**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held in the Minor Hall of Reynoldston Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March 2019**

**Present**: Cllrs. John Mahoney (chair), Deb Vine, Jennie Clements, Sue Ashelby, and the Clerk Andrew Berry.

There were three members of the public present and the Internal Auditor Mr. Alan Bryant.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Dan Dyson and Margie Bond.

The Clerk had brought a number of maps as members wanted to check the exact location of the boundaries of the Community Council.

1. **Disclosures of Personal Interest.** It was agreed that these would be taken if and when they arose.
2. **Previous Minutes.** These were agreed with some minor changes and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising.** Cllr. Mahoney reported that the planning application for Stouthall had been refused. With regard to sheep in Applegrove Cllr. Mahoney had recently spoken to Lawrence Carpanini regarding this, there are no sheep at present. Cllr, Mahoney has had no contact with Mo Hughes about the gorse on the bend leading to Little Reynoldston, the gorse is still there. The SDF fund will be mentioned later. There has been no progress with the fingerpost as yet. The Clerk had contacted Swansea Council who have a record of all signposts and they had promised to get back to him if there was a record of the signpost. The Clerk has written about the pedestrian sign, Cllr. Mahoney said that this had been reinstated. A new Reynoldston sign will be put up shortly. Mrs. Cindy Williams had been contacted about dog waste. Cllr. Ashelby asked if we had discussed the pot hole near the bus shelter.
4. **Questions from Members of the Public.** A message had been received from Mrs. Cindy Williams asking about the possibility of a cul-de-sac sign. The Chairman said that there was a possibility that the Community Council would ask that with the work on the Higher Green the Council would pay to have the contractor level off the surface of the Lower Green with the road leading to the Church to avoid the possibility of the trip hazard in this area. The large pothole opposite Seafield and near the bus shelter was mentioned again, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County Council about this and a large pothole near Ty Bryn.
5. **Village Greens.** Cllrs. Mahoney and Vine have spoken to three contractors about work to the Higher Green. John Alexander came up with the cheapest bid. He had promised that the work would be done at the end of March however the weather has prevented this. He will also be asked to move the stones nearer the road. Cllr. Vine said that hopefully work will start next week. The aggregate / soil will be locally sourced and in keeping with environmental concerns. Cllrs. Mahoney and Vine did look in to Seafield and Cllr. Mahoney was going to ask if the loose large stones could be donated to the project. The other offers of donated stones are further away. Cllr. Vine had obtained a grant of £1346.82p from the Sustainable Development Fund. Cllr. Mahoney said that the long- term plan to upgrade the surface of the path across the Higher Green could be a project for next year. Gravel will only wash away so the plan might be for a resin bonded product however this would have to be with the prior agreement of the Commoners.
6. **Planning Applications.** Cllr. Mahoney said that the Stouthall application had been refused. With regard to Castle Ditty Lane according to the planning application website it seemed that two items were still outstanding and these were the roofing and drainage that still needed to be agreed. There had been three applications made for the same development under different headings. At present a gate had been taken away leading to hardstanding into the plot. Cllr. Clements said that the houses were already advertised for sale in the Bay Magazine. Mr. Alan Bryant said that it seemed that land opposite had been partially cleared to make way for a turning circle and asked if this had been agreed? The Chair then informed those present about Fairy Hill car park. He had been approached by a resident of The Stables who was concerned that a temporary car park had been constructed piling up soil against his property and accessing over his land without his permission. Cllr. Mahoney had discovered a planning notice stapled to a gate but not visible from the road. Councillor Mahoney has objected to the car park as it seemed to be accessed over someone else’s land. The Gower Society has also objected as has the owner of the Stables via his solicitor. The car park site is separated from the venue by residential buildings. The Community Council was always concerned about planning creep connected to this development with regard to parking and other matters.
7. **Grants.** These will be discussed under AOB.
8. **The Village Magazine.** Cllr. Vine said that she would include information about the village sign, the grant from the SDF and ask for any photos about the missing sign in the next edition.
9. **Correspondence.** The Clerk had received letters from The Air Ambulance asking for a grant and a letter from CND sent to all Councils about not volunteering to host a nuclear waste dump. The Clerk thought that the geology was unsuitable to say the least for a nuclear waste dump. It was agreed that Swansea County Council had already agreed to this. There was also a membership request from One Voice Wales. It was agreed that this would be paid.
10. **The New Charter.** The Clerk had circulated this by email earlier as he had been asked to reply to Swansea Council stating whether this had been accepted or otherwise. Cllr. Mahoney said that it had been updated and revised with nothing contentious and this was unanimously accepted by the Council.
11. **Financial Position.**

**INCOME since last meeting**

Grant received for work on Higher Green 28 Feb £ 1,346.82

**PAYMENTS since last meeting**

St. George’s Church extra grant (Christmas Tree) £ 30.00

Hire of Hall £ 8.00

Hire of Hall with heating £ 16.00

**BALANCE:**

Current Account Balance £12,865.98

Deposit Account Balance £ 77.64

**PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

Hire of Hall (cheque) £ 12.00

One Voice Wales (cheque) £ 65.00

Clerk’s Remuneration £ 544.07

Income Tax £ 136.02

New Village Sign £ 100.00

1. **AOB.** The Chair suggested that grants be made to St. Peters Church for £1,000, £150 to The Reynoldston News and £1,000 to the Village Hall. Cllr.Vine stated that the cost of the first stage of work to the Higher Green is estimated at £2,300.

These were agreed unanimously.

Cllr. Vine pointed out that if the Council were to replace the bus shelter opposite Seafield the new bus shelter opposite Penrice Estate was a good example. Cllr. Mahoney said that there might be a standard pattern for new bus shelters. Cllr. Mahoney had written to Cllr, Lewis with regard to traffic calming measures particularly with regard to dangerous speeding and had been told that a number of councils on Gower had asked for similar work Cllr. Mahoney also raised the prospect of a working party to clear the Village Pond, it was agreed that this would be left to the next meeting.

1. **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will be on the **14th May at 7.30pm.** The September meeting date was discussed and will now be on the 17th September.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.**