

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held online on
Monday 7th December 2020

**Present: Cllrs Jill Gibson (Chairman), David Hancock, Caroline Haley; Peter Horton (Clerk); P.S. Terri Harrison (visiting from Dyfed Powys Police by invitation).
Apologies : C’llrs Barbara Summons, Steve Davies.**

NOTE – The minutes to record that this meeting was held online via the Zoom video-conferencing platform due to the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, and members of the public were not invited to attend. This was as per the Welsh Government emergency Covid-19 regulations governing Community Council meetings.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Approval of the 2020 A.G.M.

The minutes were approved as written, and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’lir Caroline Haley, seconder C’lir David Hancock).

Approval of the November 2020 monthly meeting

It was agreed to remove from the item about the footpath in Barn Lane the phrase ‘as there was some suggestion of a possible unofficial alteration in the route’. With this amendment the minutes were approved as an accurate record, and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’lir David Hancock, seconder C’lir Jill Gibson).

Discussion of neighbourhood policing in Rosemarket

The Chairman welcomed P.S. Terri Harrison to the meeting.

C’lir Caroline Haley itemised the main areas that had been identified for discussion, as follows :

- A request for general advice regarding a possible Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the Village;
- A request for advice on how to tackle incidents of antisocial behaviour;
- A request for consideration to some kind of process to be followed if there was a crime in the village, to make local residents aware of what had occurred.

Each of the subject areas identified was addressed in turn, as follows :

Neighbourhood Watch schemes. P.S. Harrison said that a number of such schemes operated around the general area. Some were very proactive, others more dormant. The schemes locally were organised via the scheme called OurWatch, with all the relevant information being accessible online. She said that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme would be a lot to organise for the whole village. It would normally be recommended for one or two streets. She mentioned that the Police would contact co-ordinators of all schemes on a monthly basis to see if there were any issues or areas of concern. She mentioned that some scheme coordinators arranged coffee mornings periodically, to fund random timers, etc, for use by residents in the scheme area. If a crime should be reported on a street covered by a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, the Police would normally contact the scheme coordinator to ask if they had seen anything.

Advice on tackling incidents of anti-social behaviour. C’lir Caroline Haley mentioned that a specific concern was with group of teenagers in Village hanging around, looking into people’s gardens, behaving noisily, and generally causing a disturbance. There had also been a recent crime

in The Glades, where a bicycle was stolen (NOTE – it was understood that the bicycle had subsequently been returned, though in a seriously damaged condition). She was seeking advice on how best to respond to such situations. In response, P.S. Harrison recommended caution. Often in such situations, no criminal offence was actually involved. It was important to try and avoid intimidating them, but rather to ask if there is anything the community council can do proactively to support them. However, she did also say that if people were shouting and swearing in the street, this might well categorise as anti-social behaviour, and it would be appropriate to call 101. In respect of the specific crime connected with the theft of the bicycle, she said the investigation was still ongoing. However, she did undertake to check progress on this, and look at potential referrals for support, and possible avenues for restorative justice to be applied if the culprits were identified.

Process for notifying crimes reported in the Community. P.S. Harrison commented that feeding back to the Community details of all crimes committed or reported in the area would be overly-onerous, and possibly unsettling for the Community. She said that if any crime was reported which they felt needed to be publicised within the Community, the Police would take the initiative to make contact and flag this up.

C’lrr Caroline Haley also asked about the frequency and organising of patrols around the Village. P.S. Harrison commented that they had been under a great deal of pressure lately, so had not done the foot patrols that they had previously done. However, they patrol the village in vehicles periodically, in conjunction with other areas in the locality. They also call in to The Huntsman regularly to check on any issues of concern locally. However, realistically, their time has to be concentrated in areas with more problems, and Rosemarket is not one of these areas.

C’lrr Jill Gibson asked about combatting speeding in the Village. P.S. Harrison undertook to get their Speedwatch team out to the Village shortly, to carry out an assessment of the situation, and identify any potential problem areas. This could then form the basis of further actions after that. In response to a question from C’lrr Jill Gibson, she said that the Police did not fund convex mirrors for improved visibility. In response to a question about potential implementation of 20mph speed limits within the Village, especially in the vicinity of the Playground, she commented that this would be a matter for P.C.C. to address. She did, however, comment that for such a measure to be brought in, some problems would need to be demonstrated in the Village to warrant it.

Following the discussion, Members thanked P.S. Harrison for attending, after which she left the meeting.

Matters arising

Tree on The Beacon. Members were informed that this had now been felled and removed.

Dog-fouling signage. C’lrr David Hancock informed Members that the two signs were now up.

Footpath no. PP81/8/1, Barn Lane – Thurston Lane. C’lrr Jill Gibson informed Members that the sign had been replaced, the old stile replaced with a gate, and the hedges cut. Members were happy with what had been done. C’lrr David Hancock commented that a sign at the Thurston Lane end of the path was still missing. However, it was noted that this fell within Burton C.C. area.

Footpath to The Beacon. The Clerk had been informed by P.C.C. that they now intended to put a gate at the bottom end of the footpath, and would be asking for a contribution from R.C.C. towards the cost of this, as it was not something they would normally do.

Hedge at top of Middle Street. Members were informed that the hedge trimming had been done, and thanked C’llrs David Hancock and Caroline Haley for their work in accomplishing this. They hoped to do a bit more work there to complete the job.

Planning matters

Applications

20/0517/PA – Agricultural Grain Store; Site Address: Great Westfield Farm, Thurston Lane, SARDIS, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1LB – no comments.

20/0540/PA - Proposed residential annex ancillary to the host dwelling; Site Address: Sunny Hill Cottage, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JJ – no comments.

Correspondence

- 1) Richard Staden, P.C.C. – suggested planting schemes – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 2) Stewart Gray – request for improvements to footpath up from road to cycle path, adjacent to the old railway bridge – Members noted that the path was well used, and there was an old stile at the top of it. In its present condition, however, it was slippery and dangerous. Clerk to check on its status with P.C.C. If not currently included on the definitive list of footpaths, Clerk to ask for it to be added, based on historical usage.
- 3) Creative Play – invoice and signoff documents for swings – Members were happy with the work carried out. Invoice dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.
- 4) P.T.V.A. – Flexi bus info – noted.
- 5) O.V.W. – Consultation on planning policy concerning flooding – noted.
- 6) O.V.W. – Volunteering recovery grant information – noted.
- 7) P.C.C. – notification of forthcoming temporary road closure in West Street – noted.
- 8) Auditor – notification of audit completion – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.
- 9) Bob Merriman – Offer of Christmas tree – Clerk to reply, thanking him for the offer, but saying that it is now a bit late to make arrangements to install and light the tree this year, especially with all the current circumstances prevailing.
- 10) C’Ilr Rhys Jones – letter of resignation – Clerk to table agenda item for January to discuss how to mark C’Ilr Jones’ years of service to the Council. Clerk to place the vacancy notification on the Community webpage (proposer C’Ilr David Hancock, seconder C’Ilr Jill Gibson).
- 11) C’Ilr Barbara Summons – request for dispensation to not attend Community Council meetings, due to ill health and difficulty in getting online to attend remotely – Members agreed that the request should be granted, with a review in six months (proposer C’Ilr David Hancock, seconder C’Ilr Caroline Haley). In the meantime, all documentation such as minutes and agendas to continue to be sent to Barbara in the normal way.

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (salary and fixed expenses, October – December)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for above salary)	:	£202-94
Clerk (incidental expenses, June – November)	:	£76-69
Creative Play (final invoice for play equipment)	:	£2314-20 including VAT

2019/20 External Audit report.

Members accepted the report, which approved the accounts with no matters arising.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Caroline Haley, seconder C’Ilr David Hancock).

Discussion of possible tree-planting schemes for Village

A detailed email had been received from Richard Staden of P.C.C., providing detailed planting suggestions for the areas covered in the site visit with C’Ilr David Hancock. Some members had not been able to consider this in detail yet. Matter deferred until January meeting. Clerk to send a message to Mr. Staden, thanking him for the work undertaken, the suggestions made, and letting him know that the matter was due to be considered in detail at the January meeting.

Any other business

There was no other business for consideration.

Date of next meeting

Monday 4th January 2021

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm.