

BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held at Solva Memorial Hall on Monday May 24th 2021.

2021/19.

1. Present. Cllr M Carter, Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr Mrs A Loch Cllr D E Jones and Sean O'Connor Clerk.

2. Cllr Mrs A Morgan.

3. The Chairman ensured that social distancing measures were put in place before the meeting commenced. The minutes of the April 21 meeting had been agreed as a true record prior to the meeting with a proposal from Cllr Tierney and seconded by Cllr Loch. The clerk confirmed that they had been added to our website.

4. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn whether they wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda. There were no interests declared.

5. Matters arising from the agenda of the April 21 meeting.

5a. Community councillors' annual allowance. The clerk confirmed that he had received signed declarations from Cllr J Tierney and Cllr Mrs A Morgan opting out of receiving the £150 annual allowance prior to the meeting. Further opt out confirmations were completed by Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr Mrs A Loch and Cllr D E Jones at the meeting.

5b. Defibrillator Training event. Cllr Carter advised that the training event at Pointzcastle on May 20th had gone very well. It was split into two sessions with 21 participants, and was very well presented and received. The trainer had recommended a spare set of defibrillator pads be obtained, and the clerk would contact Welsh Hearts regarding this. The Chairman thanked Cllr Lawrence and her family for hosting the event.

5c. The clerk and the Chairman confirmed that the repair to the defibrillator battery had been completed successfully.

5d. The clerk confirmed that our expression of interest form under the Enhancing Pembs Scheme had been submitted. The scheme for the BT kiosk conversion to house a new defibrillator at Trefgarn Owen was costed at £2301, with our application for 80% amounting to £1841. A response was expected within 10 days. Full details of the application were read out at the meeting.

5e. The Chairman advised that he had heard nothing further regarding the blocked pathways and damage to bridleway signs near Parke. He was also asked to check on the bridge area at Treiva, which had been discussed previously. It was also reported that an area at a pond at Brawdy Farm was full of Japanese knotweed. Cllr Carter would speak to the landowner before contacting PCC.

5f. The clerk had provided details of training events for May and June prior to the meeting.

5g. Details of the Solva Care toolkit was discussed. It was agreed that this was a very good neighbourly Scheme, which was doing very good work in the community. Councillors would continue to circulate the pack.

5g. It was reported that as far as anybody knew, everything had gone well at the schoolroom in Trefgarn Owen at the recent local elections.

5h. Cllr Carter confirmed that he had removed the notice board at Llandelay to complete its' repair.

5i. The clerk reported that thanks to further information provided by Cllr Jones, the former resident of Llanreithan was delighted with our support in trying to trace relatives in that area.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

6. Notification of approval of Planning application. Ref No. 20/1016/PA. New building to provide roof covering at Castle Villa Farm Hayscastle. Received and filed.

7. County Councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter advised that the recent full council meeting and AGM had recently taken place with no major changes to report.

He had recently attended a seminar regarding the possibility of increasing the second home surcharge on council tax. It is currently 50% and it is possible an increase to 75% or 100% could be approved. Also, a meeting was due later in the week to discuss affordable housing, and he would provide details at our next meeting. He also advised that there was a problem with dog fouling, as at present there was no enforcement service in place. He also informed that the new chief executive would take up his post in 2/3 months, with the current officer continuing to deputise until then. Pembs Coast National Park.

8. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. NP/21/0256/FUL. Remodelling and Fenestration amendments at Wyndhurst Newgale Haverfordwest. Details of this case had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr J Tierney, and unanimously agreed that we reply in support of this application.

9. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. NP/21/0283/FUL. Removal of garage door and infil with block and render, and addition of window at Open Skies Newgale Haverfordwest. This case had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr Mrs G Lawrence and unanimously agreed that we reply in support of this case.

Other Correspondence.

10. One Voice Wales area meeting. Unfortunately, nobody was able to attend this quarterly meeting.

11. Southwood Estate. Details were provided by the clerk of online workshops requesting that community councillors attend and support to discuss the future of Southwood Estate at Newgale. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge the request and also forward the details to each community councillor.

12. The May 21 issue of Clerks & Councils direct brochure had been posted to Cllr Mrs A Morgan prior to the meeting by the clerk.

13. Details of 'Have you say' on the Covid 19 Pandemic were distributed to councillors.

14. Details of the new EU settlement scheme were received and filed.

15. An NHS survey on future Pharmacy services was discussed. Cllr Tierney agreed to add this to our online platforms.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

16. The clerk reported up to date bank account balances as at 24/5/21 as: Current Account £40.00 Deposit Account £ 3364.96 and Election Deposit Account £3375.04.

17. A copy of the current account bank statement for April & May was produced confirming the recent transactions and the above balances.

18. Copies of the clerk's salary and income tax payments for April, received via the accountants was produced. The May payment due later in the month were for the standard 16 hours only.

19. The clerk produced copies of the annual audit together with our bank reconciliation and our accounts for the year. These were inspected by councillors and it was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch, and unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign the audit form which provided confirmation that the accounting statements and the annual governance statement were approved by the community council.

20. No payments were needed at this meeting.

21. Date time and venue of next meeting. A short discussion took place regarding future meetings. It was generally agreed that it was nice to meet face to face occasionally, but also the online meetings had proved convenient, effective and successful. It was agreed therefore that both the June and July meetings would be held remotely, with the June meeting scheduled for Monday June 28th, at 8pm. At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Jones advised that there was a footpath in Treffynnon, opposite the council houses, which appeared to be closed off by the local residents. He was wondering whether it should be opened up. It was not showing as a footpath on the map anymore, but was previously used by the villagers

regularly. Cllr Loch offered to look at the council map and inform councillors whether there was still a public right of way in place. Cllr Carter also offered to visit and view the site. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the June meeting.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48pm.