

# BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Tuesday 27th July 2021.

2021/21.

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

2. Apologies. Cllr J Tierney.

3. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July monthly meeting. The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the June 21 had been properly proposed and seconded prior to the meeting, and had been added to the BCC website. These actions were unanimously endorsed at the meeting.

4. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn whether they had any declarations of interest on any item on the agenda. There were no declarations declared.

5. Matters arising from the June 21 meeting.

5a. The Chairman had worked on the application since the last meeting, of our Enhancing Pembs Grant Scheme for the defibrillator/book swap kiosk at Trefgarn Owen. He read through the application, and it was accepted in principle by everyone. It was agreed that the clerk complete the application, and circulate to all councillors for agreement before submitting it to PCC before the deadline date in September. It was also agreed that we discuss which village would be next in line for a similar project going forward, at the next meeting.

5b. It was confirmed that the blocked pathway between Lochmeyler and Trieva had been strimmed and cleared by Cllr Loch and her husband. They were thanked for their actions.

The area of land, and the trimmed hedge opposite the chapel at Treffynnon was discussed at length. Cllr Carter had visited the site and submitted photographs of the area to councillors prior to the meeting. It was generally agreed that the site had been improved, and looked very nice. Cllr Jones advised that he had spoken to a local resident who had dealt with the building and maintenance of similar walls, who advised that if the grass between the stones is continually picked out, it would seriously weaken the wall itself. Cllr Carter would speak to the two ladies, who had carried out the work, and congratulate them for their efforts. He would remind them that it is Council property, and warn them of the ongoing dangers of removing the grass between the stones. The community council noted how well the area looks following the enhancements, but wished to make sure the stability of the hedgebank is maintained.

5c. Cllr Mrs A. Morgan agreed to pass on the Solva Care toolkit to Cllr Carter who will consider its circulation to other councillors.

5d. Cllr advised the cost of repair for the notice board at Llandeloy was for £9. He would not seek reimbursement for this cost. He was thanked for his effort and generosity.

5e. As Cllr Tierney was not present, an update on the Southwood Estate project was postponed until our next meeting.

5f. Unfortunately, nobody was able to attend the area One Voice Wales meeting. The minutes would be forwarded by OVW.

5g. Cllr Carter gave an update on the slow sign painted on the road at one end of the village at Trefgarn Owen. He was awaiting the erection of the metal sign, at which point he would contact PCC to do the same at the other side of the village. Cllr Mrs Morgan enquired whether something similar could be considered for Penycwm. Cllr Carter agreed to refer the matter to PCC.

5h. Litter picking in the area was discussed at length. The area at Brawdy discussed at the June meeting had improved. It was reported that a resurgence of litter incidents on the road between Penycwm and Trefgarn Owen had been seen recently. It seemed to coincide with the return to the area of a former resident, who had been guilty previously. This would be monitored and dealt with if it continued. Cllr Carter reported that there was a local resident in Trefgarn Owen who had commenced voluntary litter picking in the village. Cllr Jones advised that this was also happening in Treffynnon and Llandeloy. It was agreed that this be encouraged, and the litter pickers be congratulated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

6. PEMBS COUNTY COUNCIL.

The clerk advised of an ongoing PCC consultation regarding local waste and recycling centres. Cllr Carter advised that the North Pembrokeshire ones were underused, and a cut in opening days and hours was suggested. It was agreed that a reduction was better than closure, and everybody was encouraged to visit the survey and pass comment. The consultation was due to close on August 9th.

7. The clerk advised of two other ongoing PCC consultations. A) Welsh Language Strategy 2021/25 due to close 20/8/21 and B) Welsh in education strategic plan 2022/31 due to close 20/8/21.

8. Operation London Bridge. Details of this would be sent to councillors again for their perusal. This would be discussed at the September meeting.

9. County Councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter advised that all county councillors had met with the new PCC Chief Executive. He is moving to the area shortly and will take up his position on 1/9/21.

He advised that he had attended a meeting regarding affordable housing. PCC are looking to buy back any former local authority or council properties.

He also advised that the dog fouling service had been put out to tender, and to date only one reply had been received, which is being considered.

A PCC planning meeting conducted remotely had to be abandoned due to the poor service and technology. They were considering hybrid meetings in future as only 13 were allowed to meet together at present. This could change after August 7th, and increase to 20.

PEMBS COAST NATIONAL PARK

10. The clerk advised that the Combined PCC & PCNP LDP draft supplementary planning 2021 was complete, and available for viewing on their websites.

Other Correspondence.

11. Details of the OVW training for July had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk would continue to forward these, to councillors, as they are received.

12. Details of the vaccine walk-in centres was made available. The clerk would forward the details to Cllr Carter for inclusion on the community information board.

13. OVW were conducting a survey regarding good local practices regarding patrolling dog fouling and flytipping/litter dropping. It was agreed we respond advising that we make it easier to include details of local indiscretions by publicising the rewards available for reporting and catching offenders.

14. The clerk advised of a 14-page CHC survey regarding dentist availability. This was received and filed.

15. The clerk advised of an ongoing consultation regarding the future qualifications required to act as a town or community council clerk. This is running until 29/9, and it was agreed that this be received and filed until after the consultation period to see what transpires.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

16. The clerk advised of up-to-date bank account balances as 27/7/21 as: Current Account £33.97. Deposit Account £2245.01.

Election Deposit Account £3375.16.

17. The monthly bank statement had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. The above balances were confirmed.

18. It was noted that the remaining precept payments for the financial year were due in August and December. It was agreed to make the final transfer for the 2022 election after the receipt of the precept in December.

19. The clerk had forwarded a copy of his payslip to councillors prior to the meeting. This confirmed his salary and income tax payments for July, and were featured on the statement.

20. The clerk claimed for reimbursement of expenses incurred for the period 1/4/21 to 31/7/21 and amounted to £74.05. A copy including receipts had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that this be paid.

21. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Jones that we transfer £75 between our accounts to cover the payments agreed at this meeting.

22. In previous years the audit notice advertising the availability to view our audit was publicised in all of the village notice boards. Last year due to the pandemic this was relaxed, and only requirement was to show the dates available on our website. The clerk was awaiting details for this year's requirements, and if needed would send a copy to councillors for inclusion in the village notice boards. It was suggested that we publicise this on the Brawdy Community Information board as well as the website.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Jones advised that he had been approached by local residents of Trefgarn Owen regarding the possibility of installing a seat either inside or outside the village bus stop/ shelter. Cllr Carter agreed to discuss the matter with street care at PCC and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Jones advised that it was now time that the village benches at Llandeloy and Trefgarn Owen be treated with Cuprinol. It was agreed to add this to our community information board to see if any volunteers came forward.

A short discussion took place regarding the new housing project at Solva, and whether the new builds were for local residents. Cllr Carter assured everyone that this was the case, confirming that there was a partnership agreement in place for this project between PCC and Ateb for 40 years.

Cllr Morgan advised that she didn't need to have the clerks and Councils direct brochure sent to her first each month. It was agreed that the clerk ask for this to be redirected to Cllr Loch, who would circulate to others upon receipt.

Cllr Loch advised that at her recent training it informed that only items that were on the agenda should be discussed. The Chairman explained that although 'any other businesses should not be included, and was never on our agenda. Councillors should contact the clerk prior to the meeting if they wished an item to be added. If, however something did crop up, that needed to be discussed, it was at the Chairmans' discretion whether it be included.

The Chairman reminded all, that there was no meeting in August, but should something urgent arise, a short Zoom meeting could be arranged at short notice. The next meeting was set for Monday September 27th 2021 remotely starting at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.