**Wolfscastle Community Council**

The Annual Meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held by means of a Telephone Conference Call, on Tuesday, 6th October 2020 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. Gerallt Miles, Gerwyn Williams, Barrie Griffiths (Chairman) and Michelle Bateman, PCC

**Apologies:** Cllrs Peter James, Tom Griffiths and BJ Harries

**Declarations of Interest:** Nil.

**Appointment of Officers for 2020 / 2021**

In light of the present situation it was agreed by the Councillors that no changes should be made to the Officers for the current year, and that this will be reviewed in the 2021 / 2022 AGM. Therefore it was agreed that Cllr Barrie Griffiths should carry on as Chairman and Cllr BJ Harries as Vice Chairman. It was agreed to ask Mr Eric Williams to continue to be the Internal Auditor for the year, and the Revd Geoffrey Eynon to continue as RFO.

**Minutes:** A copy of the Draft minutes of the meeting held on June 23rd 2020 had been distributed, read, and accepted by the Councillors. Arrangements will be made for the Chairman to sign these minutes in due course.

**Matters reported:** With regards to issues raised in the previous meeting the following responses had been received:-

[a] The Welsh Government do not currently have plans for improvements at the Treffgarne A40 junction. However, the Welsh Government routinely reviews personal injury collision data recorded by the Police to help inform the need for road safety improvements. If and when this location is identified for improvement, the scheme will be subject to funding and will need to be prioritised against other schemes across Wales.

In response to this, Cllr. Gerallt Miles said he was not happy with the reply. Councillors and residents do not expect for any improvement to be carried out at the junction. However, they do request for extra signage to be placed on the A40(T) warning traffic of the junction ahead.

[b] A ticket has been raised to do a temp repair for the time being at the junction of the A40 and Glancleddau.

[c] There are no immediate concerns with potholes or eroding issues on the road passed the Cemetery. This road is down for patching works to be done in the next 12 months.

[d] The issue of the overhanging vegetation at Temple Spring is for Streetcare to deal with.

**County Council Matters:** Cllr Michelle Bateman reported that it has been an exceedingly difficult time for everyone as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Every effort is being made by Council to inform the public on Social Media and Local Press of any urgent issues and updates that need to be communicated to the public.

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that the 2nd Payment of £1560:00 (**One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty** Pounds) which is the precept requested for 2020 / 2021 had been paid into the Bank Account.

It was also reported that as of the 1st September 2020, (Statement No. 36) that there is £7019:77 (**Seven Thousand and Nineteen Pounds and Seventy -Seven Pence**) in the Bank Account.

It was agreed that up to date that the Budget for 2020 / 2021 was on track.

**Grass Cutting:** An invoice was received from Tim Brook Garden Services for the maintenance of the grassed area adjacent to the Car Park. The Total sum to be paid for the year is £312:00 (**Three Hundred and Twelve Pounds**). It was agreed by Councillors that this sum be paid for services carried out during the year.

**Poppy Wreaths:** It was agreed to make a donation of £40:00 (**Forty Pounds**) towards the Royal British Legion for 2 Poppy Wreaths to be laid during Remembrance Weekend. Cllr Barrie Griffiths agreed to represent the Community at Letterston Cenotaph, and for the laying of the wreath at the School.

**Internal Auditor:** It was agreed by Councillors to purchase a gift voucher for Mr Eric Williams to the value of £30:00 (**Thirty Pounds**) for carrying out the Internal Audit of the Council for the year ending March 31st 2020.

**Planning Application**: It was reported that permission has been granted to application no. 20/0087/PA - Roof covering over existing yard and slurry store. - Swmbarch Farm, Letterston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 5UE

**AOB:** The Clerk reported that it has been brought to his attention the condition of a tree adjacent to the River Cleddau Bridge and opposite Bryn Siriol in Wolfscastle. A reply had been received from Mr Richard Staden Landscape Officer for PCC who says that he is aware that it is in a poor condition from ash die-back. For some reason he was under the impression it was in the care of the Community Council and will need to be felled soon before it gets much worse. The Clerk wrote back informing Mr Staden that it was not on Community Council ground.

Mr Staden put the Clerk, Streetcare Team and the Trunk Road Agency in touch with each other, which he believes is the best way forward. He suggests it is looked at on-site as it is a very large tree within striking distance of both County Roads, the bridge, the A40 overbridge, a pipeline crossing of the river and the Trunk Road. It’s decay is approaching the point where sectional-felling might become difficult. Interestingly the Trunk Road Agency have recently done their-own survey and clearance exercise but have not picked it up.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed with the next meeting to be arranged by the Clerk and Chairman, with the location and means to be decided subject to government regulations.

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