

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on
Monday 1st October 2018

Present: Cllrs Rhys Jones, Steve Davies, David Hancock, Barbara Summons (M.B.E.),
Jill Gibson (Chair); Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C'llrs Glyn Jenkins, Rob Summons.

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes of the September 2018 monthly meeting

These were approved as written (proposer C'lr Rhys Jones, seconder C'lr Barbara Summons).

Discussion of problems with (a) inconsiderate parking and (b) speeding around Village

As the Community Police Officer had not arrived at the meeting as arranged, and also in the absence of C'lr Glyn Jenkins, the item was deferred for consideration in November.

Matters Arising

Village Hall Committee proposals for new Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee had prepared a draft letter to be sent out jointly from the Village Hall Committee and Community Council. The letter was to invite all residents to a public meeting to discuss the proposals and assess the level of public support. Letter to go out on Village Hall Committee headed paper. The text of the letter was discussed and agreed by Members. C'lr Steve Davies to email the Clerk with the final draft and date for the proposed meeting, along with the letter heading. Clerk to prepare and email a pdf of the final letter to C'lr Steve Davies for approval by the Village Hall Committee prior to sending to the contractor for mailing.

Plans

There were no plans for discussion this month.

Accounts

Payments

P.C.C. (Westaway Park rental)	:	£ 7-50
PATCH (donation)	:	£100-00

Defibrillator funds

Amount in fund before meeting	:	£150-90
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Mr. Jack Wood was in attendance at the meeting with his mother Mary Wood, to hand over a cheque for £736-56 for the defibrillator fund, obtained from a sponsored swim he had carried out across Milford Haven. Members expressed gratitude to Mr. Wood for the outstanding achievement, and admiration for his determination in accomplishing this on behalf of the community.

Taking into account this donation, current standing of fund	:	£887-46
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Quarterly budget review

Clerk circulated summary of current and projected finances effective 30/09/18. This projected a balance on hand at the end of the financial year of around £6000, barring unforeseen occurrences.

2017/18 Audit

It was noted that the Auditor General for Wales had issued an unqualified certificate approving the accounts. However, a letter raising some issues had also been sent, relating to the asset register and arrangements for appointing internal auditors. This was read to Members. Clerk to action the matters raised and arrange to publish the notification of completion of audit.

Correspondence

- 1) H.M.R.C. – Details of new arrangement for reclaiming VAT – left with Clerk to deal with.
- 2) Grant Thornton (auditors) – Notification of completion of 2017/18 audit with no matters arising – dealt with in ‘Accounts’.
- 3) Auditor General for Wales – Notification of unqualified approval of 2017/18 accounts – dealt with in ‘Accounts’.
- 3) P.C.C. – Notification of new ‘Environmental Enforcement’ arrangement – noted.
- 4) PATCH – Request for financial assistance for Christmas gifts – Donation agreed at £100 (proposer C’llr David Hancock, seconder C’llr Barbara Summons).
- 5) Network Rail – Proposed renewal of railway bridges at Merlin’s Bridge in 2019 – noted.
- 6) P.C.C. – Notification of current consultations - noted.
- 7) P.C.C. – Draft Charter – noted.
- 8) R.V.H.C. – thanks for meeting in September – noted.
- 9) C. Haley – Various Village issues - Clerk to contact P.C.C. re. the parking in the layby, and respond to Mrs. Haley thanking her for the message, and responding to all matters raised.

Any necessary discussion of Village maintenance

Trees on Beacon. It was noted that many of these were now overhanging to a significant degree. C’llr Steve Davies to look at this and assess whether or not it can be done as a volunteer exercise.

Discussion of proposed works at the Village Amenity

Members were informed that work was due to commence to fence the road frontage this week, and notices had been placed on all vehicles parked in the Village Amenity making them aware of this. C’llr Jill Gibson mentioned the annual car park closure scheduled for Dec 15th. Clerk to check if this needs all vehicles to be physically out of the car park, or if it is enough to just lock the gate even with some vehicles left inside.

Discussion of situation with St. Leonard’s Well

Nothing more to report. Clerk to chase up P.C.C. for an update on the situation regarding removal of the stone from around the well.

Discussion of possible registration of land opposite recycling area

Members discussed this matter at some length. It was decided that the wet nature of the land would limit its value to the Community Council. In addition to this, potential problems with the presence of Japanese Knotweed were noted. Because of these factors, as well as the lack of any particular public interest reason for pursuing ownership of the land, Members concluded that ownership of the land could potentially involve the Community Council in considerable expense without any identifiable benefits to the Community. For these reasons, it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance.

Any other business

Fireworks / bonfire on The Beacon. C’llr David Hancock mentioned that some local residents had expressed an interest in having a bonfire and fireworks on The Beacon. He had offered general advice that they should consider seeking permission first. The Clerk undertook to find out about the legality of having bonfires and fireworks on common land.

The meeting concluded at 8-40pm.

Date of next meeting

Monday November 5th, 2018, 7pm.