

St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held on TUESDAY 29th June 2021 at The Regency Hall, Saundersfoot at 6.30pm. St Mary Out Liberty Community Councillors met face to face in the hall with a live link to any members of the public (or Councillors) that wished to join the meeting remotely.

Present: Cllrs D Brace, D Nash and L Bolton

Also present: The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 18.40

2021/06 17 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs H Rawson-Humphries and D O'Hanlon

2021/06 18 To Consider the Co-option process

Cllr Loraine Bolton read her Declaration of Office as Councillor to St Mary Out Liberty Community Council. Cllr Des Brace welcomed Cllr Bolton

2021/06 19 To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.

None

2021/06 20 Chairman's Report

Cllr Brace reported that the area around the village gates was looking very unkempt with rubbish being left and bags ripped open by wildlife which in turn could encourage vermin. The Clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee requesting if this area could please be tidied and the possible removal of the rotten wooden, wire fenced area be cleared away.

2021/06 21 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 25th May 2021

Cllr Brace proposed that the Minutes, as presented, be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 25th May 2021; Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/06 22 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

None

2021/06 23 Account(s) for Payment and consideration of the bank reconciliation

Cllr Nash proposed that the report, as presented, be accepted as a true record of the Council's finances to date; Cllr Bolton seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

Cllr Brace proposed that the accounts as presented be paid in full; Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

29.06.2021	Clerks Wages	£ 183.69
29.06.2021	Came and Co - Insurance	£ 338.40
29.06.2021	Tinder News - Annual Meeting Advert Apportioned	£ 30.40
29.06.2021	Regency Hall Room Hire	£ 15.00
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2021/06 23B Consideration of the Internal Auditors Report

Cllr Brace proposed that St Mary Out Liberty acknowledge the Internal Auditors reports which did not raise any concern or considerations for the two years 2019/2020 and

2020/2021 and the forms be signed and forwarded to complete the Audit process; Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/06 24 Planning Application(s) Received

21/0185/PA Shangrila, NEW HEDGES, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8TL
Replacement dwelling and erection of a car port

Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, it was agreed that St Mary Out Liberty Community Council do not have any objections nor concerns regarding this planning application.

2021/06 25 Licensing Application(s) Received

None

2021/06 26 Consideration of Correspondence Received

The Clerk confirmed that the various correspondence had been discussed with Councillors via the telephone as and when received.

2021/06 27 Reports from Councillors and Representatives

County Councillor Jon Preston – Report received via Email.

I would like to welcome back the St. Mary out Liberty community council into the administration of local government after a Covid lapse since March 2020. It has been an incredibly difficult time but with thanks to the community council clerk and with the support of councillors Melanie has been able to take care of essential council business.

Cwm Gwennol & Neath Gwennol

To update councillors on some of the work that has been carried out since we last met before lockdown. The road re-surfacing work has been completed in Cwm Gwennol and Nyth Gwennol. This included some re-levelling of the roads surface where there was evidence of a camber in the road.

Swallowtree community project

Road surfacing work has been carried out at Swallowtree woods, providing a much-improved small network of roadway from the end of the layby tarmac to the residential properties in Swallowtree. A community funded project for this work was carried out and led by Mr. Neil Bartholomew who has, along with other residents worked hard in bringing this road scheme to fruition despite some quite challenging obstacles along the way. I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved and to those who were able to provide advice and support.

New Hedges bypass

Councillors will be aware of the works being carried out to create a new shared use path facility along New Hedges bypass. The work has been funded by Welsh government under its Active Travel policy which is funding for both walking and cycling investments. I have been contacted by village residents on a variety of matters regarding the work being carried out. Firstly, the lack of notice given to residents which was also the case for me. However, I have been able to provide residents who have been in contact with answers to their questions since the work commenced. If anyone has any matters, they would like to raise please contact me in the first instance and I will ensure your questions are answered.

Dwr Cymru – land behind oak house

Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water) have been carrying out quite extensive work on land near to Oak House, New Hedges. The extent of the excavation work and the removal of trees and other growth has caused significant concern to nearby residents. I have taken up the matter with a senior officer at Dwr Cymru and I am informed that the land maintenance agents have also

discussed the matter up with them. I will monitor progress over the coming weeks until the issue is resolved.

Community Risk Register

Now we can facilitate meetings after a 12-month period due to the difficulties brought about by the pandemic I would like to remind council that it would be a good time to review the community emergency plan and ensure that it is up to date and fit for the purpose of dealing with any further potential Covid cases in our immediate community. As before, we will take our lead on this from Pembrokeshire County council and any other government advice we receive. Also, we need to ensure there is continuity of support to any vulnerable members of the community. By means of collating local knowledge we can identify any risks in our area that may not be included on the Community Risk Register which is held by the emergency services. The importance of risk assessment is emphasised by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA). Examples may include people who have recently had an operation; people without access to transport; people with limited mobility; groups that might find it difficult to understand emergency information; and transient groups such as holiday makers or travelling communities. The Community Risk Register is compiled to support emergency services in events such as flooding, severe weather or any other high impact occurrence in the community. I feel it is prudent that we are prepared for such outcomes as supporting those who may need to self-isolate or who are otherwise at risk.

Ironman Wales

The Ironman Wales event is scheduled to take place annually in September in Tenby and the south of the County. This year, provided Covid related regulations and guidance allow the event to take place it will be held over the weekend of the 11/12 September with Ironkids taking place on the Saturday and the main event on the Sunday. For the event to be held safely, it will again be necessary to introduce various traffic restrictions over the weekend to enable the set up works to take place on the Thursday & Friday. A consultation process will begin start prior to receiving further guidance or updated regulations from Welsh Government. At this stage it should be noted that the event has not been formally confirmed. Details of road closures and times etc. will be circulated to residents and businesses by Ironman in advance of the event through press releases and mail drops. If councillors wish to raise any issues or concerns, please could they make them known to me as soon as possible.

Hedge cutting

I have recently been contacted by a resident in New Hedges who is concerned about hedge growth impacting drivers view at a junction. A message was left on the landline but unfortunately the caller did not leave a name or number for me to call back. I can help with the query, but I do need to speak with the caller to progress the matter.

Fly Tipping

Sadly, the issue of Fly Tipping has increased since March last year. PCC is encouraging people to come forward with information leading to successful enforcement action against individuals by offering a £100 reward. From Monday, a dedicated email address has been set up by the council to enable members of the public to reports incidents of fly tipping 24 hours a day. The email address is: fly.tipping@pembrokeshire.gov.uk Also available from Monday, (during office hours only) is the phone number 01437 77525.

Unlicensed boarding of dogs.

PCC is reminding people that any individuals offering to board their dogs must be licensed by the authority This comes following a marked increase in complaints, received by the Council's Animal Health and Welfare Team, of 'dog boarding' advertising on social media by advertisers do not hold the required licence which is required by law under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

Agenda Items

2021/06 28 Consideration of the tenders received for the Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk advised the Council that only one tender had been received for the grass cutting contract – Following the resignation of the past two contractors.

The envelope received was opened and the price discussed. Due to the price presented being three times the cost of the past two contractors, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Pembrokeshire County Council and request if they would consider taking on the contract.

2021/06 29 To review and renew the 2021/2022 insurance of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council.

The Council agreed to remain with the current insurance providers.

Meeting closed 19.10