

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Monday 6th January 2025

Present: C’llrs James Milne, Jackie Prest, Clive Griffith; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C’llrs Rob Summons, Steve Davies; County Councillor Danny Young.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by C’lr Jackie Prest.

Declarations of known interest

None.

Approval of the minutes of the December 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’lr James Milne, seconder C’lr Jackie Prest).

Opportunity for public to address meeting / make representations on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present who wished to comment.

Matters arising

Village Amenity closure. Members were informed that the closure and clearance work had gone ahead on 18th December. A local resident had suggested publicising the work on the village amenity, so as to get more assistance to carry it out from local residents. Members noted this for future years. It was also suggested that the date could usefully be set before the clocks went back in late October, for extra daylight. Matter to be placed on the agenda for discussion in September 2025.

Planning matters

There were no planning matters to discuss this month.

Correspondence

01) Infinity Play – Routine inspection report for The Beacon Playpark – noted. Clerk to ask Infinity Play to comment on the front seat slat when next in the playpark, as C’lr Jackie Prest had noticed a hole that had developed in it.

Accounts

Payments

Easy Websites (direct debit for website provision) : £37-20

The above payment was approved (proposer C’lr Jackie Prest, seconder C’lr James Milne).

Discussion / budget setting for 2025/26 financial year

Members considered the draft budget prepared by the Clerk. A provisional sum of £5000 was re-inserted, in case the construction of the pedestrian shelter should prove necessary. In addition, it was agreed to increase the pay for the Clerk from 5 hours / week to 5.38 hours per week, effective 1st April 2025, in view of incremental increases in workload, and as per One Voice Wales recommendations (proposer C’lr James Milne, seconder C’lr Clive Griffith). All other terms and conditions to remain unchanged. Clerk to prepare a revised contract for signature, and to amend the draft budget to account for these items.

Following the discussion, Members resolved to keep the precept for 2025/26 unchanged at £16800 (proposer C’lr James Milne, seconder C’lr Clive Griffith). Clerk to inform P.C.C. accordingly.

Discussion of possible introduction of dog control measures at The Beacon

P.S.P.O. request. C’llr Jackie Prest commented that the situation was, in her view, worsening. Members agreed for the Clerk to submit a Freedom of Information request to P.C.C., asking for data on (a) the numbers of other requests made to them during the last three years for P.S.P.O.s to control dogs in public places in the last three years; (b) the numbers and locations of any P.S.P.O.s enacted in the last three years to control dogs in public places; and (c) for any sites identified in (b), the numbers of formal complaints received by P.C.C. about dogs received and factored into the decision made to bring in the P.S.P.O.s concerned (proposer C’llr Jackie Prest, seconder C’llr James Milne).

Dog control signage. The Clerk reported that there had been problems obtaining any response from the P.C.C. Signs Unit to the request for signage made to them following the December meeting. Clerk to ask C’llr Danny Young to make enquiries in County Hall about the exact status of the Signs Unit.

Unauthorised activities on The Beacon. Members reported a fresh ramp under construction on the footpath at The Beacon, at the same location as previously. One boy had been seen riding an electric bike on the field. Clerk to ask Community Police Officer for advice on action that would be possible to tackle this.

Litter bin collections. C’llr Jackie Prest had seen two bin men visit the site, but not empty the litter bin. Clerk to mention this to P.C.C.

Any necessary discussion of maintenance issues on community council-owned assets in village

Benches opposite The Huntsman. Clerk to seek update on progress.

Abandoned car in Village Amenity. The vehicle was reported as still being present. The Clerk confirmed that, at the Chairman’s request, this had been reported to P.C.C., and an initial response from them was currently awaited.

Update on position with replacement Village Hall project

Deferred for consideration in February.

Any other business

Stream alongside Honeyborough Road. Members reported significant blockages in the stream, due to wood and debris. Agenda item to be tabled for February for discussion.

Defibrillators. C’llr Jackie Prest had checked both defibrillators, and all was in order.

Litter-picking along Honeyborough Road. C’llr James Milne had been carrying out litter-picking along the Honeyborough Road, and had noted some bags of fly-tipped waste alongside the road near the old railway bridge. The Clerk confirmed that this had already been reported to P.C.C.

The meeting concluded at 8pm. Next scheduled meeting Monday 3rd February 2025, 7pm.