

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held online on
Monday 4th July 2022

Present: Cllrs Tamsin Turner, Jill Gibson, Caroline Haley (vice-Chairman), Jackie Prest, Danny Young (County Councillor); Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C’llrs David Hancock, Steve Davies.

NOTE – The meeting was held online via the Zoom video-conferencing platform. The meeting was chaired by the vice-Chairman C’llr Caroline Haley.

Declarations of known interest

None.

Approval of the minutes of the June 2022 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 Jill Gibson, seconder C’llr Jackie Prest).

Opportunity for public representation on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present.

Matters arising

Bus shelter maintenance. – The Clerk had spoken to Nathen Jones, but no progress had been achieved in getting the work completed. Clerk to speak to him again and stress the importance of getting the work completed over the Summer. Clerk to inform Members of the outcome of this conversation, so as to enable progress over summer by sourcing other contractors if necessary.

Recycling area. Members were informed that the front and side of the fence had been painted by C’llrs Caroline Haley, David Hancock and Danny Young. The wood was not in very good condition, but the aim of improving the appearance of the fence in the short term had been achieved.

Request for memorial seat in Westaway Park. C’llr Danny Young had spoken to officers in P.C.C. They had suggested that there might be some issues with placing a bench on P.C.C.-owned land, and further feedback on this was awaited from Neil McCarthy. The Clerk had separately received information from P.C.N.P.A. regarding the scheme they operated for memorial benches. Matter to be tabled for discussion in September, by which time all relevant information should be available to enable a decision to be made.

Initiative for older children on The Beacon. C’llr Jill Gibson had mentioned the possibility of appointing a youth representative for the community. C’llr Caroline Haley felt this idea could be a good one. She mentioned that Planed was currently undertaking a project to promote this type of initiative, and felt it could well be something good for R.C.C. to become involved with. She was aware that quite a few councils with similar concerns over engaging with younger residents were currently considering this matter. Matter to be tabled for discussion in September, by which time C’llr Caroline Haley hoped to have more information on the Planed-led scheme. C’llr Danny Young mentioned that he had spoken again to officers from the P.C.C. Youth Service regarding a possible site meeting to discuss this issue, this to be held on The Beacon. He undertook to keep Members informed of any proposals / developments regarding arrangements for this. C’llr Jill Gibson felt it was important to engage with younger residents, and to try and encourage participation and support from responsible members of the younger generation of residents to move the initiative forward, as this could potentially serve as a valuable link to the younger residents of the community. C’llr Jackie Prest, while agreeing with this, felt it important not to leave out of the picture the 10-13 year

old age bracket, who simply needed to be accommodated as far as facilities were concerned, but could sometimes slip through the cracks in terms of having suitable facilities / play equipment made available for them.

‘Happy to chat bench’. No definite decision had yet been made regarding siting of the bench. A quotation had been received from Playground Repairs Ltd. for removal of the redundant matting and concrete, topsoiling and reseeding, as well as other work to replace the bench slat and bench mounting brackets on the memorial bench. Clerk to seek alternative quotations for the matting and concrete removal, topsoiling and turfing, as the quotation exceeded the £1000 threshold requiring additional prices to be obtained. Members agreed to ask Playground Repairs Ltd. to carry out the other items of work (proposer C’lr Caroline Haley, seconder C’lr Tamsin Turner). Further quotation for replacement of panels, etc., on the multi-play unit to be supplied by Playground Repairs Ltd. as soon as the necessary information from the manufacturer had been obtained.

Signage proposed for The Beacon. C’lr David Hancock had circulated details of a suggested sign to be placed at the playpark. This was proposed to be quite large. Members asked the Clerk to contact P.C.C. to seek advice on the design and content of the proposed sign, and seek a quotation from them for producing the signage. The need for signage to be bilingual was also mentioned. Agenda item to be tabled for September for further discussion.

Maintenance issues at The Beacon. Clerk to request a quotation from P.C.C. to include the area around the memorial bench in the regular grass-cutting schedule. C’lr Jill Gibson also mentioned the need for the newly-planted trees to be strimmed around their bases, and possibly provided with weed-suppressant membrane. She was concerned at the condition of some of the trees, particularly the Red Oak tree. C’lr Jackie Prest felt this might be due to lack of rain, but C’lr Jill Gibson felt that, as the trees had been regularly watered, this was unlikely, with wind possibly being more of a factor. Clerk to make contact with Grandiflora, to seek their advice on the trees. C’lr Jill Gibson to forward photos to Clerk for this purpose. C’lr Danny Young undertook to go down and strim round the memorial bench and area around the trees the following morning, to make the best of the season and get something done immediately, pending a more long-term arrangement.

Planning matters

None this month.

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.N.P.A. – Information regarding schemes for memorial benches – dealt with in Matters Arising above.
- 2) Local resident – Query regarding grass-cutting protocol – Members felt that, while individual residents’ concerns were obviously of importance, it was the majority view upon which such decisions should be taken, and far more comments were received regarding the need to cut village and roadside verges. It was felt that, while some areas can safely be cut less frequently, lack of grass cutting can also have more negative effects. Clerk to respond to correspondent to state the community council’s approach towards reduced cutting on certain areas of The Beacon to encourage biodiversity. Biodiversity Policy to be placed on agenda for discussion in the September meeting. Email copy of current policy to be emailed to all members for information in advance of this.
- 3) Playground Repairs Ltd – quotation for works at Playground – dealt with in Matters Arising above.

Accounts

Payments

Pembrokeshire County Council (Memorial bench)	:	£576-00
Playground Repairs Ltd (remedial works in playground)	:	£ 98-18

Jackie Prest (Member allowance, May – March) : £137-50

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lir Caroline Haley, seconder C’lir Tamsin Turner).

Discussion of arrangements for commemorative plaque to accompany tree-planting proposed for Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Possible wording for a plaque, and design for a suitable plinth, were discussed. Stone of some kind, or something similarly durable, were considered to be suitable for a plinth. Clerk to ask Pembs. College about where they had obtained the plaque for their Platinum Jubilee garden. Clerk to make enquiries with a Members from Burton CC who had been looking into sourcing stone for an information board plinth in Burton Ferry. Matter to be tabled for further discussion in September. Discussion to be held in September to finalise a final choice of trees. Clerk to seek advice from the P.C.C. Landscape Officer about this. Members felt that it might be necessary to seek another provider instead of Grandiflora for the trees. C’lir Caroline Haley suggested getting a quotation from a professional landscaping company. She undertook to do some research on this, and co-ordinate with C’lir Danny Young on sourcing possible firms that might be suitable.

Discussion of arrangements for any possible service of dedication for memorial bench

C’lir Caroline Haley had liaised with the family, who had said they did not wish to have a dedication ceremony, as this was not what Barbara would have wanted. However, the family had passed on their thanks to the Community Council for considering this.

Discussion of possible outdoor gym equipment installation

C’lir Caroline Haley provided some background on previous investigations into this. It had been considered a couple of years previously, with views of local residents being sought via a community survey. This had not produced a clear majority in favour, with a low response rate, and opinions divided on provision of this type of equipment. Potential costings based on installations provided in other communities had been considered. Members were not opposed to the idea of re-visiting the matter, given the passage of time that had elapsed since it was last considered. Members felt that this could potentially be looked at in connection with the ‘older children’ initiative. C’lir Jackie Prest felt it important that the community council should be mindful in any proposals developed to be aware of the needs of the 10-13 age bracket of younger residents, who could easily risk being overlooked in plans being developed for older children. Whole subject area to be placed on agenda for further discussion in September, by which time it was hoped that C’lir Danny Young might have been contacted by the P.C.C. Youth Service, and the matter might be able to be considered further.

Any other business

Community well, Barn Lane. C’lir Jill Gibson raised concerns over the condition of the well and environs. Matter to be tabled for discussion in September. In the meantime, C’lir Caroline Haley undertook to discuss with the local History Group, with a view to considering if some arrangement could be made for periodic / ongoing maintenance.

Land outside Church gates. No information had been obtained about ownership of this area of land, which was confirmed to be unregistered. Clerk to make enquiries with P.C.C. about ownership, in case it was part of the highway verge.

Request for new football posts on Westaway Park. Agenda item for September.

Village hall update. Agenda item for September.

The meeting concluded at 8-40pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 5th September 2022.