

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held online on
Monday 7th June 2021

Present: Cllrs David Hancock (Chairman), Jill Gibson, Steve Davies, Caroline Haley, John O'Boyle; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : None.

NOTE – The minutes to record that this meeting was held online via the Zoom video-conferencing platform due to the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions. This was as per the Welsh Government emergency Covid-19 regulations governing Community Council meetings.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Approval of the minutes of the 2021 A.G.M.

The minutes were approved as an accurate record, and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'lr Jill Gibson, seconder C'lr Caroline Haley).

Approval of the minutes of the May 2021 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record, and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'lr John O'Boyle, seconder C'lr Caroline Haley).

Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

Matters arising

Request for site meeting with officers from P.C.C. Highways Department. The Clerk confirmed that he had received a message from P.C.C., offering a meeting. It was agreed for C'lr Caroline Haley and Jill Gibson to represent R.C.C., with C'lr John O'Boyle possibly joining in, depending on work commitments. C'lr David Hancock said he could act as a reserve if necessary, and depending on the timing of any meeting arranged. Clerk to forward the list of areas of concern to P.C.C. in readiness for the meeting, as circulated by C'lr Caroline Haley prior to the meeting. C'lr Jill Gibson / Caroline Haley to provide suggested dates / times to Clerk, for these to be forwarded by him to P.C.C.

Woodhouse Barn. The Clerk had received a holding response from P.C.C., indicating that substantive work on the planning enforcement investigation was now under way. The Clerk had also checked the planning history and found nothing to corroborate comments made suggesting that the Haybarn had unrestricted use in terms of months of operation.

Benches and bus shelters. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Nathan Jones, and put him in touch with C'lr Jill Gibson regarding providing a quotation for maintenance work to the bus shelters and benches in Middle Street. Nothing further had been heard from him. Clerk to chase him up to progress the matter.

Noticeboards. C'lr David Hancock had looked at the Middle Street noticeboard. He thought the issue was with some rotten timber below ground level, and undertook to address this during the next few weeks. C'lr Caroline Haley mentioned the general situation with the noticeboard contents, which looked rather messy and unkempt. Clerk to have a ruthless clearout of the noticeboard contents. The possible use of the noticeboards for advertising by local businesses was raised by C'lr Caroline Haley. The Clerk suggested that, based on previous experience, this could very

quickly get out of hand. However, Members were in general agreement that in principle this could be a good idea. Clerk to contact P.A.V.S., to invite them to let the Community Council know of local events / initiatives that could beneficially be advertised in the noticeboards. C'llr David Hancock suggested that this could also be used to benefit any local history group that might be set up, but all subject to available space in the noticeboards. Jill Gibson mentioned that she felt it could benefit local service providers (tradesmen, etc). Members were in agreement that this could be facilitated.

Boundary fence at recycling area. C'llr Caroline Haley had contacted P.C.C. regarding maintenance work to the fence. They had indicated that they had no resources available to carry out the work. A follow-up message had been sent by C'llr Haley to ask if they would be willing to cover the cost of materials if the Community Council were to arrange to carry out the work. No response had yet been received to this message. It was left with C'llr Caroline Haley to contact P.C.C. again regarding this matter.

Area of land by St Leonards Avenue. It was left for this to be dealt with in the site meeting to be arranged with P.C.C.

BB Guns. Nothing further had been heard to indicate any ongoing problems.

Road sign at West Street. It was confirmed that the sign had now been re-set. Members thanked C'llr Caroline Haley for pursuing this matter.

Planning matters

Applications

21/0123/PA - Single storey rear extension to dwelling; Site Address: 12, The Glades, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JQ – no comments.

Correspondence

- 1) Common Land Officer – Response to message sent about proposed tree-planting project on The Beacon – noted.
- 2) P.C.C. – Consultation on railway service provision – any responses to be made on an individual basis.
- 3) P.C.C. – Response to update on situation with carriageway repairs on Jordanston Road – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. – Holding response regarding planning enforcement investigation at Woodhouse Barn – dealt with in 'Matters Arising' above.
- 5) P.C.C. – Response to request for site meeting to discuss highway-related issues – dealt with in 'Matters Arising' above.
- 6) Local resident – C'llr John O'Boyle had been contacted by a local resident, concerned over the non-cutting of a pathway around the perimeter of the Lower Beacon. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for it to be done.

Accounts

Charitable donations

C'llr Steve Davies confirmed that there was no need for any contribution to be made to the Chapel grass-cutting this year, as there was about £2000 in the fund for this, and there were also other funding sources available. Members were keen to note that support was not being withdrawn from the chapel grass-cutting, and that the matter would be kept under review, and support considered if and when a need should arise.

C'llr Jill Gibson undertook to find out the situation regarding any need for support with the Church grass-cutting costs.

It was agreed to defer a discussion on charitable donations until July. Clerk to circulate a list of charities that have made contact to request donations prior to the meeting.

Payments

Clerk (salary / fixed expenses, April – June 2021)	:	As per contract.
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	As per contract.
Clerk (incidental expenses, December 2020 – May 2021)	:	£157-51

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’llr Steve Davies, seconder C’llr Jill Gibson).

Discussion of memorial to Barbara Summons’ contribution to Community affairs

C’llr John O’Boyle had contacted P.C.C., and asked to speak to someone in the appropriate team. He had been provided with an email address. However, no names had been provided, and no response received to the emails sent by him. Furthermore, it had not been possible to get in contact with anyone by telephone. Clerk to make enquiries in P.C.C. to try and make meaningful contact in order to move the matter forward.

Discussion of arrangements to advertise open vacancy for a council Member

It was agreed for the Clerk to commence the process of advertising the vacancy as soon as possible.

Discussion of arrangements for future meetings

After some discussion, it was agreed to continue the current approach of online meetings for the present. This was due to the current uncertainty in the Country over Covid-19, the perceived effectiveness of the online meeting forum, including the fact that public access to meetings had been facilitated. Matter to be placed on the agenda for further discussion in July, in order for the matter to be kept under review in the light of the latest available data and guidelines.

Discussion of renewal / repair of playground equipment, and possible fencing provision around play equipment

The Clerk conformed that he had heard nothing from Creative Play since the site meeting that had taken place. Clerk to chase them up.

Regarding the existing climbing frame, Members were satisfied that it was safe to continue in use for the time being. C’llr John O’Boyle undertook to keep an eye on the existing climbing frame, and report any problems.

Discussion of potential local history project

C’llr Caroline Haley referred to the Community survey carried out previously. A handful of responses to this had included some expressing an interest in such a group / venture. She mentioned that there had previously been a local history group in the village. She planned to attend a forthcoming event in Neyland which might be a suitable forum to meet / attract people from the Rosemarket area who might be interested in supporting a group locally. C’llr Haley did not feel that repeating the Community survey would be the best way forward at this time. However, she did feel that a Community newsletter might be a good idea, and if done, could include a reference to the possibility of starting up a new local history group. C’llr Haley expressed a willingness to undertake this, with a view to timing it to get responses in during August. Members were supportive of this idea. In connection with the discussion, C’llr Haley also raised the matter of a possible permanent war memorial for Rosemarket, to be placed either somewhere in the Church grounds, or at another suitable location.

Clerk to place a notice on the webpage and in the noticeboards, inviting anyone interested in supporting a local history group to contact C’llr Caroline Haley. In addition, C’llr Jill Gibson mentioned that P.A.V.S. had previously obtained funding for this type of initiative. Clerk to contact P.A.V.S. to ask them about that.

Discussion of progress towards submitting application to register public footpath up to the cycle track alongside old railway bridge

A number of potential persons who might be able / willing to provide user evidence statements had been identified by Members. It was agreed to place the matter on the July agenda for further discussion, with the aim of getting all responses in prior to that, and submitting the application after the July meeting.

Any other business

There was no other business raised.

Date of next meeting

Monday 5th July 2021

The meeting concluded at 8-45pm.