

WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: 21st July 2020

Venue: The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020

Present Cllr B Miles (Chairman)

Cllr J Foster

Cllr A Picton

Cllr F Lovejoy

Cllr T Witchell

Cllr D Birch

Cllr M Birch

City Cllr R White

Apologies: Cllr J Clatworthy

In attendance: Mrs M Mulcahy (Clerk)

MINUTES OF MEETING

1 Meeting started at 19.37pm

2 Apologies received from Cllr Clatworthy

3 No declarations of interest

4 Previous Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2020 were accepted by the Council and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Foster and seconded by Cllr M Birch

5 Police Issues

Concerns have been raised by Councillors to the police regarding obstruction of vehicles in Green Lane and other matters.

The Council were advised by the Chairman that there is major police presence in the area which is incorporating a lot of stop and search as well as site visits.

There have been a few incidents around the area including four thefts of garden furniture and sheds being broken into by thieves. A few arrests have been made and investigations are ongoing.

Police presence will continue for months. The Council would like to thank farmers in the area for allowing police to use land for training purposes which will probably continue over a couple of years.

Chairman has been in contact with South Wales Police and Gwent Police in respect of major incidents including violence and vehicle attacks which have been happening on the border. Violence has also happened at two local pubs and Gwent Police should be applauded for how they have dealt with matters.

Regular meetings are being held with the police each week as there is a lot of activity. Councillors are reminded to be diligent and report any matters.

Councillors were made aware that official people are currently using drones in the area to make observations if residents were wondering why they are being used.

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5.1 Marshfield Ward Police surgeries every 1st Sunday of the month.

Number of incident reports by members of the public to the police have quadrupled. The first police clinic last week was due to start at 1pm and finish at 3 pm. Due to amount of calls the police could not close until 5pm and Officers running clinic did not complete returning messages until the Thursday. The other stakeholders involved are NRW and Newport City Council.

The clinic was a success and Police are currently patrolling the area throughout the night.

6) Public Participation - No members of the public present

7) Review of actions arising from Council meetings

7.1 Council agreed that the next ordinary meeting will be in September and they will not hold a meeting in August as agreed at the last meeting.

7.2 Council discussed having working groups to look into precept and other matters prior to information being brought to council meeting for approval etc.,. Chairman to put a list of groups together and will ask Councillors to confirm which groups they wish to join. More funds have to be raised and a larger income is required through precept to facilitate work on behalf of the community ie Insurance for litter picking groups if WCC want to be part of Keep Wales tidy.

7.3 Chairman advised Council that WCC missed the deadline for submitting its views on the electoral boundary due to delay in collating information.

8) Council received latest monthly bank statements and reconciliation.

Account	Bank Balance as at 12 th July 2020
Council Current Account	3302.56
Council Saving Account	1294.93

9) Planning

9.1 Planning Application

Newport Planning Reference	Site	Proposal
20/0473	Seagulls, Hawse Lane, St Brides	Replace dwelling following demolition of existing bungalow – Council were advised that matter has been dealt with under delegated authority and letter of concerns sent to Newport Planning.

9.2 Enforcement Planning Decisions

Site	Newport Planning Decision
Lighthouse Farm, St Brides	Head of Law and Standards to be authorized by Newport Planning

	to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act.
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10) Environment

- 10.1 Council were advised that the fencing for St Brides and the other items which have been bought on behalf of WCC by the Living Levels Partnerships have been received. Council were also advised that two benches (One donated by PRAID and another by a donor). The Chairman will speak to Petestone Hall Committee about insurance for the benches and the monument.
- 10.2 The council were advised that the Living Levels competition for all ages has now closed.
- 10.3 Chairman advised the Council that a butterfly garden and some gardening accessories (Spade, fork, seeds, posters and climbing trestle etc) have been secured for St Brides Village Hall through Keep Wales Tidy. These items will be donated to St Brides Village Hall from WCC and the village hall committee will have to arrange insurance for the items.. Currently the Chairman is liaising with Keep Wales Tidy as their representative will erect the pollinator garden and insect house.

11) Correspondence & Matters of Interest

- 11.1 Council was advised that Chairman has agreed to attend South East Wales Transport Consultation stakeholder meetings. Cllr Picton would also like to attend. Clerk to check if more than one representative can attend. [Clerk to action.](#)
- 11.2 Council discussed Clerks proposal report for defibrillators in WCC area as currently there are none available. Chairman is arranging for a working group on this matter as council would need to establish who would use the equipment, who would be responsible for it and where it would be sited.
- In the interim Cllr Lovejoy to make enquiries with the new management at Lighthouse Park to see whether or not they would fund a defibrillator etc.,. Also Cllr M Brich asked to make preliminary enquiries into whether or not there is any funding available in the area. Chairman, [Cllr Lovejoy and Cllr Birch to action](#)
- 11.3 Chairman advised council that he will contact National Lottery by the end of the week just to establish position with regards to the delayed VE day celebrations. [Chairman to action](#)
- 11.4 Clerk informed council that Vision ICT has nearly completed the updates to WCC Website in respect of DDA Compliance. Clerk has been asked to see whether or not it is possible for St Brides to have a page on the WCC website. [Clerk to action](#)
- 11.5 Clerk advised Council that the 2019/20 Councillor allowance, submission form has been sent to the Independent Remuneration Panel

12) Training/conferences

- 12.1 Council briefly discussed CiLCA training agreement between Council, Clerk and trainer. Clerk raised points regarding present workload, allotted time and commitment required towards the course. Council delegated Chairman to confer with the clerk, to discuss the training agreement and concerns identified by the clerk.
- 12.2 Council did not identify any further training required by Councillors’.

13) Items for inclusion in next Agenda

- 1 Proposed renewable energy hub -An email had been received from Savills just prior to meeting offering to present their proposals to the Community Council (and interested members of the public) via a video call. A DNS application for a renewable energy hub has been submitted and is now within a six week consultation period. Council have been advised of the urgency of this matter and it has been agreed that the Chairman will contact the Clerk as soon as possible to confirm position.
- 2 Proposed incinerator - Council noted that Cllr D Birch has declared an interest in this matter . Due to no confirmation that an application has been submitted the matter was noted.
- 3. Waste -A number of people assisted with helping to clean up the area especially Green Lane a couple of weeks ago. Due to assistance in removing of the full bags was denied by Newport City Council, volunteers had to take the waste up to St Mellons business park from which Cardiff City Council collected the waste. City Cllr White will take the matter up with Newport City Council on behalf of WCC.
- 4. Environmental issue – Rat infestation problems in Peterstone area has been reported to Newport City Council. St Brides Councillors have made the council aware that there are also sightings of rats in St Brides this year as well as last year.
- 5. Chairman wished to make Council aware that he is looking into purchasing Microsoft 365

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 21.30 with the date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 15th September 2020.

Chairman’s signature..... Date

