

# BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Tuesday April 27th 2021.  
2021/18.

1. Present. Cllr M Carter, Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr Mrs A Loch and Sean O'Connor Clerk.
2. Apologies. Cllr Mrs A Morgan and Cllr D E Jones.
3. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April monthly meeting. The minutes of the March 21 meeting were confirmed as a true record, having been proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr J Tierney prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that they had been added to the BCC website.
4. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn, and there were no declarations of interest from anybody for any item on the agenda.
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the March 21 meeting.
  - 5a. Defibrillator at Newgale. The clerk reported that the matter with the battery fault had not been rectified. He would get back to Welsh Hearts to arrange this. A discussion took place regarding the defibrillator training. Providing Covid restrictions allowed, it was agreed to hold the training at Pointzcastle on Thursday 20/5/21 at 7pm. The clerk would contact Welsh Hearts to arrange this. Once a date and numbers allowed were confirmed, this could be added to our social media page, and local people invited to attend.
  - 5b. Defibrillator project at Trefgarn Owen. Since the last meeting both the clerk and the Chairman had been trying to progress this project under the Enhancing Pems second home premium scheme. Cllr Carter reported that it was not as straight forward as we had thought, as prior to actually submitting an application, we had to first submit an expression of interest form, which must clearly demonstrate how our project will address the negative impact of second home ownership. It was agreed that we need to get the initial part exactly right from the start, and therefore Cllr Carter would again contact Neil Prior and Roger Stevens to compare the project to their project at Abercastle which was approved. A matter to be considered, when finalising our expression of interest form was that when the area was more densely populated in the summer months, this would have a detrimental effect on ambulance response times, therefore emergency treatment in the form of a defibrillator could prove essential. The Chairman and the clerk would liaise once he had heard back from the Mathry CC representatives.
  - 5c. The Chairman reported that the Road resurfacing programme was ongoing with much of our area completed. He also advised that he had been in touch with the rights of way officer regarding the overgrown footbridge at land near Treifor and Lochmeyler. Cllr Loch also advised that there were also blocked footpaths in the Parke area. Footpath and bridle way signs had been damaged, and Cllr Carter took the details, and would follow it up. Also, a sign had been damaged and defaced in Newgale.
  - 5d. Community councillors training.

The clerk had submitted a list of training subjects and dates for May. As Cllr Loch had attended 4 sessions recently, she offered to provide her notes to any other councillor who was interested.
  - 5e. Local amenity sites. The Chairman reported that the current booking system was to remain in place for the time being. As far as he was aware there were no ongoing consultations. It was unanimously agreed that we should oppose any closures, should it be considered.
  - 5f. Solva CareToolkit. As this had not yet been circulated to everyone, it was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.
  - 5g. The clerk advised that after May 17th, according to Welsh Government guidelines, we would be allowed to return to internal meetings. A discussion took place as to whether we should return to this type of meeting, and if so, whether it should be at the schoolroom at Trefgarn Owen. The clerk advised that it was perfectly legal to continue with virtual meetings, but the acceptance of the annual accounts and audit should not be done virtually. The clerk had written to the chapel regarding the schoolroom in March, but no reply had yet been received. It was agreed that we contact Solva CC about the possibility of hiring the memorial hall for our May meeting and AGM. Cllr Carter would attend to this, and advise everyone the outcome once known.
  - 5h. Senedd Elections. As far as everyone was aware the elections were proceeding at the schoolroom in Trefgarn Owen on May 6th. Everyone was hopeful that the property was checked for safety prior to the event.

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6. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 20/0951/PA. Earthbanked Nutrient Store at Lower Tancredston Hayscastle. This case was viewed and discussed by councillors, and as it was not affecting any neighbours, and this was now essential to continue farming, it was unanimously agreed that we reply in support of this case. This was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Lawrence.
7. Notification of approval of Planning Application. 29/0297/PA. Earthbanked Nutrient Storage lagoon at Lochmeyler Llandeloy. Received and filed.
8. The clerk read out details of the West Wales Rail Services Consultation. The website address was provided for councillors to view.
9. County Councillors Monthly Update.  
Since our last meeting the name of the new Chief Executive for PCC had been announced. He is a current serving Army Officer in NATO in Italy. He is a very knowledgeable person and was well received, and his appointment was approved by all but one of the county councillors at an extra ordinary general meeting. Cllr Carter advised that there had already been a good influx of tourists, and apart from a few incidents of littering and dog fouling they had been well behaved and well received.
10. PEMBS COAST NATIONAL PARK.  
Planning Application Consultation Ref No. NP/21/0222/FUL. Addition of entrance canopy to North West elevation and other works to the south and west elevations at Swn Y Mor Newgale Haverfordwest. This case had been viewed by council prior to the meeting, and a further discussion took place. It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that we reply in support of this application. This was unanimously agreed.  
Other Correspondence.
11. The clerk had received a brochure advertising VE Day (8/5/21). This was received and filed.
12. The clerk advised that implementation of the Local Govt, Wales Act April 21, had been delayed for 12 months. From next year we will have to include an annual plan which should include our expenditure and training plans and details. This can now be discussed later in the year.
13. It has been reported that the village notice board at Llandeloy was damaged. Cllr Carter advised that he had visited the site, and the legs have rotted, and the sign had collapsed. He offered to repair them and resite the notice board.
14. Cllr Carter advised that he had attended a meeting recently regarding a change and improvements to bus services at Penycwm. He advised that there were funds available for this project to improve the area for both school children and the general public. With safety being the priority, a safe walk -way needs to be created for people, to be able to cross the busy road. An area outside Swn Y Don has been suggested to be a dedicated bus stop, and parking was also an issue on the other side of the road. This was still at an early stage, and Cllr Carter would keep everyone updated, when plans have been drawn up.
15. Annual Insurance Premium. The clerk advised that he had received the renewal notice from Zurich amounting to £279.17. This was an increase of £28 on last year, but was expected, as we now have the defibrillator insured. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that this be paid.
16. Details of the revised Fflecsi local bus service was advised. The clerk would forward details to Cllr Tierney, who would add them to our social media site.
17. A letter had been received from a former resident of the Llanreithan area, asking as to the whereabouts of local family with the names of Harries or Robles. As nobody present, was able to help, the clerk would contact Cllr D E Jones to see if he could assist.
18. The clerk advised that each councillor was to be offered their annual allowance of £150. The clerk would forward the necessary form to each councillor for completion and return. The Chairman advised each councillor that the decision to opt in or out of receiving this allowance was totally a personal one.  
Report of Responsible Finance Officer.
19. The clerk advised of up-to-date bank account balances as at 27/4/21 as Current Account £41.75, Deposit Account £ 1614.94, and Election Deposit Account £3375.07. The first precept payment for this financial year was due later in the week.
20. These balances were confirmed by the April Bank Statement, which had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.
21. The clerk had also forwarded a copy of the end of year accounts to councillors prior to the meeting. This would be analysed, discussed and confirmed at the May meeting.
22. The bank statement also showed the payment for the clerks' monthly salary and income tax payments for the standard 16 hours worked for April 2021.

23. The clerk had received a bill from SSE for the unmetered electricity supply at Trefgarn Owen amounting to £47.58. It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr M Carter that this be paid.

24. An invoice had been received from OVW for the four training courses completed by Cllr Loch in March. One of the courses was free, with the other three at £30 each. As we received a bursary for 50%, the total payable was £45. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Lawrence and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that this be paid.

25. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Lawrence and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that the sum of £370 be transferred between our accounts to cover the payments agreed at this meeting.

As outlined above the Chairman would inform councillors the date time and venue of the May monthly meeting and the AGM. when the details are finalised.

The Chairman closed the new at 9.03pm.