

## ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

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

**Apologies :** None.

### Approval of the July 2019 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’lir Steve Davies, seconder C’lir Rhys Jones).

### Matters arising

**Middle Street bus shelter.** C’lir Barbara Summons felt sure that some land (approx. 2 feet) had been appropriated by the developer. However, C’lirs David Hancock and Jill Gibson felt this was not the case. C’lir Jill Gibson referred to photographs that were available, that made it seem to her that if anything some land had actually been gained. C’lir David Hancock said that, based on the plans submitted for the development, and measurements he had taken, that R.C.C. had almost certainly gained some land, in a strip ranging from 25cm – 70cm in width. C’lir Barbara Summons was not convinced by any of this, feeling that some land had been appropriated, and that this could set an unfortunate precedent for future similar cases.

Responsibility for the fenceline was confirmed as being with the property owner. It was also pointed out that the land around the bus shelter in question was owned by P.C.C., not the Community Council, making any action by R.C.C. difficult in any case.

C’lir Jill Gibson commented that the final situation was beneficial to R.C.C. on balance, being simpler for maintenance around the bus shelter, etc. However, she did mention the importance of checking plans carefully in advance on future occasions, as a means of avoiding similar problems.

The consensus was that the situation was acceptable from the Community Council’s standpoint, and it was resolved to leave the matter in abeyance (proposer C’lir Jill Gibson, seconder C’lir David Hancock).

**Grass-cutting schedule.** The Clerk had been informed by P.C.C. that no cutting schedule was available for the Village, but only a list of areas due to be cut.

Members were unhappy about the frequency of cuts being undertaken. The grass was being left to grow too long, which then made the condition unsatisfactory after cutting was undertaken.

The Clerk mentioned that other options could be considered, including possibly using another contractor to cut this area, such as One Stop. Clerk to send messages to One Stop and Neil McCarthy to put out feelers in readiness for any action deemed advantageous in advance of the 2020 season.

**Recycling area.** C’lir Jill Gibson had taken photographs of the area, which showed large quantities of bottles left, causing the bins to overflow with bottles. Black bags had also been fly-tipped there. Members were agreed that they could not see the point of having the bins there, if the site was simply used as a fly-tipping area. C’lir Steve Davies commented that it would almost certainly get even worse once the new recycling arrangements were brought in.

Members considered various options, including signage, asking for the bins to be removed, or asking for more / larger ones. It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until next month, to see if the end of the holiday season would bring about any improvement. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for discussion in October.

**Signage for Village Amenity.** Matter still in hand with Clerk, who was awaiting guidance from the

insurers on what signage might be suitable.

## **Planning**

### **Decisions**

19/0160/PA - Variation of condition 2 & 3 of planning permission 14/0723/PA to extend time period to submit reserved matters; PANTEG, The Lane, Front Street, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JT

## **Accounts**

### **Payments**

Inland Revenue (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	£ 172-19
R.V.H.C. (grant)	:	£ 650-00

### **Income**

P.C.C. (Precept second instalment)	:	£3,000-00
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The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’llr David Hancock, seconder C’llr Steve Davies).

## **Correspondence**

- 1) W.G. – Notification of Flood consultation events – noted.
- 2) P.C.C. – Information on new waste and recycling arrangements – noted.
- 3) O.V.W. – Notification of forthcoming A.G.M., to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019, at Pontrhydfendigaid – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. – Information on Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant scheme – Members to look at information and ask Clerk to agenda if required at a future meeting.
- 5) P.C.C. – Information on ‘2 minute street cleaning’ initiative – noted.
- 6) P.C.C. – Consultation on Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Guidance – noted.
- 7) Boundary Commission for Wales – Report on recommendations for changes to electoral arrangements for Pembrokeshire – noted.
- 8) Lara Newbury – Concerns over litter in Community – Clerk to reply to message, thank her for her concerns and actions taken in litter picking. Message to assure her that members of R.C.C. have asked for litter picking equipment and regularly do this on a voluntary basis around the Community. In addition, Clerk to forward her message to P.C.C. for information / response by them. Members asked about enforcement of littering in the County. It was not known in detail what the arrangements were, but was acknowledged as likely to be very sporadic in rural areas.
- 9) O.V.W. – Notification of W.G. consultation on National Development Framework for Wales – noted.
- 10) P.C.C. – Consultation on County farms – noted.
- 11) R.V.H.C. – Request for financial assistance – Members agreed to approve a £650 donation. This included in ‘Accounts’ above.
- 12) Mr. Martyn Lewis – Concerns over traffic speeds along Honeyborough Road – The recent extensive exchange of emails between Mr. Lewis, C’llr Rob. Summons, and P.C.C. was referred to and discussed. C’llr Jill Gibson had been down to the area and had met Mr. Lewis. She acknowledged the nature of the problem, with traffic coming down the road around blind bends at some speed, and close to the property. She felt that maybe a convex visibility mirror might help, and had discussed this with Mr. Lewis. He had raised the issue of ownership of the trees along the roadside, as he felt the presence of these might be an obstacle to good visibility if a mirror were to be installed. Clerk to enquire about the ownership of the trees with P.C.C. The video sent by Mr. Lewis was viewed by Members and noted. Members appreciated all his concerns, but were

uncertain whether any signage would make a difference, or what actions would be possible, given the detailed feedback from P.C.C. It was suggested that private signage on his own land might be of more use. Regarding speed limits, Mr. Lewis had commented to C'lr Jill Gibson that he felt there was precedent for altering speed limits outside village limits.

It was felt that the only possible option for R.C.C. might be to fund traffic calming measures, or installing a different type of road surface. However, there were other areas around the Village that Members felt might be equally or more deserving, and that would benefit considerably more properties. It was also acknowledged that available funds would be unlikely to be sufficient to cover the cost of an effective scheme in any case. C'lr Steve Davies mentioned the rumble strips that the previous County Councillor had managed to get installed on The Beacon, and suggested that perhaps this might be something for Mr. Lewis to pursue with C'lr Rob. Summons.

Clerk to respond to Mr. Lewis, acknowledging his concerns, but pointing out that little action could realistically be identified, given budget constraints and the detailed advice received from P.C.C. Draft of message to be circulated to Members for comment before sending to Mr. Lewis.

#### **Any necessary discussion of Village maintenance**

Nothing to discuss this month.

#### **Any necessary discussion of Village Amenity**

Nothing to discuss this month.

#### **Discussion of land opposite Village Hall**

Clerk to make enquiries with the Common Land Officer regarding possible registration as a Village Green.

#### **Any other business**

**Open air gym equipment.** C'lr David Hancock raised the possibility of installing some park gym equipment on the Upper Beacon. Members generally felt it could be a good idea. Matter to be placed on October meeting agenda for discussion.

#### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7pm