**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held in the Minor Hall of Reynoldston Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th November 2018**

**Present**: Cllrs. Paul Lloyd-Davies, Jennie Clements, Susan Ashelby, Deb Vine John Mahoney. The Internal Auditor Mr. Alan Bryant sat with members of the public. Cllr. Dyson arrived during the meeting and apologised for being late.

**Apologies:** There were none

Seven members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. **Election of Chair:** Due to the resignation of the chair after the last meeting of the Council in September Cllr. Lloyd-Davies proposed that Cllr. Mahoney be elected Chair, this was seconded by Cllr. Vine and passed unanimously.
2. **Election of Vice-Chair:** Cllr. Vine was proposed by Cllr. Mahoney as vice-chair, this was seconded by Cllr. Clements and passed unanimously.

Cllr. Mahoney thanked Cllr. Hughes in his absence for his many years of service to the Community as chair of the Community Council.

1. **Disclosures of Personal Interest**: It was agreed that these would be taken if and when they arose during the meeting.

 **4. The minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**5.Questions from Members of the Public:** Mrs. Cindy Williams asked if a memorial could be placed on the Green with the names of people from the parish who had died in World War One following the recent one hundred years since the armistice commemorations. Mrs. Williams asked if one could be purchased like the new one made of slate in Scurlage.

Cllr. Vine said that this is something that could be considered by the Council in the future. She pointed out that memorials to the war dead already exist in St. George’s Church and that the Scurlage memorial appeared to be in lieu of a church memorial.

**6.Matters Arising:** Cllr. Mahoney said that Swansea is responsible for the Applegrove pavements after a Freedom of Information request had been made and the Council had recently cleared the pavements as they do every year.

Cllr. Ashelby had spoken to Nigel Fitzgerald from Swansea Council. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the verges between the Fairy Hill Road and the cattle grid had not been adopted by the council. He also stated that land would have to be purchased to facilitate improvements to the gates and that this was very unlikely. He had not looked at the problem further in to Applegrove concerning dropped kerbs and agreed to meet on site with the person now responsible for disability issues. The funding for disability projects has been transferred to another department and can be accessed via Councillor Lewis

The Clerk will write to Richard Lewis about the availability of funds and the problem of access and possible solutions.

There had been an Email from the Clerk at Llanrhidian Community Council to the Clerk about concerns raised about parking in the lane outside Fairy Hill at an event where access was severely limited and impossible for emergency service vehicles.

The Clerk will write to Fairy Hill about the concerns passed to Reynoldston Community Council by Llanrhidian.

**7. Village Greens and Traffic**

Cllr. Mahoney said that the meeting between interested parties regarding the Higher Green agreed that the Community Council would reinstate the bund above the telegraph pole. This has been done. On bonfire night two 4x4 vehicles were driven over the bank. The proposal now is that stones already agreed needed to be put on top of the bank to prevent access and damage to the bund and the green.

Mrs. Williams volunteered to donate some large stones for the above purpose. Cllr. Mahoney suggested that the cost of fixing the stones would be about four to five hundred pounds.

Cllr. Lloyd-Davies said that the new bunds were a good job destroyed by careless parking.

Cllr. Mahoney asked that he and Cllr. Vine be delegated to sort out the placing of the stones, this was unanimously agreed by the councillors.

A member of the public then asked that if parking was further restricted on the green then would it not push the problem up the Bryn and therefore make it even worse and possibly more dangerous?

Cllr. Vine said that the next move must be to get the King Arthur to agree that they really ought to do something to help as the situation is clearly getting worse.

Cllr. Mahoney said that the Community Council are still waiting for Swansea to get back to us after a meeting that was held some months ago.

The question of the bus stop outside / opposite Seafields was raised by a member of the public. There is concern about a blind spot and particularly regarding children crossing the road at this point. Could the bus stop be moved further along from the corner? This would improve visibility and make it safer.

The Clerk will write to Richard Lewis and the Council about this problem.

Cllr. Lloyd-Davies has managed to mow the greens. Cllr. Mahoney thanked him for this work.

Cllr. Dyson arrived at this point.

Cllr. Mahoney had cleared the stream opposite the Post Office. He and the Clerk have also cleared the snicket behind the Village Hall that leads to Applegrove.

**8. Recent Planning Applications:** Cllr. Mahoney stated that the Council had already strongly objected to the planning application (with the agreement of all Councillors by Email) for the siting of caravans and glamping pods in a field next to Stouthall. There were many objections. The application was for 103 pods and caravans straddling the Gower Way in a field that floods, there appeared to be no provision for services. Access and increased touring caravan traffic in very narrow roads were some of the objections.

**9. Grants:** The Chair proposed and the deputy chair seconded the grant of £15,000 to fund improvements to the village hall was unanimously approved. Reynoldston Village Hall Association have asked the Community Council to fund improvements to the toilets. The Community Council will fund the improvements directly and pay the contractors themselves. The Community Council will ask the Public Works Loan Board for a loan (please see previous minutes) The loan is intended to be repaid over five years.

The Community Council unanimously approved a grant of £120 to St. George’s church for Christmas celebrations.

**10. Village Magazine.** Cllr. Vine asked for contributions to the village magazine these were agreed with thanks to Adrian Hughes and information about the Higher Green being foremost. Cllr. Vine asked the Clerk whether he had any replies to the plea for anyone wanting to make suggestions about improvements to the village, unfortunately he had not.

**11. Correspondence:** The Clerk had received correspondence from the clerk at Llanrhidian re the parking problems at Fairy Hill mentioned earlier. Also a helpful email from the Welsh government about the grant application for the hall. There were many more emails all of which the Clerk had circulated to members apart from adverts mainly for street furniture.

**12.Finacial Position and Bills for Payment.**

The Clerk’s rate of pay for this year had been agreed by the Council and includes an increase from April. The terms and conditions were signed off in March. The new rate is £9.341 an hour.

Balance as at 13th November £10,398.31

NRP Groundworks for work to bund on Higher Green -£670.00

Clerks Pay (every four months) -£544.07

HMRC PAYE (four monthly) -£136.02

Grant to Church for Christmas Celebrations -£120.00

RVHA for hall meetings -£12.00

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RVHA for hire of hall and heating -£16.00

External Audit Fee -£301.80

New Balance £8586.51

Next precept payment 31st January 2019 +£3333.33

**13. AOB**

The Clerk reminded the Council of a need for a budget meeting before the next full Council meeting for it to be formally agreed in January. The return to the County Council has to be made before the 31st January and the precept agreed at the next full Community Council Meeting. The Clerk and Chair will meet and then decide with the rest of the Council the date for the Budget meeting.

At this point a member of the public said that there were sheep getting in to Applegrove. The Chair was aware of the problem but did not know how they got in. There is also a problem with water running down the road past the King Arthur after heavy rain.

Cllr. Paul Lloyd-Davies wished the Council well after his resignation. The Clerk said that both his resignation and that of Councillor Hughes have been notified locally and the County electoral services have been informed.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Lloyd-Davies for his invaluable assistance by having agreed to join the council for an additional term of one year.

The gorse near the road before reaching Little Reynoldston is obscuring the site line to the road, a member of the public asked if anything could be done about this after some discussion it was agreed that she would ask Ed John or Bob Griffiths if they could arrange for it to be cut back

**14.Date of Next Meeting:** The Chair has already circulated among members the dates for next year’s meetings.

The next full Council meeting is on January 8th 2019

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.