



Minutes of Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 6th January 2021
Meeting held online via Zoom @18.30

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr E Howells, Cllr E Parker, 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

Declarations of interest: None declared.

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 2nd December 2020 – ACC approved the minutes as written.

2. Matters arising and updates:

1. Action points from last meeting - Completed – with further updates below
2. West Angle Bay car park – In response to her letter requesting a meeting about the installation and location of ticket machines in the car park Cllr Williams received a reply from PCNPA explaining that in their opinion the points raised had been covered in previous communication. However, ACC felt that there had been some misunderstanding and that there were still points outstanding to resolve. Cllr Alderman offered to email PCNPA to explain the situation and to request a meeting himself.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will email PCNPA to request a meeting and, copying in ACC.

3. Playground renovation

Cllr Howells updated ACC with the following information –

- The bid submitted to the Police Community Fund has got through the initial sifting process. Cllr Howells has been asked to submit a short video to the awarding panel explaining the project by Friday 15th January in readiness for the outcome, which will be decided on 18th January. People from the village can sign up to vote for whichever projects they think should be awarded funding of up to £2,000. Cllr Howells will post information on Facebook.
- Valero have made a very generous donation of £10,000 to the playground fund, which ACC thank them for.
- Cllr Howells has also submitted a bid for funding to PCC's 2nd Home Council Tax Fund and they have acknowledged receipt. Now awaiting outcome/next steps.

Cllr Williams has been in touch with a solicitor who is an expert in land law to ask whether he would be able to provide the legal support needed in setting up the Community Asset Transfer, and whether he could provide this at reduced cost or on a pro bono basis.

Cllr Williams will also contact PCC to clarify future reduced inspection costs if volunteers are trained to conduct informal inspections.

4. Pontoon – David Jones from the Blue Gem Wind Project has indicated that they have surveys which may help to move this project forward and has asked to view what plans we have.

Action Point – Cllr Williams will contact Nigel Berry to ask for any plans that she can forward to David Jones

5. List of Councillor responsibilities – Mrs Randall has updated the list and will recirculate to councillors for information and to check whether they would be willing to take on other areas.

Action Point – Mrs Randall will send the updated list to councillors for information/further action

6. Erebus Community Fund – Although funding through their Community Fund will not be available until the project is up and running, David Jones has sent a very helpful reply offering support in a number of areas in the meantime as follows -

- Possibly covering solicitor fees internally so can help with advice on the Community Asset Transfer.
- They have Health and Safety Experts and Engineers that we may be able to ask for some advice on playground equipment.
- Support to Penrhyn school in terms of attending, providing information etc. They have just created an animation for schools about climate change <https://youtu.be/vTm7hmBUswQ> and are working with secondary schools in Pembrokeshire.
- They may have survey data that could help with taking the pontoon project forward.

ACC agreed to consider these offers of support so will keep Blue Gem in mind.

7. Village Communication - ACC discussed whether current methods of communication meet the needs of everyone in the village to engage with them to gain their views and disseminate information. ACC operate a Facebook page, a website, 2 noticeboards and also contribute to the village newsletter. Other communities have set up a WhatsApp group and this was discussed as a potential additional avenue but decided to keep things as they are for the time being. Community Councillors agreed to take this away and come back to the group with any further ideas.
8. Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing (MAFA) – Launch of public consultation on the strategy for an ageing society. Mrs Randall will include this topic on ACC's meeting agenda for February as the consultation lasts until March 2021. Those wishing to view the consultation document in the meantime can access via <https://gov.wales/strategy-ageing-society-age-friendly-wales>
9. Save a Life Cymru – Videos showing how to perform CPR and operate a defibrillator have been uploaded to ACC's Facebook page. More information is available at www.gov.wales/savealifecymru.
10. Keep Wales Safe Campaign – Mrs Randall reported that she had received communication on behalf of the Welsh Government aimed at promoting the use of healthcare services during the pandemic. Campaign material has been promised from January 2021 onwards for ACC to promote.
11. Countryside Code Survey – ACC has been invited to participate in this survey which mainly covers England. ACC agreed there was nothing to contest so declined to complete, given the short notice (11th January).
12. Update from County Councillor – Cllr Alderman gave an update on the road realignment at the Valero junction and listened to ACC's concerns about safety. He is currently awaiting results of a speed monitoring exercise taking place, which he will share with ACC. 4 Mirehouse Place is still unoccupied and causing problems for neighbours so he agreed to report this to the Housing Dept again.

He also asked ACC to remind people to sign up to the online Angle project to get faster broadband installed in the peninsula. ACC explained there are also problems with BT phone lines being inadequate, which he was not aware of this so will add this to his discussions taking this project forward.

Action Point – Cllr Alderman will share ACC’s concerns with Stephen Benger at PCC and will establish the situation with 4 Mirehouse Place.

13. Census 2021 – Preparations are underway to conduct this year’s Census, which will take place on 21st March 2021. Recruitment is currently underway to hire 30,000 field staff across England and Wales and further information is expected as we approach this date. Anyone needing further information at this stage can view online at census.gov.
14. Review of online platforms and next meeting – ACC have used Zoom and Starleaf to meet over the last few months. Both offered free trials to test the product out but going forward ACC may need to take out a subscription, costing around £15 a month. Cllr Williams suggested holding the next meeting via Microsoft Teams and ACC agreed to test this out in advance.

3. Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions - As of 31st December 2020 the Current account balance is £4,477.04 (final instalment of precept paid in on 23rd December), Sun Edison account balance is £8,987.64, Reserve account is £4,010.66 and the Playground account is £21,453.13. Total held in bank accounts on that date was £38,928.47.
2. Payments to be made - ACC approved payment of Clerk’s salary of £261.00 (£240.60 to clerk and £20.40 to HMRC), and clerk’s expenses of £7.49 and reimbursement of the cost of stamps and postage for £9.72 to Cllr Williams. The invoice from Grant Thornton for £389.35 for the external audit had arrived on 5th January and ACC approved payment.

The cheque paying Mrs Randall’s salary and expenses for November appears to have gone missing in the post. Mrs Randall has put a stop on the cheque but this will incur a charge.

3. 3-year audit cycle – The responsibility for undertaking external audits will pass back to the Welsh Audit office from 2021. Councils will now enter a 3-year cycle whereby an in-depth audit is conducted once every 3 years, with a lighter touch in the other 2 years. ACC have been informed that their accounts will not undergo the extensive checking process until the accounts for 2022-2023 are examined. Exact details of each audit are not yet known so ACC will keep an eye on proceedings.

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

5. Planning issues

- Rhoscrowther Wind Turbine application – ACC has been notified formally that a pre-application submission for the installation of 5 large turbines at Rhoscrowther has been made, which is a Development of National Significance. 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 discussed the possibility of setting up an online meeting, including a local press reporter, to get residents’ views to collate and reply to the planning application. Further action will be taken when the formal planning application process starts.

Action Point – Community Councillors to make villagers aware of the plans and to encourage them to view the detailed plans online in preparation for the Roycrofter next stage of the planning application process.

- Globe Hotel – application for licence to sell alcohol – PCC licencing committee approved the licencing application subject to the condition that the roof terrace is not used when licensable activities are in operation.

- Mast at South Studdock Farm – Planning application approved on 9th December 2020.

6. Highway Matters

Valero Junction - Realignment work at the Valero junction has now been completed. However, a number of safety concerns have been raised including the following:

- There appears to be a discrepancy of speed between 50 mph from the new layout towards Pembroke which contradicts the national speed limit towards the junction.
- The rumble strips that have been installed are not noticeable enough whilst driving over them to be effective and slow vehicles down.
- Visibility of the access to the Angle turn from Pembroke is very poor in the dark, with inappropriate signage even in daylight.
- It would also be helpful to put some chevrons in to 'steer' drivers around the bend for safety.

Action Point – Cllr Williams will write to Steve Benger at PCC setting out these concerns and requesting safety improvements

Concerns have also been raised about the welfare of the children on the school bus as incidents of poor driving and overtaking dangerously have been witnessed. Valero have offered to pay for the installation of dashcams front and rear but PCC have previously raised data protection issues.

Action Point – Cllr Watkins will email the head of Penrhyn school to establish the issues, copying in Cllr Alderman.

7. Training – Details of online training sessions run by OVW recirculated to Community Councillors on 6th January - no interest shown in attending.

8. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings

- Cllr Ward will attend Power Station Stakeholder meeting on 24th February 2021 on behalf of ACC.

9. Communication received

- NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021 – to be included on the agenda for February

The meeting finished at 20.20.

Next Scheduled Meeting – **Wednesday 3rd February 2021**. This will be held online, platform to be decided.

Signed:

Date:

Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request