

# REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** of the Council held in the Minor Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Adrian Hughes (in Chair), Enid Jones, Susan Bevan, Paul Lloyd-Davies, Judith Rock and the Clerk, Mr. Howard Evans.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Peter Bowen-Simpkins and Chris Spacie.

**1. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

There were no disclosures of personal interest from members.

**2. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were circulated, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Bowen-Simpkins had notified him by e-mail that he had held a productive meeting with Rachael Davies of Communities 2.0 about developing a website for organisations within Reynoldston. They had agreed to hold their next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

**4. PRESENTATION FROM MR. BRYAN HARRIES OF THE GOWER LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP**

Mr. Bryan Harries did not attend the meeting; the Clerk reported he had received no apologies from Mr. Harries.

**5. COUNCIL APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL RETURN FOLLOWING AUDIT**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Auditor that accounting concepts such as depreciation and impairment adjustments are not appropriate for local councils and that for reporting purposes, the 'book' values of fixed assets should usually stay constant until disposal. The Clerk then presented the Annual Return to the Council for approval at which point:

- i) the RFO certified Section 3
- ii) it was proposed by Cllr. Lloyd-Davies and seconded by Cllr. Bevan that the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement should be approved by Council. The proposal was agreed unanimously and Section 3 was signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk will purchase the 'Practitioners' Guide' before completing the accounts for the current financial year.

**6. DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Representatives of Gower Young Farmers were in attendance to collect payment towards the costs of constructing the beacon on top of Cefn Bryn to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee back in June. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked the representatives present for their sterling efforts and hard work in ensuring the official beacon was constructed and stewarded safely. He went on to say that the beacon (which apparently was only two feet short of the tallest beacon on the night) together with the fireworks were a perfect conclusion to a day that would live on in people's memories for years to come. In return the Young Farmers stated they were only too pleased to have been able to take such an active role in the celebrations and offered their services with further work in the community whenever the need arose.

The Chairman agreed to investigate the progress that was being made with providing Jubilee mugs for all those people who had expressed an interest in purchasing one.

The Jubilee Celebrations' account will be closed on presentation of the above cheque and two cheques each for £900 which are to be presented at a later date to Wales Air Ambulance and Knelston Primary School.

#### **7. VILLAGE GREENS**

The Chairman had spoken to Hedleys Solicitors who reported that they were still awaiting a response from the solicitors for The Somerset Trust to their most recent correspondence about the lease for the Higher Green.

It was agreed that there would be a Working Party on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to tidy up the greens before the Winter.

The Chairman stated that an environmental survey was required on Meadlake, the stream by the Fire Station to Castle Ditty and the pond adjacent to the road to Little Reynoldston. The Chairman agreed that he would arrange the survey subject to cost. Cllr. Lloyd-Davies stated that it had been reported to him that a clump of knotweed was growing along Stouthall Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Environment department of the City and County of Swansea to report this.

#### **8. VILLAGE MAGAZINE**

It was agreed that the following be included in the next edition of the Village Magazine:

- the date of the next Working Day
- a thankyou to Gower Young Farmers for constructing the Jubilee beacon.

#### **9. HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman stated that he would arrange a meeting with highways officers of the City and County of Swansea to agree a date for a survey to take place and a plan to be drawn up for the highways in Reynoldston (plan to also incorporate footpaths).

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman reported that the work at the Fire Station relating to the new Police Station should be completed by the end of October.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- RWE npower renewables – revised Section 48 notice
- Cŵr Penclawdd- request for grant consideration. Councillors agreed to consider the request at the December budget setting meeting of the Community Council
- City and County of Swansea – LDP consultation
- Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust – Reynoldston Ambulance Station
- Gower Community Councils Website – posters
- Welsh Government – ‘The Good Councillor’s Guide 2012’
- Mumbles Community Council – suggestion to share training opportunities
- One Voice Wales – motions for AGM (Cllr. Bevan)
- One Voice Wales – ‘The Voice’ (Cllrs. Bevan and Lloyd-Davies)
- RWE npower renewables – Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm
- One Voice Wales – Training Needs survey (Cllr. Hughes)
- Caroline @ Gower Broadband – better broadband to Gower Exchange area. Councillors instructed the Clerk to write a letter of general support.

## **12. BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

RVHA - hall rental for tonight’s meeting

£ 10.00

RVHA – grant to Village Hall	£850.00
Clerk’s Remuneration (Net)	£352.00
Clerk’s Disbursements (09/05/12 – 11/09/12)	£ 55.69
Post Office Ltd. – Income Tax	£ 88.00
One Voice Wales – New Councillor Induction Training	£ 10.00
Gower Young Farmers – payment towards costs of Beacon	£141.53
Wales Air Ambulance – donation from Jubilee Celebrations	£900.00
Knelston Primary School – donation from Jubilee	£900.00

All agreed.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk reported that Eironwy Davies, Projects Co-ordinator for Rural Swansea Action will be giving a presentation in the November meeting of the Community Council.

Cllr. Rock provided her fellow Councillors with a document outlining topics covered in her course for new Councillors.

Cllr. Jones informed the Council that the Gower Folk Festival would be taking place in the Village Hall between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27 p.m.

