**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 31st March 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 24.02.21

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. One amendment required was to add Bob Kilmister to the ‘present’ list. It was proposed by Susan, seconded by Dewi that they were a true record and were signed.

1. Matters arising from the minutes

* Large shed at Penlan Oleu – no update.
* Sink hole by Smyrna Chapel – has been filled/repaired.
* Christmas lights (PAT Test) – The Invoice for the PAT test not yet received. The Clerk will chase up.
* Grit bin on Essex Hill – The cost of a bin is approximately £150.00. It was agreed to not buy one now, but to revisit September/October.

1. Highway matters
2. Good news, the resurfacing works have commenced on the Puncheston to Little Newcastle Road.
3. Susan reported a dead badger which has been in the hedge for two weeks and is starting to decay. It has been reported to PCC but hasn’t been removed. Bob agreed to chase up.
4. Planning
5. NP/21/0202/FULL – Cold storage building in association with existing farm shop – Lodor Ganol Farmshop, B4313 junction C3009 Bwlch-Wyniad to Junction B4329 Yr Hen Dafarn Newydd, Mofil – it was agreed to support this application.
6. 20/0941/PA – Erection of dwelling – Vacant land adjacent Maes Y Graig, Puncheston – it was agreed to support this application.
7. Casual vacancy/Additional signatory
8. A notice will be placed inside the notice boards in Tufton, Puncheston and Little Newcastle, also uploaded to the Website.
9. The Clerk has contacted the Mandate Team at Barclays Bank. They had no record of any signatories even though they have been set up previously. Dewi, Wyn and Anne will be sent forms to complete and sign, and if they are not an existing Barclays Bank customer, they need to take the identification into a branch and be verified. The forms to be sent back to The Clerk who will post off to the Mandate Team.
10. Cwm Gwaun & Puncheston Broadband project

Good progress made with 41% signed up. 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.

1. Puncheston village green wall & Path

Delme Harries had sent photographs of the wall and path which have been circulated. Wyn has had a look and agree the wall is not in a good state. Bob suggested to find out first who owns the wall and green by contacting Helen McCloud-Baikee at PCC.

1. Welsh Government consultation – Litter and Fly-tipping prevention Plan for Wales. Consultation
2. Anne had read through the consultation document and made comments. Anne and Eirian ran through the comments via a Zoom meeting on 29th March. The comments on behalf of the Community Council will agree overall, and that education and behaviour change is important, enforcement and increased fines and to encourage companies to use less packaging.
3. A further discussion noted that PCC are considering rewarding community groups to keep their areas tidy. A beach clean is being piloted where bags and tongs are provided. If the community wish to set up a group help is available from the Eco Champion at PCC.
4. Anne reported that a resident had followed a refuse lorry and reported to her that litter was being strewn out of the lorry. Bob advised The Clerk to email Sarah Edwards at PCC.
5. Correspondence
6. One Voice Wales Membership renewal - £86.00. It was proposed by Dewi, Seconded by Wyn to renew the membership, and pay the fee.
7. Letter from Jim Dunkley, Common Land Officer, PCC regarding tree felling on common land in Puncheston. The letter was read out.
8. Any other matters
9. Wyn arranged flowers and a card to be sent to Alison as her leaving present. It was proposed by Dewi, seconded by Susan to reimburse Wyn £30.00.
10. Eirian bought a card, chocolates, and prosecco for Alison for her 50th birthday. It was proposed by Wyn, seconded by Dewi to reimburse Eirian £17.50.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm.

Date of the next meeting via Zoom was agreed as 21st April 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.