

WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: 15th September 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 M Birch
City Cllr R White

Apologies: Cllr J Clatworthy
Cllr T Withcell
Cllr D Birch

In attendance: Mrs M Mulcahy (Clerk)

MINUTES OF MEETING

- 1 Meeting started at 19.20pm
- 2 Apologies received from Cllr Clatworthy, Cllr Witchell and Cllr D Birch
- 3 No declarations of interest
- 4 Previous Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2020 were accepted by the Council and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by City Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Foster
- 5 Police Issues
 - 5.1 Marshfield Ward Police surgeries every 1st Sunday of the month.
At the first police surgery the police were inundated with queries but on the second session they only received four calls. The police only publicise the surgeries on Twitter. Our Chairman has publicised the surgery on local social media as well as reminding Marshfield Council to remind people in their area.
Councillors are concerned about the lack of response from the local police to general emails and that they no longer provide any of the Community Council with a monthly police report. Councillor Foster to send copy of unanswered emails to Chairman, in order that he can take the matter up with the police. [Chairman and Cllr Foster to action](#)

Ongoing issues on the Coast Road:

Shirenewton site

 - Last week mothers were unable to collect their children from school due to another incident at the site.
 - Cardiff Council Works staff have been stoned, abused and threatened at the site.
 - Both Newport and Cardiff councils have agreed to sort out obstructions on roads outside the site.
 - Majority of police call outs are to the site as it is widely accepted that when the road obstructions are in place the road is reduced to the width of one vehicle.

Peterstone area

 - Relatively quiet due to police activity and visibility.
 - There is still a problem with speeding and the Speedwatch team are going to resume their monitoring.
- 6) Public Participation - No members of the public present
- 7) Review of actions arising from Council meetings

- 7.1 Chairman discussed the latest communication from DNS about the proposed Solar Farm application with the council.
 It states after reviewing the information submitted thus far, the Inspector has determined that further information is required from the applicant and Newport City Council. After careful consideration he has decided that hearing sessions should be held no earlier than 14 December and no later than 1 February 2021 to discuss the Character and appearance of the area, Ecology and Flooding, highway safety and transportation, and conditions. The inspectorate have suspended the determination period of the application by a period of 12 weeks. i.e. the determination period will resume on Monday 7 December 2020.
 WCC was advised in tonights meeting that a representative of The Council for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW) has suggested that the need for a hearing is a modest but significant victory.
 WCC Chairman reminded Councillors that another powerful piece of evidence against the scheme is a photograph of the flooded proposed area which has been submitted as part of the WCC submission.
 The Council noted that CPRW submitted their representations but they have not been included in the invited hearing participants. The council also noted that Gwent Wildlife Trust and Marshfield CC are now included as participants in the hearings but were not originally listed as consultees in the original documents.
 Groups against this application are presently looking for advice from the Environmental Law Foundation to see if anything else can be further pursued. The Chairman stated that WCC do not have funds or expertise to assist with this but any help from any groups is welcome.
 Chairman to pass further information relating to land in the area currently for sale to Cllr White and Cllr Picton. [Chairman and City Cllr White and Cllr Picton to action](#)
- 7.2 Council to discuss Precept for 2021/22
 Council agreed that a finance working group should be formed to discuss budget and precept. Cllrs Picton, Foster and Miles have agreed to part of the group. Cllrs Witchell and Clatworthy who are absent have stated their interest previously. Clerk to contact councilors to confirm availability but Cllr M Birch will be a reserve. Group to meet within the next 10 days. [Charman and clerk to action](#)
- 7.3 Cllr M Birch confirmed that grants of £500 are available towards the purchase of a defibrillator but WCC would have to be responsible for most of the cost themselves. Cllr Lovejoy has made enquiries with the management at Lighthouse Park. Due to the park not having facilities ie family clubs etc., where people would normally raise funds for defibrillators they would not be able to assist with funding purchase. Due to current budget restraints Councillors agreed that WCC cannot progress matter at present. Cllr Birch will keep making enquiries in interim, as a lot of work still needs to be done into the viability of providing defibrillators.
 Council also agreed that due to distance between St Brides and Lighthouse Park they should be treated as two locations and therefore WCC would require three defibrillators.
 Cllr White will speak to Marshfield CC and Michaelstone CC to see how they funded their defibrillators as we have to consider initial cost of units, where they are to be housed (Locked or unlocked cabinets), insurance, cost of maintenance and training.

7.4 Chairman has sent an email to National Lottery just to inform them that there will be delayed VE Day celebrations for both villages after the relaxing of lockdown as we are still holding the lottery funds.

7.5 Council discussed a contribution to Chairman in respect of the purchase of 365 as Microsoft Office ends in October 2020. Council agreed the cost of £20. Proposed by Cllr Foster and seconded by City Cllr White.

Further discussion was about the amount of ink and stationary Chairman uses on behalf of the Council but does not claim for reimbursement. Matter will be taken up in the Finance working group and by Chairman with OVW as councilor allowance currently subject to tax.

8) Council received latest monthly bank statements and reconciliation.

Account	Bank Balance as at 12 th August 2020
Council Current Account	3034.05
Council Saving Account	1294.93

8.2 Council noted and approved receipts:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	NCC	20/21 – 2 nd Precept – received 1.9.20	4572.94
BACS	RSPB	Reimbursement for planning application fee	380.00
BACS	HMRC VTR	VAT refund claim	157.63

8.3 Council noted and approved payments:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
Cheque	Mrs M Mulcahy	Print cartridges, paper, stamps and postage	£104.06
Cheque	Mrs M Mulcahy	Clerks Pay	£773.50
Direct Debit	Information Commissioners Office	Annual Data Protection Fee Renewal	£35.00

9) Planning

9.1 Planning Applications considered by Council

Newport Planning Reference	Site	Proposal
20/0733	Ty Mawr Farm, Ty Mawr Farm House Lighthouse Road Newport NP10 8SF	DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 02 (REPLACEMENT HEDGE) 04 (DRAINAGE SCHEME) AND 05 (ECOLOGY) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 17/0578

Due to the increase in applications for the discharge of conditions Council discussed the need of a standard draft letter. Council is concerned that it is perceived, that Newport City Council do not check or enforce conditions. As each case has to be dealt with on its own merit and each condition needs to be individually reviewed Council resolved that individual letters are required.

Councillors have been asked to read the application 20/073 in conjunction with the planning permission 17/0578 and to send their findings to Chairman by 4 o'clock on Thursday 17.9.20 in order that a response can be sent to Newport Planning. [Chairman and clerk to action](#)

9.2 Delegated decisions noted by the Council

Newport Planning Reference	Site	Proposal
20/0437	Land North of Blue House Lane, North of St Peters Crescent, Peterstone CF3 2TR	Refuse to determine

Newport City Council cannot action at present due to Covid restrictions period but will take action once restrictions are lifted.

9.3 Enforcement Planning Decisions noted by the Council

Site	Newport Planning Decision
Lighthouse Farm, Beach Road, St Brides	That the Head of Law and Standards be authorized to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Compliance period: 12 months

Council have been advised that the owners are appealing this enforcement decision.

10) Environment

10.1 Equipment which has been bought on behalf of WCC by the Living Levels Partnerships.

St Brides Hall – The erection of the fence has been stalled due to change in agreed price.

Peterstone Hall – Just waiting for the delivery of the history board but all artwork has been agreed. Chairman has sent an email to the Hall committee about insurance for the obelisk and benches. Chairman to send information to WCC clerk in order that in the interim WCC insurers can be contacted. [Chairman and Clerk to action](#)

10.2 The butterfly garden was secured for St Brides Village Hall by the chairman but has no connection with WCC.

11) Correspondence & Matters of Interest

11.1 Council resolved to agree to Clerk purchasing a remembrance wreath. Proposed by Cllr Foster and seconded by City Cllr White. [Clerk to action](#)

11.2 Council resolved to agree the new NJP 2020-21 National pay scales for Clerks to be implemented from 1 April 2020. [Clerk to action](#)

11.3 Council were advised that the clerk has received the ICO renewal confirmation and certificate

11.4 Council were advised OVW area annual and ordinary meeting to be held remotely on 1.10.20. [Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend](#)

12) Training/conferences

12.1 Council did not identify any further training requirements.

13) Items for inclusion in next Agenda

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 21.00 with the date of the Annual General Meeting and next ordinary meeting being agreed and confirmed as Tuesday 20th October 2020.

Chairman's signature..... Date

