

WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: 21st January 2020

In attendance: Mrs M Mulcahy (Clerk)

Venue: St Brides Village Hall

Present Cllr B Miles (Chairman)

Apologies: None

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 No declarations of interest.
- 4 Previous Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2019 were accepted by the Council and duly signed by the Chairman.

- 5 Police issues
 - 5.1 Marshfield Ward Police Report.
Chairman went through the latest Marshfield area police report. Chairman advised that Green Lane is becoming a hotspot again for cable theft. If anyone hears or sees anything let the police know.
A few road traffic incidents and suspicious activity in the area has been noted. Recently, a dog was stolen from a garden in Peterstone and is still missing but some pug dogs which were stolen from Marshfield area were found in St Brides.
 - 5.2 Speedwatch update
Coordinators to work together to arrange dates up until end of March for Speedwatch sessions to take place.

- 6 Public Participation-
No members of the public present.

- 7 Review of actions arising from Council meetings
 - 7.1 Living Levels Partnerships offer to purchase /buy equipment or goods
Peterstone application – Newport Norse are unable to say who owns the land outside the hall where the proposed monument would be erected. WCC will now approach Newport City Council directly as Living Levels have advised that any planning approval has to be in place. WCC agreed that planning application could be put into Newport if nothing heard by end of the week.
St Brides application – A representative from Living levels has advised the Chairman that she can assist with any posters/pictures that are required in hall.
JC just waiting for prices for fencing etc., as original two companies are no longer able to do the work.

Clerk to send an update to Living Levels advising them of current position and asking whether or not there is a cutoff date for the receipt of requested information. CLERK TO ACTION

7.2 WCC discussed website and DDA compliance and agreed Chairman and Clerk should look at matter as it needs to be in place by the summer. RW proposed and JF seconded. CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO ACTION

7.3 WCC discussed VE Day 75 Celebrations and the grant funding which has been requested from National Lottery. The grant has been applied for and is progressing. CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO ACTION

7.4 Chairman advised WCC that the WCC Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Report has been completed in line with what was discussed at the last meeting and is now on WCC website.

8 Finance

8.1 Council received latest monthly bank statements and reconciliation.

Account	Bank Balance as at 12.1.20
Council Current Account	£3472.44
Council Saving Account	£1293.68

8.2 Council noted and approved the following payments:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
Cheque	Mrs M Mulcahy	SLCC Membership – renewal	£92

8.3 HMRC have confirmed to clerk that PAYE does not have to be reinstated at this time.

9. Planning

9.1 The following was noted:

Since the last WCC meeting no planning applications or decisions had been received for the WCC area from Newport Planning.

Planning application (19/0869) - It came to the Chairmans attention last week that WCC had not been informed of this planning which had been applied for in August for the lawful development certificate (existing) for the use of shipping containers as a dwelling and use of land for agriculture at Lighthouse Farm. Due to the urgency of the matter Clerk and Chairman dealt with matter under delegated authority and submitted an objection letter on behalf of WCC.

Solar Hub – WCC has received a notification letter from Savills on behalf of Wentlooge Farmers Solar Scheme Ltd., of a planning application intended for submission as a Development of National Significance. The application is for the erection of a Renewable Energy hub comprising ground mounted solar panels, three wind turbine, battery storage units. Full details can be viewed at <https://wentloogecommunityenergy.com/> The process of determining a DNS application is different from a normal planning application as it is submitted directly to and examined by the Planning Inspectorate (Wales). The application is currently subject to a period of pre application consultation. Savills are presently negotiating the hire of Peterstone hall in the next couple of weeks to hold a public exhibition. WCC have to send a formal written response by the 28th February2020. Clerk to send a copy of information received from Savills to all Councillors and advise when the date of the public exhibition is known. CLERK TO ACTION

- 10) Environment
 10.1 Chairman gave an update on the following issues:
 Furniture and asbestos is at the side of the reën in Green Lane and also by border appears to have been flytipped. Councillors advised that some of the items had been taken out of the reën by NRW. Chairman to write to CEO of NRW.
 Chairman suggests that if anyone including Councillors find anything is wrong with any of the reëns they should report matter directly to NRW by telephone.
- 11) Correspondence & Matters of Interest
 11.1 Council agreed Chairman should respond on Changes to planning and related application fees Consultation Document. CHAIRMAN TO ACTION
 11.2 Council agreed to Kathryn Cone being reappointed as WCC internal auditor for 2020/21. RW Proposed and TW seconded. CLERK TO ACTION
 11.3 Council discussed the draft proposals for the Electoral arrangements for the City of Newport as the Commission proposes that the Communities of Coedkernew, Tredegar Park and Wentlooge be combined to form an electoral ward. Chairman has requested Councillors read the draft proposals report books as this matter will be reviewed and discussed fully at next meeting as any observations on the draft proposals have to be sent no later than 8th April 2020. COUNCILLORS TO ACTION
 11.4 Chairman has agreed to be entered into the OVW draw to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. CLERK TO ACTION
- 12) Representatives/Reports
 12.1 Chairman and JF had attended OVW meeting which took place on 16.1.2020.
 A representative from The Green Valleys gave a talk about Community Energy which is Welsh authority and European government funded
 Matters that were also on the agenda were:-
 1 National litter strategy
 2 The importance of the OVW Innovative Practice awards as they help Councils to learn from each other
 JF also advised that at the NCC liaison meeting in December Councils were reminded about the acceptance or decline of Gifts and hospitality as it is up to each Community Council to set its limits.
- 13) Training/conferences
 13.1 TW, AP and JC wish to attend Local Government Finance course on Monday 30th March. CLERK TO ACTION.
- 14) Communication
 14.1 Chairman to provide articles relating to Wentlooge Levels to be submitted to Marshfield Mail for publication. CLERK AND CHAIRMAN TO ACTION
- 15) No items for inclusion in next Agenda

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9:30 with the date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 18th February 2020 which will be held at Peterstone Village hall.

Chairman's signature..... Date

