**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Held at Minor Hall, Reynoldston at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023**

**Present:**Cllrs. Bond, Twitchett, Ashelby, Clarke, Clerk Paul Sizer and Internal Auditor Aimee Dyer

**Apologies:**Cllr. Vine

**Absent: Cllrs.** James, Clements

Councillor Bond, as Vice Chair took the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Vine and welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

It was agreed that any Disclosures of Personal Interest would be discussed as they arose during the meeting although Cllr. Bond noted very early on her involvement with the Coronation Celebration Committee as a member and who would be requesting a grant at this meeting. Cllr. Bond agreed to abstain from any vote on this grant.

1. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chair asked if everyone was happy with the minutes of the last meeting and they were agreed.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chair suggested taking points as they came up on the agenda as several matters were due to be discussed again at this meeting.

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

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr. Bond spoke on behalf of the Coronation Celebration Committee who she is part of. The committee have arranged an event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May 2023 starting at 2pm. Events on the upper green and the lower green will continue until 5pm. There are proposed to be a range of stands and live music. In the evening there is a proposed lantern parade up Cefn Bryn.

Road closures have been agreed by City and County of Swansea although signage for the closures on the day are proving expensive to rent.

Any excess funds made on the day are being awarded to Knelston School.

The Council expressed their thanks to Dawn Thomas who is leading the event.

Cllr. Clarke proposed and this was seconded by Cllr. Ashelby that a grant of £500 be awarded to the committee to cover operating costs. Cllr. Bond abstained from the vote and it was carried unanimously. Cllr. Vine had contacted the clerk in writing to state her vote was in favour and he voted on her behalf in her absence.

The Council felt strongly that the committee could come back to the Council to request further funds if required.

1. **VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS**

At previous Council meetings, it had been agreed to replace the cabinet at the Chapel and instal a new cabinet at the Church. The Clerk obtained new cabinets from Heartbeat Trust in Mumbles. The quote was higher than the clerk had expected and he had requested between the meeting in January and this meeting for Councillors to agree a proposed cost of £1089.95 The majority of Councillors agreed in writing with the cost and the boxes have been ordered and delivered to the Clerk. The Clerk will arrange for an electrician to install and connect the box at the Chapel as it requires to be heated due to its location. The Council agreed for a reasonable sum, to be paid to the electrician.

Heartbeat Trust UK had also quoted for an additional defibrillator, cabinet, post and installation in Little Reynoldston once a suitable site had been located.

To date, no residents in Little Reynoldston had recommended any suitable location. Cllr. Clarke offered to “visit” a few residents in Little Reynoldston to discuss a possible location and would report back to the Community Council.

1. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Vine reported that Neil Pritchard, who was to complete work on the upper green was unwell and could not currently perform any work. It was agreed that any work should now be deferred to later in the year, possibly September to allow the ground to “settle” in further and avoid the summer intensive usage of the land.

There had been no progress on the culverts and Cllr. Twitchett would try to make contact with City & County of Swansea again and report back to the Community Council

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr. Twitchett reported on the following applications to City & County of Swansea:

**The Stables Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Single storey rear extension with raised decked area and balustrade*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RR93S9EV0FC00&activeTab=summary)

**Pendragon Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Non-Material Amendment to Planning Permission 2022/2008/FUL granted 24th October 2022 to increase the depth of the rear extension*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RR5FL5EV0F700&activeTab=summary)

**Danybryn Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Modification of Section 52 Agreement attached to Planning Permission 84/1523/03 granted 30th January 1986 to use the dwelling for permanent residential occupation beyond a period of nine months in any calendar year.*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RQY41VEV00E00&activeTab=summary)

**Brook Cottage Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Works to trees in Reynoldston Conservation Area*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RQ4EIHEV0FC00&activeTab=summary)

**Brook Cottage Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Two storey side extension, pitched roof over existing side extension and side canopy*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RPPDIAEVJWA00&activeTab=summary)

**The Coach House Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Retention of a home office, swimgym/jacuzzi*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RPGC5PEVJSM00&activeTab=summary)

**Fernbank Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Replacement front extension, replacement rear bay window, addition of balcony to the rear elevation, addition of an ancillary outbuilding, addition of cladding to parts of the existing house, replacement fenestration and internal alterations. Siting of an air-source heat pump.*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RP1D4VEVJKY00&activeTab=summary)

**Barns Adjacent To Fairy Hill Reynoldston Swansea**

[*Single storey rear extension and front porch to facilitate the change of use of the barns to provide a 5 bedroom holiday let.*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RORVLSEVJGG00&activeTab=summary)

There had been no objections from any residents to these planning applications and the Community Council raised no objections.

**Belvedere**

There has been no further communication from the City & County of Swansea on this application.

1. **GRANTS**

The only grant received by the Community Council was for £500 for the Coronation Celebration Committee which had been approved earlier in the meeting.

1. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE**

Cllr Ashelby was asked to place the usual article in the Village News. Suggestions were to include that the Community Council had requested a Precept from City & County of Swansea which had not increased in several years. It was agreed to also state what the Community Council use this money for.

As reported in the January meeting, Cllr’s Vine and Bond had stated they were stepping down from May and this would be mentioned in the Village News with a request for replacement Councillors to “step forward”.

**10. Clerk’s update**

Bank Balance stands at £21706 however this included saved funds to pay for the proposed new bus shelter in 2023/2024.

The Clerk had recently paid One Voice Wales £80 for a year’s membership. He had also paid January Village Hall usage of £16 and asked RVH to supply a quick invoice so he could pay the March meeting this financial year.

Other payments made were to:

Heartbeat Trust UK for Defibrillator boxers £1089.95

Village News £150 as agreed in January meeting. A thank you was received for the donation.

Wales Air Ambulance £500 as agreed in January meeting. A thank you was received for the donation

City & County of Swansea £165 for contribution to Village elections.

St Georges Church graveyard £1,000 as agreed in January meeting.

Salary and HMRC payments for March to the Clerk.

Communications – the Clerk had received several communications including:

* The National Trust offering the Community Council some apple and wild cherry trees. The Community Council declined the offer as no suitable land is available and recommended, they contact Knelston School and see if they could use the offer.
* Two letters from charities requesting donations but these were declined by the Community Council as based outside of the Village area.
* An e-mail was received from Cyfle Cymru who are an out of work service fully funded by the Welsh Government to support anyone aged 16 plus who is struggling with mental health or substance use. The e-mail included a poster which was agreed to be placed on the Village noticeboards.
* An e-mail was received from One Voice Wales requesting nominations for the Kings New Year 2024 honours. A suggestion was made by the Community Council and Cllr. Bond will complete the nomination forms.
* Rhossilli Hub had recently held a meeting with Gower Medical Practice about the removal of the Phlebotomist service. It was agreed by the Community Council that the Clerk should make the Council’s feelings known to the Health Board of their concerns with this proposal regarding the residents of the Village.
* Confirmation had been received from City and County of Swansea with regard to next year’s precept at £12,500
* The clerk had received two surveys, one from One Voice Wales and one from City & County of Swansea regarding the training of Councillors. The Community Council did not feel they required any formal training of the Councillors although if any suitable training was offered it would be considered. The Clerk was asked to discuss the matter at the forthcoming Gower Community Councils Zoom meeting next week.
* The clerk had received a report to write on the Village’s ecosystem and how the Community Council adopted any policy. The Clerk was asked to complete the survey but point out the Community Council own no buildings or land.
* The Clerk had received another survey to complete on the use of Defibrillators in the Village. He would complete this ASAP.

**11. AOB**

The Clerk reminded the Community Council that both Cllr. Vine and

 Cllr. Bond had offered their resignations from the council effective from

May. The Community Council discussed how to recruit two new Councillors and names were suggested to contact in addition to the feature in the Village news. The Clerk also suggested the remaining Councillors need to consider who will become the new Chair and Vice Chair at the May meeting. Two Councillors have come forward and will be formally agreed at the May Annual meeting.

**12. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.15

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