**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held in the Minor Hall of Reynoldston Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2020**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs. John Mahoney (chair), Deb Vine, Dan Dyson, Jennie Clements, Sue Ashelby, the Clerk Andrew Berry and the Internal Auditor Alan Bryant. There were three members of the public present.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Margie Bond

1. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST** These would be taken if and when they occurred.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** These were unanimously approved and signed by the chair.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** These would be part of the meeting.
4. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** John Whiten from near Fairy Hill said that there were various concerns about flooding and about climate change. He asked what could be done at a community level? He pointed the council toward the work being done at Pennard. They had set up a working group that could be tied in with the biodiversity plan. Cllr. Vine suggested that this could be put to the community for ideas in the Village Magazine. This is an opportunity for individuals and groups to make a difference. There is a possibility of perhaps asking for ideas concerning the management of the Community Churchyard. Llangennith Community Council have expressed a wish to work with Reynoldston on this. The Council were told about the last working dairy farm on Gower, and that milk from the local farm had to be sent to Carmarthen for pasteurising before being brought all the way back. Could people be encouraged to use glass recyclable milk bottles from the door to door milkman?
5. **INTERPRETIVE PANELS** The Community Council had received a request much discussed in previous meetings for a grant of £858 from Hugh Jones for the first of the interpretive panels to be placed outside the church. This had already been agreed in principle. The cost of a panel is £1716 including VAT, the other half will be financed by the Gower Society. Proposed by Cllr. Mahoney and seconded by Cllr. Ashelby. It was unanimously approved.
6. **ACCESS TO AND FROM APPLEGROVE** Cllr. Mahoney introduced this item and Cllr. Ashelby said that the path near the Village Hall was difficult for disabled access, particularly as regards the gate and the surface of the path. There had been a reply from Nigel Fitzgerald of the Highways Department saying that the Highways Authority is responsible for maintenance. However the path appears to belong to the houses to the south and west of the path. The Community Council has recently taken it upon itself to clear the undergrowth from the path. Since this meeting there has been a meeting with the footpaths access officer to look at the problem.
7. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS.** Cllr. Vine said that the area outside the chapel had not yet been resurfaced due to the weather having prevented action. Rain had stopped play. It was hoped that this work would be completed as soon as possible. There was some discussion about why the Council wanted to prevent parking on the Higher Green with the positioning of some boulders (with the permission of the Commoners) and it was explained by Cllr. Dyson that this was to try to prevent erosion of the grass areas and protection of grazing rights. The Reynoldston Plinths had been erected and paid for.There had been nothing more on progress with the repositioning of the bus shelter. Cllr. Mahoney had heard nothing extra from Cllr.Lewis about a possible one-way system for Stouthall Lane
8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** There were no objections to any applications, the only one made had been to reapply to extend one granted some time ago.
9. **GRANTS.** The Council had received a letter thanking them for the grant towards painting the exterior of the Village Community Shop. The work will take place when the weather improves.
10. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE** Cllr. Vine will again mention that Cllr. Mahoney is stepping down as Councillor. She will also mention the possibility of setting up a climate change working group and the work to tidy up the pond and Lane on April 25th.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk had circulated correspondence by email on a wide number of topics. The report of the Boundary Commission for Wales is available for anyone wishing to read it. There are no changes for Reynoldston although there are some recommended on Gower. At this point it was suggested by the internal auditor that thinking back to item 6 why not reposition the gate at the start of the path rather than half way along?
12. **FINANCIAL POSITION AND BILLS FOR PAYMENT** The Clerk said that the current balance was £14,009. The precept for next year had been agreed at £12,500. The Clerk’s gross pay for the last four months is £677.30p The plinths had cost a total of £1388 including VAT.
13. **AOB.** The current chair will be resigning in May. The vice-chair has decided to stay on for another year but does not wish to stay in role. The Clerk will advertise the vacant positions after the next meeting. This next meeting is the annual meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Mahoney thanked the Council for their work over the past years.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 12th at 7.30 in the Minor Hall of Reynoldston Village Hall.