

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held online on
Monday 1st November 2021

Present: Cllrs Jill Gibson (vice-Chairman), John O’Boyle, Caroline Haley; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C’llrs David Hancock, Steve Davies, Tamsin Moore.

NOTE – The minutes to record that this meeting was held online via the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

The meeting was chaired by the vice-Chairman, C’llr Jill Gibson.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Approval of the minutes of the October 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’llr John O’Boyle, seconder C’llr Jill Gibson).

Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

Matters arising

No smoking signage at playground. C’llr John O’Boyle was thanked for putting up the signage.

Painting of fence around recycling area. C’llr Jill Gibson mentioned that undergrowth was encroaching through the fence from the no man’s land beyond. This needed clearing with a brush cutter, or weed-killing, before the painting could be done. The general view was that the weather at the moment was not conducive to painting the fence anyway. Matter to be placed on December agenda for discussion on how to proceed.

Climbing frames. The Clerk had still to complete obtaining the further quotations, due to some confusion over the exact type of installation being sought. Members clarified this. Clerk to obtain further quotations prior to the December meeting.

Planning matters

There were no plans for discussion this month.

Correspondence

1) P.C.C. – Confirmation of success in Community Works grant application for speed-activated signage – noted. Members noted that there was some ongoing speed survey activity around the Village at the moment.

2) Local resident – Questions over grass-cutting at Chapel graveyard – Clerk to do a Land Registry search to confirm ownership of the land, and then to respond accordingly to the resident, explaining the situation regarding ownership and responsibility for the land, and previous arrangements for supporting grass-cutting. Clerk to discuss matter with C’llr Steve Davies before responding.

3) P.C.C. – Response to request for advice on Elm tree, The Beacon – Clerk to respond to the neighbouring resident to explain that the tree has now been inspected, and ask him what he would like R.C.C. to do now to resolve the matter.

4) O.V.W. – Update on arrangements for Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – noted.

Accounts

Payments

P.C.C. (Westaway Park rental) : £ 7-50
Royal British Legion donation : £ 50-00
PATCH (additional charitable donation, in view of steeply rising cost of living prices, and the likelihood of there being a considerable call on PATCH's services this year) : £200-00
The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr John O'Boyle).

Discussion of Community tree-planting scheme

Members had met on the Beacon informally, to look at what could be done. As a result of this meeting, it was agreed that a phased approach would be taken, with eight to ten trees initially being planted in three locations around the perimeter of the Lower Beacon. The Clerk had contacted Ty Rhos Trees to enquire about supply and planting of suitable trees, and was currently awaiting a response. In addition, Members asked the Clerk to contact Grandiflora in St. Florence to ask them for some prices. Clerk to also contact Neyland Town Council, to enquire about where the trees recently planted in Riverside Avenue, Neyland, had been sourced.

C'llr John O'Boyle asked if any grant assistance might be available to aid tree-planting in conjunction with the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Clerk to enquire with O.V.W. about any available schemes.

Discussion of memorial to Barbara Summons' contribution to Community affairs

The Clerk confirmed that the bench recently acquired by Johnston Community Council was a Zest 'Emily' 6 foot wide bench. These were currently out of stock in Neyland Garden Centre, but expected to be in again in the Spring.

Members agreed for the Clerk to invite prices for a suitable concrete plinth from Patrick Busby, Mike Mattson, Tom Greenwood and Nathan Jones (proposer C'llr Jill Gibson, seconder C'llr John O'Boyle).

Discussion of arrangements for maintenance of community defibrillators

Clerk had contacted Cariad and Calon Hearts. Cariad had now ceased operations. Calon Hearts had confirmed that they were able to undertake inspection and maintenance of community defibrillators on a charitable basis of donations received. They wanted to link this with inspections of other community defibrillators in the locality if at all possible, such as in Johnston and Burton areas. Members were in agreement to ask Calon Hearts to come and inspect them and advise on what was needed to keep them in good condition for emergency use. Clerk to contact Calon Hearts to request this after the current round of Community Council meetings in Johnston and Burton.

Discussion of accessible nature trails

C'llr Caroline Haley had received a request from a local resident asking if the Back Lane could be made into an accessible nature trail. It was confirmed that it was owned by P.C.C., and technically designated as a Green Lane. This meant that no surfacing work would normally be undertaken, and that the route was open to traffic. It was also noted that the green lane traffic most often includes horses and occasional farm vehicles and is therefore subject to regularly being quite churned up. C'llr Jill Gibson expressed the view that providing surfacing that would be suitable for disabled people would be very expensive to produce and maintain. The Clerk advised that P.C.C. would be unlikely to consider providing anything of that nature, given current budgetary pressures. C'llr John O'Boyle felt that it would be considered a low priority by P.C.C., given the close proximity of the Cycle Path. However, it was agreed for the Clerk to write to the P.C.C. Public Rights of Way and Access Officers regarding the matter, and ask about possible funding for such a scheme.

Discussion of arrangements for grass-cutting of Lower Beacon

Members confirmed their agreement to the arrangement for One Stop Property Development to cut the Lower Beacon twice, and also cut the perimeter hedges, at a total cost of £200 + VAT (proposer C'lr Caroline Haley, seconder C'lr John O'Boyle).

Any Other Business

Neighbourhood policing. Members raised the matter of contact with the Community Policing Team. C'lr John O'Boyle undertook to speak with the Neighbourhood Policing P.C.S.O. for the area, and discuss with him how best to further contacts and relations going forward. The Clerk confirmed that he had received a recent contact call from him, and had email contact details available should these be needed.

Date of next meeting

Monday 6th December 2021, online, via the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm.