Morgan, Mary Owen, Cheryl Gulliksen (Clerk)

The Chair Cllr John Cole Opened the meeting

1. Apologies: Cllr Lisa O'Sullivan

2. Minutes of March 2020 Meeting – Cllr Cole signed off minutes as presenting a true and accurate record.

Proposed as accepted by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Stamp

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes – Chair will follow up on lights situation in relation to the Zebra Crossing. It was felt there may have been an initial delay in the action required but this is now thought to be a matter to be actioned.

Proposed by Cllr Stamp and seconded by Cllr Owen

4. Correspondence

No Correspondence to discuss.

5. Feedback

County Councillors report

- The County Council are still meeting virtually . Meetings are held on line and public offices remain closed to the public.

Financial accounts – outgoings

- Due to technical issues no financial report was available. This will be addressed and a copy of the report will be forwarded to all Councillors.

One Voice Wales

- OVW have still not released figures for membership priced for the forthcoming financial year. This is ongoing and an agenda item for membership to roll forward to next meeting with a view to consider ongoing membership.
- One meeting via Zoom with the Chief Executive since March.
- Very few Councils have ben active during lockdown period. It is hoped that activities will restart at the end of October or Early November.

Planning

- An application relating to Change of Use for two existing buildings on Mill Lane to be converted for holiday lets. No issues raised but it was noted that the Planning Department is working behind closed doors due to Covid-19.

School

- Nothing to report

Welfare committee

- Roof of Village Hall is to be replaced.
- Fund raising has been halted due to Covid-19
- Builder is due to be paid the final payment for the extension.
- Phase 2 is waiting to start. The delay is due to Covid-19
- A meeting will be taking place relating to future use and firm plans to be made and agreed.

Training

- No change, OVW currently do not have a programme of training for the South Wales area.

Community sharing group

- Nothing to report

6. Donations

- Request for donation to St Marks School for £250.
Proposed by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Morgan. All in favour.
- MBCC have been asked by the Welfare Committee for a donation of £5560 in relation to replacing the Village Hall roof. Cllr Cole declared a Conflict of Interest. This represents a share of the amount outstanding following the receipt of £10,000 received from the Welsh Assembly. Cllr Stamp raised the question of whether this amount can be allowed under the Constitution. Cllr Palmer will discuss this with Cllr O'Sullivan to clarify this and will report at the next meeting.

7. Membership of OVW 20/21

- Due to Covid-19 and the continued lack of information relating to costs, this to be carried forward to next Agenda.

8. Citizens Advice Pembrokeshire AGM

- No Councillors will be attending this virtual meeting.

9. Audit 2020

- **Finance committee to discuss and item to be moved forward to next meeting.**

10. Matters for Next Agenda

- October meeting will take place and ongoing meetings to be discussed.
- Lane management at the approach to Merlins Bridge Roundabout from Milford Haven direction – Cllr Cole will make enquiries to determine if this can be altered to avoid the narrowing situation which causes a bottleneck
- Vacancies and re-election to Council Offices – all to remain as they are. AGM postponed in line with guidance. Clerk advised this needs to be noted on website. Clerk does not have access to website at present.

Proposed by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Morgan. All agreed.

Meeting finished 8:25pm

Next Meeting 14th October 2020

Signed..... Dated