

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held online on
Monday 1st February 2021

Present: Cllrs Jill Gibson (Chairman), David Hancock, Caroline Haley, Steve Davies; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C’llr Barbara Summons.

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 minutes of the January 2021 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record, and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’llr David Hancock, seconder C’llr Steve Davies).

Matters arising

Woodhouse Barn. The Clerk had had a conversation with the planning enforcement investigation, following a telephone conversation with the Planning Enforcement Officer. A site visit had not yet been made, though the officer was aware of the location of the cabins. He was in the process of arranging to write to the owner to request an application for the cabins.

Marina, Middle St. The Clerk confirmed that he had received a formal written acknowledgement of the investigation, and had been informed that the owner had been contacted and requested to submit a planning application for the unauthorised works.

Planning matters

Decisions

20/0717/PA - Proposed agricultural building (grain store); Great Westfield Farm, Thurston Lane, SARDIS, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1LB

Correspondence

- 1) Mr. Kevin Lowther – Complaint about alleged use of litter bins by council member to deposit dog mess - Clerk to respond to say this was not a R.C.C. matter, and to say that the Council is not willing to engage in further correspondence on the matter. It was reported that P.C.C. had investigated the matter, and found no problem or action necessary.
- 2) P.C.C. – Invitation to seminar to discuss closer working between P.C.C. and town and community councils – C’llr Caroline Haley and the Clerk had attended the seminar.
- 3) P.C.C. – acknowledgement of complaint regarding ramp at Marina, Middle Street – dealt with in ‘Matters Arising’ above.
- 4) Mr. John O’Boyle – Expression of interest in joining Community Council – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 5) P.C.C. – Forms for use in applying to register a public right of way – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 6) Planed – Invitation to nominate a youth representative – Following consultation with Members, the Clerk confirmed that he had sent off an expression of interest that morning.

Accounts

Payments

Tom Greenwood (noticeboard repairs)	:	£ 80-00
Wales Audit Office (external audit, 2019/20)	:	£239-25

The above items were agreed by Members (proposer C’llr Caroline Haley, seconder C’llr Jill Gibson).

Discussion of tree-planting schemes for Village

C’llr David Hancock had examined the schemes, and searched for suitably sized trees, especially for the area by the bus shelter. The cost was around £155-£160 for a 7’ high tree, and two would be needed for the space alongside the bus shelter.

Other possible suppliers of trees were mentioned, including Grandiflora at St. Florence, and Ty Rhos near Brynberian.

Regarding the other areas in the Village, C’llr David Hancock suggested that developing them could potentially be suitable for involvement of the Youth Representative if that was to go ahead in the future. However, it was suggested that it would be too wet to do much on those areas at present anyway.

The Clerk reported that he had been in conversation with officers in P.C.C. Streetcare. They had confirmed that their permission would be needed prior to any work on P.C.C.-owned land, which would include the area around the bus shelter. As part of any permission granted, they would supply information on underground services. Clerk to chase them up, as nothing further had been heard. Clerk to also contact Planed to ask if any grants would be available to progress the schemes.

Discussion of re-opening meetings to members of the public to attend

Members agreed that meetings would be re-opened to the public commencing in April (proposer C’llr Steve Davies, seconder C’llr David Hancock). It was confirmed that this would also include the public forum.

Discussion of litter problem along Rosemarket – Neyland Road

Members had noted that a lot of litter had been dumped along the road from Rosemarket towards Neyland. C’llr Jill Gibson pointed out that this road crossed into the Llanstadwell C.C. area at the old railway bridge. C’llr Caroline Haley commented that there was a lot of rubbish in the vicinity of the bridge, and the situation had got much worse in recent times. She had spoken to P.C.C. about it while in conversation about an unrelated matter. They had said that MacDonalds and Dominos often arrange litter picks in the vicinity of their premises as a public relations exercise. However, Members noted that not all the rubbish was from these premises by any means. C’llr David Hancock suggested a litter-picking session as far as the bridge, on Friday 5th February. Other Members agreed to join in this effort if possible. C’llr David Hancock mentioned that the Church Road lane out of the Village was also quite bad with a lot of cans left along there.

C’llr Hancock also mentioned that some blue bags of rubbish had been left along the road to Sentry Cross, between the sharp bend by the cycle path crossing and the electricity sub-station. Clerk to report this to P.C.C. with a request to remove the rubbish.

Discussion of co-option to fill vacancy for council member following the resignation of C’llr Rhys Jones

One application had been received, from Mr. John O’Boyle of The Beacon. Members voted to co-opt Mr. O’Boyle (proposer C’llr Jill Gibson, seconder C’llr David Hancock). C’llr David Hancock to contact Mr. O’Boyle to inform him, and Clerk to arrange the administrative formalities with Mr. O’Boyle.

Discussion of possible application for registration of access footpath up bank by old railway bridge as a public right of way

The Clerk had received all the requisite forms from P.C.C. for an application to be made. Clerk to prepare a map to accompany the user evidence forms, and circulate to all members by email. All members to then see what evidence could be amassed by word of mouth. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item again for March.

Any other business

Defibrillators. C’llr David Hancock reported that the batteries had been replaced in the cabinet screamers. The pads on the defibrillator by the Huntsman were out of date, and he was working on obtaining replacements. He noted that there had been no activity on the Cariad site since early 2020. Clerk to try and contact Cariad to ascertain the current situation with them. Also, Clerk to check how long the defibrillators had been in situ and let C’llr David Hancock know, to inform a decision on when the batteries would need renewing. Questions were asked about training to use the defibrillators. It was pointed out that they were supposed to be capable of use without any specialist training. Nonetheless, training had been arranged when the units were first installed, but had only been attended by about 6 people. It was noted that organising any training sessions at the current time would, in any case, be difficult.

Date of next meeting

Monday 1st March 2021, 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 8-10pm.