

Brawdy Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly meeting held at Trefgarn Owen Schoolroom on 25/11/2019

2019/03

1. Present. Cllr M Carter, Cllr D E Jones, Cllr J Tierney & Sean O'Connor (Clerk).

2. Apologies. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, & Cllr Mrs A Loch.

3. In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M Carter the vice-chairman chaired the meeting. He welcomed everybody to the November meeting, and proceeded to read through the minutes of the October 2019 meeting. It was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr M Carter that they be accepted as a true record, and the vice-chairman and the clerk signed the minutes as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the October 2019 meeting.

4a. Cllr Carter gave an update regarding the exterior lighting in Trefgarn Owen at the Schoolroom. The battery power lighting was not adequate, and as caravan site owner, and at his own expense, he is in negotiation with the chapel regarding the fitting of exterior mains power lighting. This would involve a qualified electrician, and he is awaiting a response from the chapel. The clerk advised that he still had not received a bill from SSE regarding the street lighting recently installed.

4b. A discussion took place regarding the enhancing Pembs scheme, using the council tax second home premiums. Cllr Carter advised that the bus shelter idea did not meet the criteria, as the current buses do not stop at this site. A Saturday bus service idea was discussed, and Cllr Carter advised that he recently attended a meeting at County Hall, and advised that a similar scheme is to start in January 2020. It is to be a demand service for our area, and will run initially for 5 days per week, and extend to 6 days in April. It is a new initiative for North Pembs, with trips to be booked in advance. The possibility of employing a community caretaker/ engagement officer was also discussed as a possibility. This would involve employing an individual for 8/12 hours per week to visit, and be the focal point for the elderly, and other sections of the community. Cllr Carter offered to investigate this option. The possibility of housing a defibrillator was again also discussed, with options of housing them in the disused telephone kiosks at Trefgarn Owen and Penycwm. The clerk was instructed to write to BT to ascertain what is the full liability of the community council if we were to acquire the kiosks. Also we need to know whether there is any power supply left in the kiosk, and whether business rates would apply if the kiosk was no longer a telephone box. The cost of acquiring spare parts, including replacement glass if required was also needed. The clerk would email a response to all councillors once received.

4c. The clerk read out a reply from County Hall regarding the fly tipping at Llandeloy. They confirmed that this land is unregistered and not owned by PCC. They advised that as it is unregistered land they cannot comment on the ownership, and suggested we seek legal advice if we wished to pursue the option of registering the land. They also offered to remove the fly tipping if it was still there. Cllr Jones would check and advise the clerk if it remained, and the clerk would then arrange the removal. In the meantime we should encourage local residents to keep an eye on the situation in future, and report and further incidents to their local community councillor.

4d. Cllr Carter advised that he had heard nothing further regarding the traffic calming and rumble strips.

4e. Cllr Carter agreed to contact PCC again regarding the 2 minute street cleaning boards.

4f. As the chairman was not present the details of the One Voice Wales quarterly meeting would be carried forward to the next meeting.

4g. Cllr Carter had visited the unofficial no parking sign in Llandeloy. He advised that the sign was attached to a fence in front of a tar marked area. He agreed to follow this up, by finding out who owns the land, and report back to the next meeting.

4h. The clerk had forwarded posters regarding the changes to the waste and recycling collections for inclusion in the village notice boards. Councillors advised of some initial teething problems, and Cllr Carter offered to follow these up. He advised that overall the launch had gone very well.

He did advise of one case of local fly tipping, where a black bin bag had been dumped at the roadside. This was being dealt with by local residents and also featured on the Brawdy Community information board.

4i. A short discussion took place regarding the ongoing starting time for our monthly community council meetings. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the times remain as they are with a 7.30 pm start in the Winter

and 8pm in the summer. Any requests for a one off change would be considered.

5. Pembs County Council.

Confirmation of approval of Planning Application. Ref. No. 19/0576//PA. Agricultural Building 38m x 24m at Maerdy Farm Penycwm Haverfordwest. Received & Filed.

Pembs Coast National Park.

6. Confirmation of approval of planning decision. Ref. No. NP/19/0454/FUL.

Alteration to roof covering on lean to conservatory at Bryn y Mor Newgale Haverfordwest.

7. Proposed amendment to the sustainable drainage order 2018 from the Welsh Govt. Office. Received & Filed.

Other Correspondence.

8. The clerk read out a letter regarding the Tour de Shane Cycle sportive which was due to go ahead on 29/3/20. Cllr Tierney declared an interest and completed and signed the notification form. The letter was read out but not discussed.

9. A letter was received from Ysgol Croesgoch advising of a vacancy for an additional community governor at their school. This was received and filed.

10. Clerks & Councils direct brochure for November 19 was circulated commencing with Cllr D E Jones.

Report of responsible finance officer.

11. The clerk advised of up to date bank account balances as at 25/11/19 as : Current Account £ 40.12 and Deposit Account £ 4567. 58.

12. Clerks salary and income tax payment slips, issued via our accountants, for November 2019 were presented for inspection. This was for the standard payment for 16 hours.

13. The clerk advised that the annual rent of the Schoolroom at Trefgarn Owen, amounting to £77 was due for payment. It was proposed by Cllr J Tierney and seconded by Cllr D E Jones that this be paid.

14. The clerk advised that the annual return to the IRPW for 2018/19, had been completed and submitted. This was for payments made to community councillors, and this years return was again a nil return.

15. The precept request for 2020/21 was discussed at this meeting, as the submission was required by PCC in early January. The clerk produced details of our accounts, for the previous two years, as well as up to date figures, for this current year. This included our income and expenditure, together with details of one off payments, and exactly what was due in and out of the accounts for the rest of the year. Copies were inspected by councillors, and it was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that we request a payment of £6180 for the coming year. This was a 3% increase on last year, and in line with the current rate of inflation, and was unanimously agreed.

16. It was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr J Tierney that the sum of £150 be transferred between our accounts for payments agreed at this meeting. This included sufficient funds for the electricity supply, at Trefgarn Owen, should it be claimed.

17. The date and time for the next meeting was set for Monday 27th January 2020 starting at 7.30 pm.

The vice chairman closed the meeting at 8.59pm.