**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mr. Wyn Williams, Mr. Dewi Lewis, Mrs. Anne Thomas, Mrs. Susan Collins, Cllr Bob Kilmister and Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Nil
2. Minutes of the last meeting 27.01.21

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. It was proposed by Dewi, seconded by Anne that they were a true record and were signed.

1. Matters arising from the minutes

* Resurfacing on the Llysydefaid to Garndeifog road – this is on the surface dressing list.
* Large shed at Penlan Oleu – no update.
* Sink hole by Smyrna Chapel – No update.
* Potholes on Puncheston to Little Newcastle road – this is on the surface dressing list.
* Bend sign on the Trecwn Road – new sign in place.
* Christmas lights (PAT Test) and Christmas tree (risk assessment) – The Invoice for the PAT test not yet received.
* Grit bin on Essex Hill – The location would be halfway up the hill from Puncheston on the verge on the right-hand side. The Clerk will contact PCC to find out prices.

1. Highway matters

Anne commented on the amount of rubbish being dumped/thrown into the hedges on the road between Little Newcastle and Letterston. Bob advised to report any fly tipping to PCC. Since the pandemic, volunteers within communities across Pembrokeshire have been out collecting rubbish and

PCC are looking at ways to reward people who keep their neighborhoods tidy.

1. Planning

Nothing to report.

1. Alison’s resignation/Casual vacancies/additional signatory

Alison has decided to resign as Councillor with immediate effect, her letter was read out. It was agreed to arrange for a card and flowers to be sent to her which Wyn agreed to arrange. There are now two vacancies to fill, and the Clerk will arrange for the notice to displayed. Alison was a signatory, and it was agreed that Anne would be Alison’s replacement. The Clerk will arrange for the necessary forms from Barclays Bank.

1. Cwm Gwaun & Puncheston Broadband project

PCC has set up a community working group which will hold regular update meetings which members will be invited to attend. Members from the community have been encouraged to register their interest by completing an online survey. PCC will receive funding from Central and Welsh Government to deliver this project. The package of unlimited broadband fibre to the door will cost £19.99 per month for a 12-month contract. The more people who register the more money PCC can claim however, PCC will make up any shortfall. Any business that signs up will acheive a grant of £6000. PCC will put forward a choice of three contractors, Broadway Partners, British Telecommunications and Dyfed Telecommunications then the public will decide which contractor they want.

1. Puncheston village green wall

Delme Harries has reported that the render in places on the wall of the village green is in a poor state. It was suggested to ask Delme to send photos of the wall. Wyn agreed to stop and have a look if he was passing.

1. Correspondence

Welsh Government consultation – Litter and Fly-tipping prevention Plan for Wales. Consultation will close 22 April 2021 and One Voice Wales will be submitting a response on behalf of all community councils. Views from the Community Council is sought to feed into their response. Anne offered to look at the consultation and draft comments by the next meeting.

1. Any other matters

Bob for information only said that PCC had received a complaint regarding tree felling which has taken place without the necessary permissions on common land in Puncheston. Limited permission was granted, but the works have exceeded the permission.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

Date of the next meeting via Zoom was agreed as 31st March 2021 at 7.30pm

NB: Due to the meeting being held remotely the signing of minutes and cheques etc. will be done at a later date.