**Minutes of a Meeting of Reynoldston Community Council held in the Minor Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018**

There was one other person present, Rob Vine from Reynoldston Village Hall Association.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Mahoney took the chair, Cllr. Hughes arrived at 19.43.

Cllrs. Adrian Hughes (chair from 19.43), John Mahoney, Deb Vine, Jennie Clements, Paul Lloyd-Davies, Sue Ashelby and the Clerk, Andrew Berry.

**APOLOGIES:**

These were received from Cllr. Dan Dyson.

**1. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST:**

Cllr. Hughes suggested that these be received if and when they arise during the meeting..

**2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Rob Vine from the Reynoldston Village Hall Association asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be corrected £80,000 had been applied for from the Community Facilities Fund and £24,500 not yet agreed. Heating in the main hall would be updated starting Monday 19th March at a cost of £6,500.

The Hall AGM had decided that the majority of the loans already allocated be put towards upgrading the toilet facilities. Remedial work would come from own funds. Estimate for the toilet facilities was now £16,000. The storage room was the most important project so money may be deflected towards this. The Community Council were asked for a grant of £15,000 and this would be applied for in next year’s budget from the PWLB. Cllr. Hughes had previously checked with OVW and had been told that this was within the remit of Community Councils.

Cllr. Mahoney pointed out that the representative from the AONB was Mike Scott and not Mike Smith. The Clerk amended the minutes.

Cllr, Hughes arrived and took the chair.

**3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were none

4**. VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS.**

Cllr. Vine had contacted Mike Scott yesterday. There had been no response as yet to plans for the verges at the edge of the Higher Green opposite the King Arthur Hotel. Cllr. Hughes said that the lease had not been signed and now seemed pointless as the schedule of works had almost been worked through. Cllr. Mahoney said that the last communication regarding the lease had been from Headleys Solicitors in March 2017. Cllr. Hughes said that they were chosen as they had been DEFRA consultants in the past. He suggested that the Council not sign the lease as it stands. Cllr. Vine suggested that this should be discussed again in the future. Cllr. Clements asked why there was a need for a lease? Cllr. Hughes thanked Cllr. Lloyd Davies for his work in getting the Higher Green designated as a Village Green.

Cllr. Hughes suggested that when the joint meeting on the Higher Green goes ahead then the lease can be discussed again. Cllr. Mahoney said that if everyone including Chris Smith agrees than there should be no need for a lease.

Cllr. Hughes had rung Swansea Council about the culvert outside Gower Cottage. The remedial work had not proved successful as yet. He will email Richard Lewis and Swansea Council.

Cllr. Vine said that the Community Council should have raised the issue of parking when the Avalon Room was built and perhaps objected. Cllr. Hughes pointed out that it would be very difficult to build a car park due to cost and the objections from those living nearby.

Cllr. Ashelby drew the attention of the Council to the problem of disabled access to Applegrove. Annotated aerial photos were circulated to show the extent of the problem. There are no dropped kerbs at the top of Applegrove near the cattle grid and the narrow gates next to the grid. Disabled access is very difficult and the problem had been brought to Cllr. Ashelby’s attention by a resident of Applegrove who finds the access problem a safety issue. Cllr. Mahoney declared an interest as he lives in Applegrove. Cllr. Hughes said that the problem needs to be referred to the Highways Department. The Clerk will contact Highways and the disabled access officer of Swansea Council.

Cllr. Mahoney pointed out the need for dropped kerbs either side of the gates and cattle grid. Cllr. Hughes suggested that this was not thought of when the circa 1970’s estate was built, could someone from Swansea Council visit to assess the problem?

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

These were approved and signed by the chairman.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

With regard to the cheques for the GFR vehicle Cllr. Hughes said that there had been a problem with cheques returned from the bank. Another account had been created. A new cheque was made out to Cariad for the vehicle. Cllr. Hughes declared a personal interest.

The Clerk raised the possible issue of the Council appearing to have reserves that seemed to too large. Cllr. Mahoney suggested that all any outstanding bills be paid. It is important that the council make clear in the audit report that money had been earmarked but not spent yet.

Cllr. Hughes said that there were plans for an open day to coincide with the arrival of the new vehicle perhaps utilising the hall and a barbecue on the Higher Green. The Llangenith Choir will come. This is pencilled in for early July.

**7. VILLAGE MAGAZINE**

Cllr. Vine will mention the problem of disabled access in Applegrove .

**8. FINANCIAL POSITION AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

**Treasurers Account Balance at 07/02/2018 £12,057.39**

Includes December 29th 2017 Precept Payment£2,500

Cancelled £1,000 Cariad GFR Vehicle cheque £0

**Cheques for signing**

RVHA hire of hall £12.00

Powercut tractor mower service and replacement parts£1,074.82

Clerk’s Remuneration £390.84

Post Office (Income Tax) £97.76

Clerk’s Disbursements (printing) £2.06

Reynoldston Village Hall Grant £1,000

Reynoldston St. George’s Church Grant £1,000

One Voice Wales Membership £62

Council recharge for election costs. £165

Cariad/GFR Vehicle £2,000

**New Balance £6252.91**

**Planned payments not yet incurred**

Road signage up to £ 2,400

Work to pond up to £2,000

Laptop up to £300

**Lloyds bank Deposit Account** £77.64

The Clerk pointed out that the servicing costs for the mower took in to account replacement parts and the fact that it needed to be maintained to a standard that ensured Health and Safety. Cllr. Hughes said that the mower earns its keep in terms of cost. Cllr. Lloyd-Davies said that anyone operating the machine needed to avoid rocks and stones. Cllrs. Vine, Mahoney and The Clerk all volunteered to be trained by Cllr. Hughes as drivers.

Cllrs. Clements and Lloyd –Davies declared an interest in the church.

Cllr. Ashelby suggested the possibility of a grant to the Community owned village shop and Post Office, however Cllr. Clements pointed out that money couldn’t be given to the shop as it is a business.

It was reported that the postmistress had indicated that she wanted to keep the old phone box and that this might be purchased by the Council for a pound for community use.

Cllr. Mahoney proposed that grants (see above) be given to the GFR vehicle, church and Village Hall.

The existing cheque for £1,000 to Cariad had been cancelled and replaced by a cheque for £2,000 agreed above.

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr. Mahoney said there had been four planning applications referred, he declared an interest in Box Cottage as he was friends with the applicant. The Council had no objections to any of the four applications. Other applications were for Fairyhill, Middle Mill, and Frogmore.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that there had been an email from Swansea Council regarding the recharge for the uncontested election of £165. There had been a request for payment for the membership of One Voice Wales, also a letter from the AM Rebecca Evans about the Women’s Centenary grants scheme, this had already been passed to other interested groups including the WI . There had been an email from Pennard Community Council regarding a meeting to discuss drugs problems and anti social behaviour.

The Clerk had also received numerous emails and mail regarding street furniture and playground equipment.

**11. AOB**

There was a query as to who runs the Community website from Cllr. Ashelby, Will Leach was named as being in charge.

Cllr. Hughes suggested that a post with QR codes with access to local information outide the King Arthur Hotel would be a good idea.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday 8th May. Cllr. Mahoney gave his apologies for absence. The meeting ended at 9pm.