

BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Wednesday 28th October 2020.

2020/13.

1. Present. Cllr M Carter, Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr Mrs A Loch, Cllr D E Jones, Sean O'Connor (Clerk) plus guests Sharon Owen from Welsh Hearts Charity and Dr R Jones a local resident.

2. Apologies. None

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our guests.

3. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn, and there were no declarations of interest declared for any item on this meeting's agenda.

4. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr D E Jones that the minutes of the September 2020 meeting be accepted as a true record. This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk would now add the minutes to the BCC website.

5. Matters arising from the September 2020 meeting.

5a. Defibrillator purchase. At our request Sharon Owen from the Welsh Hearts Charity was in attendance. She was welcomed by the Chairman, who explained our position and intentions to possibly purchase two defibrillators at Newgale and at Trefgarn Owen. It was explained that we have purchased a former BT phone kiosk to house one in Trefgarn Owen, and we intended to house one externally in Newgale.

Sharon outlined the services and choices available to us in the purchase, and recommended an iPad SP1 external unit, which was the most versatile and popular. She also suggested that it be coded for safety purposes. The pads are replaced every two years, and the battery would last 5/6 years. A small charge of £5 /£6 per year would apply for electricity. The cost of the package would also include training.

At this point the Chairman introduced local resident Dr Robert Jones, who had recently retired as a consultant at Withybush Hospital, and had been involved in resuscitation for most of his career. He stressed the urgency in the timing in an emergency situation, having a defibrillator could make. Due to the footfall, he suggested that we consider Newgale as a priority, and depending on affordability, supply the other villages as and when we can. Cllr D E Jones replied, and stated that it is our intention to have a defibrillator in place in each of the villages eventually.

At this point Sharon confirmed that the price offered now, would be honoured for all future purchases. She also offered to explore the possibility of obtaining a grant from Lottery Cymru. Councillors also agreed at looking again at the Councils second home grant scheme, and whether or not this would qualify. A discussion took place and the Chairman asked each councillor in turn for their views. It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that we proceed initially with the purchase and installation of a coded version housed in the external cabinet on the wall of shop at Newgale. The payment for this would come from community council funds. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Carter agreed to supply the electricity, and organise the installation. The clerk would liaise with Sharon to arrange the invoice, purchase and delivery. Once in place Sharon would organise the training. Once the cost was finalised the clerk would contact councillors for confirmation, and arrange the transfer of sufficient funds to cover the purchase. The Chairman thanked both Sharon and Dr Jones for their input, before they both left the meeting.

5b. Llanreithan Church. Despite the clerk sending a chasing letter for an update no reply had been received from the Church in Wales.

5c. The clerk confirmed that we had been successful in our claim for a VAT refund for the financial year 2019/20. This amounted to £210.81 and featured on the latest bank statement. The clerk would now proceed in a claim for 2018/19. It was also suggested that the clerk look into whether or not some of his expenses were inclusive of VAT, and if so whether this could be reclaimed also.

5d. Following the last meeting the Chairman had forwarded a copy of the car park permit form to all councillors. He also confirmed that PCC were arranging for alternative methods of payments to be made available for local car parks.

5e. Following the previous meeting Cllr Carter had received a response from PCC regarding our reporting of standing water in parts of our area. The two blockages had been attended to, but the area at Hollybush required further attention, and had been passed on to a different department at PCC. Cllr Jones suggested a soak away, but Dorian Williams of PCC advised that they did not do this anymore. Cllr Carter would monitor the situation, and councillors were encouraged to report any future occurrences.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PEMBS COUNTY COUNCIL.

6. Confirmation of approval of Planning Application. Ref No. 20/0385/PA. Extension of dwelling, new detached garage and home office within curtilage and repositioned vehicular access at Noddfa C3010, Penfeidr to junction U3068. Received and filed.

7. County Councillors' monthly update.

Cllr Carter advised that there were two candidates in consideration as the interim replacement for PCC Chief Executive, with an announcement in November. An outside agency was likely to be employed to consider the permanent position of Chief Executive. A further meeting was also set for later in the week to members to discuss the budget for the next financial year. He also advised that Services scrutiny meeting, has been arranged to discuss the performance of the planning services.

PEMBS COAST NATIONAL PARK.

8. Notification of withdrawal of planning application. Ref No. NP/20/0191/FUL. Partial rebuild and increase in floor level and roof height. (Retrospective) at Sands Cafe Newgale. Haverfordwest. Received & Filed.

9. LDP2 adoption notice. 5/10/20. The clerk advised that the LDP2 plan had been adopted. Details were available on the PCNP website, with any objections to be raised by 14/11/20.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

10. The draft annual report 2020/21 from the IRPW was now available on their website, with the consultation period running until 23/11/20.

11. The clerk advised that the new audit arrangements for town and community councils had been confirmed with a change to a three-year audit procedure commencing next year. Further details would be supplied in early 2021.

12. An email had been received from a resident of Ontario Canada trying to trace his family tree. He is trying to trace the Jenkins family who lived at Penyffordd Brawdy in 1841. Cllr Jones is currently looking at some OS maps, and would inform the clerk of any findings. The clerk would acknowledge the email.

13. A donation request from Cerebral Wales was received and filed, as it is not local.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

14, The clerk advised of up to date bank account balances as at 28/10/20 as: Current Account. £ 251.96 and Deposit Account £ 6414.72.

15. The clerk had forwarded copies of our bank statement to councillors prior to the meeting, confirming the above balances and recent transactions. This format was well received by councillors.

16. The clerk confirmed that his payslip and income tax payments for October had been received from our accountants. These amounts featured on the bank statement, and included the back pay agreed at the September meeting.

17. The date and time for the next meeting was set for Monday November 30th remotely at 7.30pm. At the discretion of the Chairman.

It was agreed that the exact post codes be obtained for the possible location of defibrillators in our other villages in readiness of any future purchases.

Cllr Carter and Cllr Tierney advised that the new tranche of small business grants was now available. There was however, conflicting information from the Welsh Government, as to applying, as it was not automatic. Councillors were encouraged to spread the word to eligible business owners that an application was required, and that the tranche was on a first come first served basis. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.