

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Jill Gibson (Chairman), David Hancock, Caroline Haley, John O'Boyle; Peter Horton (Clerk);

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.

The Chairman welcomed C'llr John O'Boyle to his first meeting.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Approval of the minutes of the February 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 Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr David Hancock).

Matters arising

Woodhouse Barn planning enforcement investigation. The Clerk had heard nothing further to date.

Marina, Middle St. planning enforcement investigation. – The Clerk had heard nothing further to date.

Defibrillators. C'llr David Hancock informed Members that both defibrillators now had in-date pads. Members thanked C'llr Hancock for arranging that.

Public access to meetings. It was agreed that members of the public wishing to join the meetings as observers, or to make representations in the Public Forum, could be advised to obtain login details from the Clerk.

Planned. The Clerk informed Members that no response had yet been received from Planed regarding either the enquiry about assistance with sourcing grant funding for tree-planting, or regarding grant funding for a Youth Representative.

Planning matters

Decisions

20/0575/PA - Barn conversion to 4 no one bedroom residential units for use in conjunction with care home; Site Address: Big House, Front Street, Rosemarket, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JT.

Correspondence

1) O.V.W. – Message confirming that grants of dispensation for Members to miss meetings needed to be reviewed every six months – noted.

2) Jackie Prest – Letter of concern about litter on Bastleford Road – noted. The Clerk had acknowledged the message. Members were informed that this area had subsequently been litter-picked by C'llrs Jill Gibson and David Hancock, with a substantial quantity of litter having been collected. Members were also informed that the road out of the Village as far as the boundary with

Jordanston had also been litter-picked.

3) I.R.P. – 2021 report on remunerations – Members resolved that the determinations for the 2021/22 financial year should be left unchanged from the current 2020/21 year (proposer C’lir Jill Gibson, seconder C’lir Caroline Haley). It was agreed that cheques would be sent out in May to any Members who had not informed the Clerk of an intention to waive the allowance.

4) O.V.W. – Training sessions – noted. The Clerk mentioned that under the new Local Government legislation due to take effect after the Senedd elections in May, all community councils would be required to publish training plans for Members and Clerks. Other changes due to be introduced under the new legislation were also briefly mentioned.

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (salary / fixed expenses, January – March 2021)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for Clerk for January – March 2021)	:	As per contract

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

Discussion of tree-planting schemes for Village

The Clerk read the message from Mr. Marc Owen of P.C.C. Streetcare. This appeared to discourage tree-planting on verge areas, due to potential problems with verge maintenance. Members considered the area by the bus shelter as not a typical verge area. Clerk to ask Mr. Owen for comments on the specific proposal by the bus shelter, as proposed by the P.C.C. Landscape Officer. Mr. Owen to be asked for search information for this area, as well as the triangle opposite the Village Hall. Clerk to check with the P.C.C. Common Land Officer about any administrative requirements needed in connection with the tree-planting proposals for The Beacon. Clerk to ask the P.C.C. Landscape Officer Mr. Richard Staden for advice on controlling Blackthorn, which had been observed to be encroaching from the hedge into the open area around the perimeter of The Beacon.

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

The area in question had been determined as not in R.C.C. area, but rather in the Llanstadwell C.C. area. However, Members were still inclined to pursue the path registration, as it was felt that Rosemarket residents were the ones likely to use it most. Clerk to contact Llanstadwell C.C. to inform them of this, and invite their assistance / input in obtaining user evidence statements. Clerk to print 10 copies of the form and accompanying map, and deliver these to C’lir Jill Gibson.

Arrangements for annual risk assessment of community assets / financial matters.

Clerk to renew the financial risk assessment. C’lir Steve Davies had offered to undertake the annual asset risk assessment. Clerk to contact C’lir Davies to ask him to proceed with this.

Any other business

Watery Lane. Members noted that there was a lot of water / algae on the road surface, due in part to inadequate road drainage, possibly due to poor and inadequate drainage repairs carried out some years previously. This had resulted in water flowing under the carriageway surface, instead of down a pipe to the side of the road. It was also mentioned that the widened section by the junction of Watery Lane with Barn Lane was also breaking down. Matter to be tabled for discussion in April.

Litter picking. Members noted recent concerns expressed over litter in various locations in the community area. It was reiterated that litter-picking could not be formally organised by the

Community Council, due to insurance concerns. Also, while Members were willing to carry out litter-picking on a personal / voluntary basis, the Community Council has no formal or statutory responsibility in this area. C’lir David Hancock mentioned that he had met some P.C.C. workers who had expressed appreciation for the litter-picking carried out by Members, and offered further supplies of materials and equipment to assist. They had also undertaken to collect the bags of litter collected.

Highway safety assessment. The Clerk confirmed that nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding this matter. Clerk to chase this up. Clerk to contact the individual who had initially raised the issue of the footpath up to the cycle path, and let him know of the steps being taken by the Community Council to address this. Mention to be made in the message of the user evidence forms, and these to be sent to him if required.

Road surfacing repairs on road to Jordanston. It was understood that this work was due to have been completed during this financial year, but had not been completed. Clerk to chase this up with P.C.C.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th April 2021, 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 8-35 pm.