



## **Draft Minutes – Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **Angle Village Hall**

#### **Meeting started at 18.40 (following Annual Meeting)**

**Present:** Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Howells, Cllr K Watkins, Cllr E Parker, County Cllr S Alderman (PCC), Mrs A Randall (clerk) and member of the public, Mrs Jo-Anne Lewis.

**Apologies:** Cllr A Ward

**Declarations of interest:** None declared.

**1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021** – ACC approved the minutes as written.

#### **2. Matters arising and updates:**

1. Action points from last meeting - Cleared, with further updates below:

2. West Angle Bay car park update – Ticket machines at the beach were vandalised on the 2 weekends following their installation. ACC want to make it clear that they do not support or condone this action. Cllr Williams reported that some visitors to the Wavecrest café have complained about the parking charges and are under the impression that Angle residents are profiting from this. There is also misinformation on social media channels and some visitors have been extremely unpleasant.

Cllr Alderman reported other areas in the county are experiencing similar behaviour from visitors. He agreed to raise this at a Council meeting to explore whether any solution can be found.

3. Playground renovation – Cllr Howells reported the following information:

- There is a time limit on spending the funds awarded by LNG in 2020. Although this has been extended due to the situation with the pandemic Cllr Howells proposed some measures whereby the money could be spent fairly quickly to avoid having to repay it. One suggestion is to pre-order an item of play equipment, which Wicksteed could keep in stock until ready for installation. As ACC will need legal advice/support concerning the Community Asset Transfer Cllr Williams also suggested the funds might be used for that and she agreed to source a solicitor.
- Issues raised with PCC about the playpark boundary have now been resolved as the new owner of the school building will take on the part of the stream that was inside the previous playpark boundary. He will now be responsible for all the costs of dredging the stream.
- Cllr Howells and her husband have installed the butterfly garden in the churchyard.
- Cllr Howells broached the subject of rolling phases 1 and 2 of the installation together to reduce some of the costs with Wicksteed, offering access the toilet facilities at the village hall to those working on-site. However, she was told that this would not be practicable as facilities need to be located on-site.
- Cllr Howells has also asked Wicksteed for ideas and costs to provide a multi-play unit suitable for toddlers to use, and is waiting for information.
- The playground project has been awarded approx £11,000 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> homes grant. However, this is a lower amount than the village qualifies for as PCC made an error in their calculations.

PCC have acknowledged their error and there is still money available which will be rolled over into this year. [ACC will need to submit another application for the balance.](#)

- ACC also agreed to submit further applications this year to South Hook and Valero as we are now in a new financial year. Cllrs Howells and Williams will complete the paperwork etc required.
- Once all the paperwork and legal documentation has been completed and ACC gets the go ahead to proceed Cllr Howells will ask Wicksteed to come to the village to speak to the volunteers about what needs to be done to clear the site.
- With the gradual easing of restrictions, it might now be possible to restart local fundraising. [Cllr Howells asked the team to think about this and to come back with any ideas.](#)
- Cllr Howells will approach Valero to establish whether they can provide any practical support under their volunteer scheme.

4. Pontoon – Nothing new to report at the moment. However, as restrictions are being lifted [Cllr Williams agreed to speak to Nigel Berry about contacting Richard Joseph to establish whether any progress can be made towards moving this project forward.](#)

5. MAFA – Information distributed via email. Nothing further to add.

6. Local Government Election Act 2021– Implications for ACC – A number of requirements are being introduced to local councils from May 2022, which ACC will need to comply with, including the following:

- Production on an annual report
- Publishing summary details of meetings within 7 working days of the meeting
- Community Cllrs will have a duty to consider training from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and will need to publish training plans by November 2022.
- Community Councils can have more autonomy and be more innovative in the way they operate if they meet a number of criteria, including having at least two thirds of the cllrs elected, the clerk to the council holding a relevant professional qualification, and the audited accounts to have received an ‘unqualified opinion’ from the Auditor General for Wales in the previous 2 audits.

Mrs Randall has set up a training log to record training that Cllrs have already undertaken, which [she will circulate for them to complete.](#) One Voice Wales has also produced a one-page summary of the changes, which [Mrs Randall will circulate.](#)

7. The Good Cllr’s Guide to Cyber Security – Sets out good practice and action that cllrs must take to keep their electronic data secure and resistant to cyber-attacks or scams. Mrs Randall sent out an online link to the document, which cllrs are encouraged to read.

8. Calor Gas Rural Fund – Cllr Howells reported that the award criteria for obtaining funding included raising funds separately through match funding. As this is not possible at the moment she decided not to go ahead with an application on this occasion.

9. Force for Nature –Community Groups can apply for up to £500 for a mini-grant for projects that have positive conservation actions in their local communities. ACC discussed whether they could use this type of funding to purchase litter- pickers or bins for dog waste. However, given the tight deadline for applications (16<sup>th</sup> May) it is not possible to submit an application on this occasion so will consider this in preparation for any future rounds. [Cllr Williams will ask PCNPA to determine the potential costs of items.](#)

10. Updated Countryside Code – This has now been updated and can be viewed via this link [The Countryside Code - GOV.UK \).](#)

11. Blue Gem Wind Proposals – BGW have offered to organise a drop-in day in the village when restrictions allow to enable villagers to learn more about their plans and to answer any questions. [Cllr Williams agreed](#)

to accept their offer and to ask them to propose a few suitable dates. They would need to finalise arrangements with Mike Pedder.

12. Cllrs proforma - Mrs Randall asked cllrs to complete the proforma to indicate whether they wish to claim their £150 allowance this year. All were completed and handed to her.

13. Communication Survey – Mrs Randall has obtained a list of all the addresses in the Angle ward and has drafted a revised version of the survey. ACC will now need to agree the final version and the logistics of distributing and collating the results. [To be discussed at the next meeting.](#)

14. NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021 – As no-one had come back with any ideas for this event ACC decided not to take this forward.

15. Update from County Cllr – Cllr Alderman gave an update on the fast fibre broadband project in the area. 36-37% of households and businesses responded to the PCC survey and Broadway partners have emerged as the preferred supplier as they were the only company to bid for the work. Installation of broadband across the county is extremely expensive and there is a significant shortfall in funding. They plan to offer high broadband speeds for £19.99 a month, with voice-activation for another £10 a month. It will take some time for this project to be up and running and may not be operational until Christmas 2023. There is no obligation at the moment for households to move to this provider and they will have time to consider whether this is a better option for them over their current provider. However, the copper network currently in use is being phased out and will not be maintained so people will need to take this into account.

### 3. Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions - As of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 the Current account balance was £4,414.11, Sun Edison account balance was £8,987.86, Reserve account was £4,010.86 and the Playground account was £23,453.13. Total held in bank accounts on that date was £40,865.96.
2. Payments to be made - ACC approved payment of Clerk's salary of £261.00 (£240.80 to clerk and £20.20 to HMRC), reimbursement to clerk of £3.49 for printing expenses new virus protection for the computer for 1 year from 29<sup>th</sup> April at £22.80.

### 4. Planning issues

- Rhoscrowther Wind Farm – This is still in the pre-planning stage but ACC have been sourcing relevant documents and taking photographs of particular sites to pull together for a submission on behalf of residents detailing the effect any installation might have on the village and surrounding areas. [Cllr Williams agreed to circulate the draft to the team for additional suggestions and comments.](#)
- Update on Valero's future plans/concerns about new road junction - [Cllr Alderman will be speaking to Stephen Thornton at Valero](#) in the next couple of days and will ask him about the company's involvement in the proposed developments in the area. He will also raise the issue about the number of road accidents that have occurred at the new Valero junction since the changes were made as these have increased significantly.
- Planning application 50 Angle – ACC submitted their concerns about the size of the proposed extension and the hedge removal online. They expect to receive revised plans at some stage as the conservation officer and environmental officer had also submitted concerns.
- The Hibernia Inn – ACC had received a retrospective planning application for alterations to the roof.

- 5 Highway Matters** – Cllr Williams reported that she is waiting for a response from Mr Benger at PCC about a number of issues, including additional passing places between the Valero junction and Angle, installing fencing/bollards on the road towards the beach to stop drivers parking on the pavement, and reducing the speed limit in the village. [Cllr Alderman will also raise the issues with Mr Benger.](#)

Cllrs also raised concerns about holiday makers staying at Bluebell Cottage parking awkwardly and obstructing the pavement for pushchair and wheelchair users. [Cllr Williams agreed to write to the owner to ask tenants to park further forward.](#)

- 6 Training** – Cllr Watkins has completed her training ‘Constructive Conversations’ and reported back that she had found this very interesting. Cllrs were asked to consider whether there is any training they would like to undertake through OVW in preparation for requirements coming in 2022.

**7 Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings**

- One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Area meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May – Cllr Williams will attend.
- Community Safety System meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June – [Cllrs to consider attendance](#)

**8 Communication received**

- The Consultation for the Metro Rail Project – forwarded Cllrs and posted on Facebook page
- Keep Wales Safe updates
- Latest Blue Gem Wind News – forwarded to cllrs
- Your Town, Your Future – town centre regeneration event – forwarded to cllrs
- Thank you letter from Angela Burns – forwarded to cllrs
- Tenovus Cancer Care – request for funding
- Mencap – request for support
- Solva Care Toolkit – documents passed to cllr Williams

- 9 Additional issues/Updates** – Mrs Randall agreed to re-invite Nicola Gandy to a future meeting as the one she was due to attend in April was cancelled

The meeting finished at 20.35.

Next Scheduled Meeting – **18.30 at Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at Angle Village Hall.**

Signed:

Date:

*Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request*