

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of April 2023 monthly meeting held online, on Tuesday 9th May 2023

Present: Cllrs Caroline Haley (Chairman), Stu Gray, Jackie Prest; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C’llr Gery Rostan, Tamsin Turner, Danny Young

Also present – P.C. Neil Lees, Dyfed Powys Police Neighbourhood Policing Team for Milford Haven.

Declarations of known interest

None.

Approval of the minutes of the April 2023 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 Jackie Prest, seconder C’llr Stu Gray).

Opportunity for public representation on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present.

Matters arising

Coronation weekend events. Thanks were offered to everyone who helped to make the events a great success. Thanks were particularly mentioned for the efforts of staff and management of The Huntsman, the Ty’n Y Coed Care Home, Infinity Play, P.C.C., C’llr Danny Young, as well as several local residents who had given their time and expertise over the weekend. Feedback received had been very positive, and Members felt that the effort made had been well worthwhile. C’llrs Caroline Haley and Jackie Prest had represented the Community Council at the Coronation service held at St. David’s Cathedral on Sunday 7th May, and reported very favourably on how it had gone.

Community Policing Event, Rosemarket Golf Club. The recent Community Policing event held had not been as well attended as had been hoped. However, Members were agreed that it had been good for raising the profile of community policing in the Village.

Triangle of land opposite Village Hall. Nothing had yet been heard back from P.C.C. regarding registration of the land. Clerk to chase up again.

The Village Amenity. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the local resident concerning the electricity cable trailing across the car park area, but that no response had been received.

Planning matters

There were no plans for consideration this month.

Correspondence

01) Alan Chadwick – Request for financial Assistance with St Ismael’s Church grass-cutting – a £200 donation was agreed (Proposer C’llr Stu Gray, seconder C’llr Caroline Haley). Clerk to respond accordingly.

02) Internal auditor – Internal audit report for 2022/23 accounts – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.

03) National Lottery – Confirmation of approval of grant application for new roundabout / basketball hoop project in the sum of £10,000 – noted.

Accounts

Payments

Denise Mayr (internal audit)	:	£ 70-00
Bert Edwards (printing of Coronation leaflet)	:	£ 54-00
Zurich (insurance)	:	£ 437-07
St Ismael's Church grass-cutting donation	:	£ 200-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr Jackie Prest).

Income

National Lottery (grant funding for playground equipment)	:	£10000-00
VAT refund	:	£ 1723-40
Donation from Ty'n Y Coed Care Home for roundabout installation	:	£ 300-00

Internal audit

Report had been received and circulated. Nothing requiring action had been noted in the report. Members accepted the report (proposer C'llr Stu Gray, seconder C'llr Jackie Prest).

Discussion of / update on initiatives at The Beacon

Members were informed that a £300 donation had been received from the Ty'n Y Coed Care Home towards the new roundabout project. This had been raised at an Easter bingo event arranged by them. C'llr Caroline Haley had visited the home in person to receive the donation, and express appreciation for their engagement with the community.

The National Lottery Community Fund had awarded £10,000 towards the roundabout / basketball hoop fund.

As a result of the funding secured, Members voted to award the contract for the supply and installation of a 2.2m diameter inclusive roundabout to Infinity Play, as per their quotation provided (proposer C'llr Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr Stu Gray). Clerk to inform them accordingly, with a request to install the roundabout in time for the summer holidays if at all possible. Purchase and installation of the basketball hoop on hold whilst Clerk pursued additional funding streams, such as Valero, Sports Wales, and P.A.V.S., in an attempt to secure funding towards this.

Woodland Trust tree pack. Clerk to pursue this, and enquire if delivery would be possible for planting in November.

Playground regular inspections. Clerk to ask Infinity Play if it would be possible to provide more details on specific locations of litter and dog-fouling incidents reported, so as to enable these to be collected more easily.

Further discussion of 2023 I.R.P. Report and determinations to be agreed

Members discussed the 'consumables' allowance mandated in the 2023 I.R.P. report, and decided that this should be paid to Members as a lump sum (£52 / member for the 2023/24 year). The allowance would be recovered proportionately in the case of any Members leaving part-way through the year.

This allowance, in conjunction with the basic member allowance, to be paid at the June meeting to all members who had not waived these in writing to the Clerk (proposer C'llr Stu Gray, seconder C'llr Jackie Prest).

Discussion of new location for community defibrillator currently situated on the old Village Hall

Members discussed possible locations to relocate the defibrillator currently affixed to the toilet block adjoining the Village Hall, given the intention to demolish the building at some point. Placing it on some kind of free-standing post on the triangle of land at the top of Front Street, or alternatively in a bus shelter sited on the land, were considered. Some kind of structure similar to the pedestrian shelter currently situated on the verge at Bowling's Corner, Hill Mountain, and constructed by Burton Community Council, was considered as an alternative possibility. Clerk to make enquiries regarding any consents / licenses that would be required for this.

Discussion / update on littering / dog-fouling problems around Village

Members were agreed that the problem of dog-fouling and littering had got considerably better over recent weeks and months, as a result of the actions and publicity carried out. However, Members felt it important to keep up the momentum on this. It was agreed to arrange the purchase of six signs from P.C.C. based on the designs held by them. Three based on the 'toddler' design, and three based on the 'boot' design, to be requested, with two horizontal fixing rails on each one (proposer C'llr Caroline Haley, seconder C'llr Jackie Prest). Clerk to make arrangements with P.C.C. accordingly.

Any other business

Defibrillator cabinet. Members mentioned some minor damage had been carried out to the keypad cover of the defibrillator cabinet. P.C. Neil Lees confirmed that, if carried out deliberately, this would constitute an offence of criminal damage. He asked Members to report any similar incidents in the future, as this kind of information was useful to them in knowing where to prioritise their routine patrols.

Arranging of community litter-picking groups. Agenda item to be tabled for July to discuss this.

Litter picking sticks and bags. Clerk to chase up non-delivery of these by P.C.C.

July monthly meeting. Members were agreed to aim for the July 2023 meeting to be a hybrid meeting, including an in-person meeting at the village hall. Clerk to check on hall availability.

Apologies for June 2023 meeting. C'llr Jackie Prest gave advance apologies for the June 2023 meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 5th June 2023, 7pm.