

WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: 18th February 2020
Venue: Peterstone Village Hall

In attendance: Mrs M Mulcahy (Clerk)
One member of the Public

Present Cllr B Miles (Chairman)

Apologies: PC R Giles

Cllr J Foster
Cllr J Clatworthy
Cllr A Picton
City Cllr R White
Cllr F Lovejoy
Cllr T Witchell
Cllr D Birch
Cllr M Birch

MINUTES OF MEETING

- 1 Meeting started at 7.25pm
- 2 No apologies received
- 3 Declarations of interest
Chairman Cllr B Miles – Volunteer for Gwent Wildlife Trust - Register of Interest form updated
Planning Application 19/1302 – Consulted directly by NCC Planning
Cllr J Clatworthy - Planning Application 19/0869 – Consulted directly by NCC Planning
- 4 Previous Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020 were accepted by the Council and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5 Police issues
 - 5.1 Marshfield Ward Police Report.
A police report for the month of January had been requested by the Clerk but not received. Due to there also not being a police report on police website the Council feel out of touch. Chairman will contact the Police Commissioner in respect of lack of police report.
CHAIRMAN TO ACTION

WCC have also been made aware of: -

Gwent Police Heritage Watch Scheme - Heritage Crime is any offence that targets the historic environment or assets. To help with alerting interested parties to crimes that may be relevant to their own buildings or heritage sites, a local FREE Gwent Heritage Watch scheme has been set up.

To join the scheme via email send an email to ruralcrimeteam@gwent.pnn.police.uk - the police will need some basic details – Name, address, telephone number and an email address that they can send alerts to.

To report a Heritage crime you should call the police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency. Alternatively, you can also report a non- emergency via email to:

contact@gwent.pnn.police.uk

5.2 Speedwatch update

The three villages which include Peterstone, St Brides and Marshfield are all doing speedwatch sessions. During the latest speed watch session in Peterstone, the local volunteers appointed by the police were made to feel intimidated for undertaking this public

duty and also received abuse. Concerns have been raised with the police and in future the police will be called if any incidents occur. Drivers are reminded to keep to the speed limits.

6 Public Participation-

Member of the public wished to bring the following to the attention of WCC

- WCC invited to Life on the Levels Exhibition on Wednesday 26th February at 6pm at the Pierhead Building in Cardiff Bay.
- Countryfile (BBC) filmed with Living Levels Projects last Friday and should air on 1st March 2020.
- Member of the public enquired about the current position with the motor business in Ty Mawr Lane. WCC advised that there is still no decision as far as they are aware.
- A local person has posted a fly tipping video of dual carriageway section rear of LG plant. Chairman advised that he had submitted information previously to NCC but did not hear back from them. Chairman is prepared to attend a meeting if it is out of our ward.
- St Brides Village Hall. Living Levels representatives are aware of the need of pictures and it is suggested that respective Councillors liaise with Living Levels about matter.

7 Review of actions arising from Council meetings

- 7.1 Latest position with Living Levels Partnerships offer to purchase /buy equipment or goods for WCC. Clerk has spoken to the Living Levels Coordinator and it is paramount that this matter is finalised urgently.

Peterstone village application for items –

Chairman has liaised with Peterstone Hall Committee and they have no objections to items being placed outside the hall. Newport City Council are unable to confirm ownership of land directly outside hall but WCC will have to submit a planning application before being able to proceed. Clerk advised that WCC will not be able to recover this cost from Living levels unless planning consent is given and the items are purchased. WCC agreed that a cheque be issued to NCC in respect of planning permission and Chairman will deal with the matter urgently. Clerk has also requested Chairman obtain written authority from Peterstone Hall Committee.

CHAIRMAN TO ACTION

St Brides village application for items –

St Brides Council representatives to be sent a copy of the latest email from Living levels. CLERK TO ACTION

St Brides still trying to get an estimate for the replacement of fence. They will collate information fully and pass to Clerk. AP and JC TO ACTION

- 7.2 Council discussed the WCC website and DDA compliance. The Council resolved that Vision ICT should be instructed to update the website in line with their quote but after the first precept for 2020/21 is received. CLERK TO ACTION

- 7.3 WCC have been awarded a grant for £425 for each hall through the National Lottery towards VE Day 75 Celebrations. Council representatives from both villages will ask the Village Hall Committees to arrange the event but any approved purchases for

the events have to be made via our Chairman in compliance with National Lottery guidelines. Chairman to pass a copy of the guidelines, to the Clerk and Councillors. Councillor discussed dates and it was agreed that the halls would have their celebrations on different dates. Chairman needs to know the date of the event by Thursday in order to place notice in Marshfield Mail. Councillors from St Brides have agreed that there event will be on 9th May. AP has agreed to coordinate numbers for St Brides and her telephone number being released on any correspondence relating to the event for St Brides. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS TO ACTION

7.4 Clerk advised that the internal auditor for 2020/21 has been appointed as agreed in last meeting and the fee will remain at £100.

7.5 Council discussed the review of the Electoral boundary arrangements for the City of Newport. Council feel that the best option would be to stay as they are with no change to the boundaries but this is unlikely to happen due to the number of electors per council.

WCC does not agree with Marshfield Ward being split and feel that the better option would be to bring Tredegar Park ward into the current Marshfield Ward. WCC would also like to make suggestion that all the properties from the Panasonic site and West of Morgans Way be allocated into the current Marshfield Ward. CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO ACTION

7.6 Council discussed the proposed renewable solar energy hub and public exhibition. WCC felt it was poorly advertised and it was a hard sell night. WCC have decided not to send a written response at this stage to Savills.

WCC agreed that a letter should be sent to Head of Planning at NCC regarding the inappropriate preplanning application proposal for the solar energy hub on the levels . CHAIRMAN TO ACTION

8 Finance

8.1 Council received latest monthly bank statements and reconciliation.

Account	Bank Balance as at 12.2.2020
Council Current Account	£1780.44
Council Saving Account	£1293.68

8.2 Council noted and approved the following payments:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
Cheque	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership Subscription	£123
Cheque	Newport City Council	Planning Permission Fee for Obelisk	£380

8.3 The Council reviewed and resolved that no changes were required for 2020/21 to the following already adopted procedures and policies:

- 1 Financial regulations
- 2 Annual financial risk assessment
- 3 Asset register

8.4 The Council discussed the Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales. From 2020-21 onwards, Welsh Audit have proposed that audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales will include a three-year audit

programme which is designed to meet statutory responsibilities while providing a sufficient level of audit assurance at a reasonable cost.

9. Planning

Newport Planning Reference	Site	Proposal	WCC – Response to NCC Planning
19/1130	Pear Tree Cottage, Lighthouse Road, NP10 8SF	Change of use from residential dwelling (C3) to care home for a single child (C2)	Objection sent due to change of use.
19/1302	Blue House Farm, St Peters Crescent, Peterstone CF3 2TW	Retention of stables and hard standing	Letter sent highlighting observations - Chairman declared an interest and was not involved in response

9.1 Delegated Planning Decisions

Newport Planning Reference	Site	Decisions
19/0869	Lighthouse Farm, St Brides	Refused

10) Environment

10.1 Chairman gave an update on the following issues:

- Chairman is going to do a waste survey of the area.
- Thanks should be given to NRW as there has been a further fly tipping prosecution and that brings the total enforcement action to –
 - Three successful prosecutions
 - 1 simple caution signed
 - 1 £400 fly tipping fixed penalty notice paid
 - 5 warning letters issued
- Living Levels Orchard project is going well and trees are also going to be planted in the grounds of Marshfield School.

11) Correspondence & Matters of Interest

11.1 Council acknowledged receipt of cheques and thanks for support from St Brides and Peterstone Village Halls.

11.2 Council discussed and agreed OVW membership renewal for 2020/21 – cheque issued as above

11.3 Council discussed South East Wales Transport Consultation and agreed to keep pushing public transport

11.4 Council discussed Spring Clean Cymru – 20 March – 13 April and arranging a community litter pick in their Communities. Spring Clean Cymru annually ask

Communities to work together to collect and safely dispose of litter from streets and paths. They provide advice and resources to anyone who wishes to register an event. Further information can be found on <https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru>
COUNCILLORS TO ACTION

12) Representatives/Reports

12.1 No further training was identified by Councillors. SLCC have advised clerk that there may be a further course at the end of the year. CLERK TO ACTION.

13) Communication

13.1 Council agreed that an item should be placed in Marshfield Mail about VE Day celebrations for both villages and also an item about the Solar Farm proposal.
CHAIRMAN TO ACTION

14) Items for inclusion in next Agenda

JF requires assistance in putting a map together of all the properties in the area and requested Councillors assistance. COUNCILLORS & JF TO ACTION

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 09:50 with the date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 17th March 2020 which will be held at St Brides Village Hall.

Chairman's signature..... Date

