



Minutes of Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 2nd December 2020 Meeting held online via Starleaf conferencing @18.30

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr E Howells, Cllr K Watkins, Cllr A Ward, Mrs A Randall (clerk), County Cllr S Alderman (PCC), and member of the public, Mrs Jo-Anne Lewis.

Apologies: Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Parker

Declarations of interest: None declared.

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 4th November 2020 – ACC approved the minutes (which Cllr Williams will physically sign when COVID restrictions allow).

2. Matters arising and updates:

1. Action points from last meeting - Completed – with further updates below
2. West Angle Bay car park - Cllr Williams has written to Tegryn Jones at PCNPA requesting a meeting about the installation and location of ticket machines etc and is waiting for a response.
3. Playground renovation

Cllr Howells resubmitted the application to Enhancing Pembrokeshire and is awaiting the outcome.

Cllrs Williams and Ward, Tom Bean and Lenny Howells held a very useful site visit on 1st December with David Astins and Neil McCarthy from the environmental services dept at PCC to assess what needs to be undertaken before ACC agree to take over the site. Some of the existing boundary fences have rotted and they discussed whether they should be replaced or removed altogether. Going forward, some entrances will also need to be widened to allow disabled access and access for equipment to dredge the stream. Questions remain over the exact boundaries to the site and PCC agreed to contact the new owner of the school site to check his understanding. They need to confirm this before ACC agree to take the site over.

If ACC take over part (around a third) of the stream as proposed they will need to budget for dredging costs in the future. This is likely to be around £1,300 every 4 years and the cost will be shared proportionally with the new owner of the school. ACC may need to budget for this in the future.

Valero are keen to support the playground project and have asked Cllr Howells to submit an equipment maintenance plan for their consideration. Cllr Howells has subsequently written to Wicksteed to get an idea of what this cost is likely to be and is currently awaiting a reply. Once obtained, she will resubmit the request for support from Valero.

Neil (PCC) is familiar with Wicksteed and has asked to see the plan layout. Cllr Howells will request the latest plan from Dafydd Williams at Wicksteed and forward to Neil.

Action point – Cllr Howells will contact Wicksteed to ask them to supply the latest plans

Cllr Williams will also contact PCC to clarify future inspection costs if volunteers are trained to conduct informal inspections. A record keeping system will also need to be set up as safety records will need to be kept for up to 25 years.

4. Pontoon - Nothing to report this month as we are still waiting for feedback but this item will be kept on the agenda.
5. The Friends Tree and Hedgerow fund – ACC discussed whether this should be considered for the village but decided not to take this forward at this point. May reconsider at a later date.
6. List of Councillor responsibilities – Individual Community Councillors have signed up to take the lead on particular aspects for a number of years, but the current document is out of date as people have left and others have joined the team. Mrs Randall will draw up a new list for Cllrs to sign up to going forward.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will update the current list and circulate to Cllrs to sign up

7. Broadband improvement initiative for Angle Ward – PCC are running a broadband improvement initiative in the county and have set up a short online survey for residents to complete and register their interest. This has been publicised on ACC's Facebook and website pages. Cllr Alderman reported that a voucher for £1500 per household and £3000 per business is available to help with installation costs. A group had set up a separate Facebook page with further details and he will forward details of this to Mrs Randall.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will send details of the Facebook page mentioned to Mrs Randall to share on ACC's page

8. Erebus Community Fund – This will be available to local communities from around 2026/2027 when the production of energy is up and running. However, there may be some scope to support community projects in other ways before then so ACC agreed to make Blue Gem aware of the playground and pontoon etc

Action Point – Mrs Randall will contact David Jones at Erebus informing him of current local projects

9. Town and Country Council regulations – The link to the Town and Country Planning Strategic Development Plan was forwarded to ACC members on 17th November to review and comment by 4th January 2021.
10. Circular Economy Fund – Concerns cutting waste, repairing and recycling equipment, sewing etc. ACC agreed to ask residents whether they would like to set something up like this in the village. Details of how this is working elsewhere can be found at repaircafewales.org

Action Point – Mrs Randall will post some information on ACC's Facebook and web pages to ask residents whether they would like to take this forward

11. Update from County Councillor – Cllr Alderman briefly discussed some of the latest COVID restrictions and commended residents on the good job they had done in looking after each other since the start of the pandemic.
12. Next meeting – January's ACC meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday in the New Year. ACC agreed that as this is late, ie 13th January 2021, the meeting it would be better to hold this on the first Wednesday ie 6th January 2021. Exact details will be published nearer the time, but will be online.

3. Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions - As of 30th November 2020 the Current account balance is £2,697.64, Sun Edison account balance is £8,987.41, Reserve account is £4,010.66 and the Playground account is £11,453.13. Total held in bank accounts is £27,148.84.

2. Payments to be made - ACC approved payment of Clerk's salary of £261.00 (£240.40 to clerk and £20.60 to HMRC), and clerk's expenses of £7.49.
3. Precept request for 2021-2022 - ACC agreed to keep request at the same level as that for 2020-2021, as they felt they had sufficient in reserves to meet any unexpected costs.
4. External audit feedback – External auditors awarded an 'unqualified' audit report and reported that the information submitted in the annual return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters gave cause for concern. They drew attention to 2 minor matters; Box 14 on the accounting statement relating to trust funds had been left blank, and N/A should have been ticked, and Box 12, accounting for fixed assets, should have shown the original cost of the CC's laptop when purchased, not the current value. Both points were noted and should be easy to correct at next audit.

4. **Sun Edison community fund** – No new applications received.

5. **Planning issues**

- Bluegem online consultation [blue gem wind | floating offshore wind energy](#) – concludes mid-Dec. Mrs Randall will share consultation details on ACC Facebook page for residents to view and comment.
- Globe Hotel – application for licence to sell alcohol – ACC submitted comments by email on 24th November. The licencing committee will be meeting to decide the application on Tuesday 15th December at 10am and those submitting comments have been invited to attend online. Cllr Ward agreed to sit in on behalf of ACC.
- Rhoscrowther Wind Turbine application – ACC has been made aware that a pre-application submission for the installation of 5 very large turbines at Rhoscrowther has been made. This is deemed to be a Development of National Significance. ACC has not yet received any direct communication about this yet but will keep an eye on progress over the Christmas period. Further information can be found at [Rhoscrowther Wind Farm – Developments of National Significance \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#). Information on the website indicates that the consultation process will start in January 2021.

ACC also discussed the need to know more about how the planning department at PCNPA works in general.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will invite the planning dept at PCNPA to attend a future ACC meeting to talk about their approach to planning and how the department takes projects forward

Mrs Lewis reported that she has been made aware of some large projects which may be starting up in the area. She agreed to forward any information about this to ACC and Cllr Alderman.

6. **Highway Matters** – Update on roadworks at the Valero junction – PCC have undertaken some monitoring at the site of the roadworks and surrounding area following numerous complaints about poor driving and speeding and have found some serious speeding issues. As a result they are promising that they will be clamping down on any drivers ignoring the speed restrictions and penalties will be enforced.

Mrs Lewis confirmed that Stephen Benger (highways engineer at PCC) has contacted land owners along the B4320 to establish who owned the land each side of the road as they have plans to widen the passing places between this junction and Angle and may need to move hedgerows/boundaries. Mr Benger will be conducting a site visit with Cllrs Williams and Ward on 14th December.

Work at the junction is due to be completed by 18th December

7. Training –

- 'What you need to know before signing a lease' – Tuesday 10th November – Cllr Williams took part and has circulated feedback
- Financial Audit Webinar Tuesday 17th November – Feedback sent out 24th Nov. Cllr Williams reported that external audits would be conducted by the Welsh Audit Office from next year. A new system will be introduced which will be more comprehensive. There will be a 3-year cycle whereby an in-depth audit will be conducted every 3 years, with a lighter touch in the other years. ACC has not yet been informed which tier it will be allocated. It would be useful to know to enable the correct funds to be set aside as the in-depth audit will be more expensive.

8. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings

- PAVs virtual funding fair 16-20 November – no-one was available to attend
- Feedback from school governor's meeting – Cllr Watkins reported that there had been a substantial decrease (down around 30%) in the number of children attending the school, which will have a significant effect on the school's budget from 2021. Numbers are not forecast to rise until late 2021. As the school is set up to accommodate 120 this shortfall in funds is extremely worrying.

9. Communication received

- Milford Haven Waterway Recreation Management Plan
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Magazine
- Dementia Support Communities – new online resource and community activities
- Winter Wellness flier – PCC
- Digital Support in Pembrokeshire

The meeting finished at 20.20.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday 6th January 2021. This will be held online, platform to be decided.

Signed:

Date:

Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request