**BANGOR ON DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**A meeting of Bangor on Dee Community Council was held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Bangor on Dee Village Hall.**

**Present**: Councillors: N Amyes (Chairman), J Grice (7:46pm), T Nicholls, C Dawson, R I Williams (7.44pm)

Mr S Merry – Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllrs M Glanville, S Sharp, S Morrison

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the councillors. It was noted that the meeting became quorate at 7:44 pm upon the arrival of Cllr R I Williams and no council decisions were voted on or agreed prior to this time.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No Declarations of Interest were noted.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The Minutes of 21st March having been circulated and reviewed were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr C Dawson and seconded by Cllr T Nicholls.

**MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

Reviewing the minutes, the following were noted:

* The Clerk confirmed the Middle shop is not featured under the business section of the CC website and will look to add this.
* Cllr T Nicholls report on the pavement access in the village has been circulated.
* With regards to the Independent Remuneration Panel Review, the Clerk reminded the CC that the councillors need to confirm their wishes in writing.

All other areas are addressed below.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk confirmed that communications have been circulated to the councillors.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk confirmed there have been no planning application this month.

**FLOOD DEFENCE**

Cllr J Grice confirmed contact details for the County Councillor have been amended on the Flood Plan and this will soon be ready to put on the website and circulate to the Flood Wardens and other relevant bodies.

Cllr J Grice was thanked for her time.

**POLICING**

The Clerk confirmed all police reports have been distributed.

**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

**Agri-cation**

Following receipt of the Grant Application Form and supporting documentation, the CC were happy to continue with the grant payment of £300 now. The Clerk was instructed to make payment and to confirm to Mr C Reeves that following positive feedback and a further review on the venture, an additional £300 would follow later this year. **Action: Clerk**

**Speed Sensors**

Following the request of a refund to TWM Traffic Ltd for the solar powered speed sensor on Station Road. The Clerk asked the CC on their views and what they would like as a replacement. The following options were put forward:

* Another solar powered sensor at the same location
* A sensor on the right hand side of the road connected to a street light

The Clerk was asked to look into other companies who offer solar powered sensors to utilise the same location**. Action: Clerk**

**Village Maintenance**

Community Notice Board

With regards to the proposed new Community Notice Board, the CC discussed a number of issues including:

* Any wording on the cabinet should be in Welsh and English,
* The cost of £1300.00 for the cabinet. Once all agreed, clarification on fitting costs is required.
* The size, the proposal is double sided 1400mm x 800mm cabinet on legs.
* Locks and keys, it was agreed it should be locked and the CC and VH share the keys.
* Allocation of space, there is approximately room for 10 A4 sheets per side.
* Location, hopefully by the chain fence but the VH to confirm.

Cllr C Dawson and the Clerk will approach the VH with regards to confirmation on the size, the allocation of notices and the final location. **Action: Cllr C Dawson and Clerk**

Village Repairs

In addition to the above Mr R Glanville has also provided quotations for the following:

Repairs to the Millennium Boards on the High Street, £70.00. This was agreed, Clerk to confirm. **Action Clerk**

Repairs to the middle bench by the war memorial, as the bench commemorated the Queens Jubilee it was agreed to a repair at a cost of £150.00. Clerk to confirm. **Action: Clerk**

Coronation Bench

The CC discussed the proposal of a Coronation bench in the village, Cllr R I Williams suggested by the bus stop on Whitchurch Road, the Clerk suggested a bench on the Riverbank overlooking the river.

The Clerk outlined the range of costs for a Coronation Bench, £595 up to £849 and confirmed the bench would not be available for the Coronation on the 6th May.

The Clerk was asked to contact WCBC to establish if a bench could be sited on Whitchurch Road. **Action: Clerk**

Signage

Cllr C Dawson asked about village signage, Cllr N Amyes confirmed the village questionnaire including questions on signage should be on the agenda next month.

Riverside Walks

Cllr N Amyes confirmed Mr R Glanville has continued to do repairs on Riverside Walks and these should be completed shortly. The CC are grateful for the work Mr R Glanville is undertaking for the village.

Waste Bins Friars Field

The Clerk confirmed the prices for the 112 litre back and gold metal bins as requested at the last meeting. The three prices quoted were £694.00, £414.70 and £377.99 all including VAT. The CC discussed the costs and the quality of metal bins v’s plastic and asked the Clerk to confirm an order and arrange fixing. **Action: Clerk**

Wifi in the Village Hall

Following recent communication with the VH, the CC discussed again the need for Wifi. Cllr N Amyes quoted from the legislation which stated that the minimum requirement for CC’s is to provide audio for multi-location or hybrid meetings. Therefore, the creation of a hotspot via a phone or separate dongle could achieve this without the £500 per annum costs of full Wifi.

The Clerk was asked to confirm to the VH that the CC are looking at other avenues to comply with the legislation**. Action: Clerk**

**STREET LIGHTING**:

The Clerk confirmed all streetlights were in working order.

The Clerk confirmed the arrangement the CC has with Jones Lighting Ltd and the movement towards full LED lighting in the village. Cllr R I Williams made the CC aware of a contact for lighting that has been made in Worthenbury and offered to pass on the details. **Action: Cllr R I Williams**

**ACCOUNTS**

**Annual General Meeting**

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would take place in May, and that at this time:

* The Councillors would have an opportunity to review their roles in the council.
* Annual donations would be reviewed and agreed.

On this latter point the Clerk asked the CC if the new grant application policy would apply to all donations, including the traditional ones of supporting the Sports field, Church, Chapel and Village Hall. Cllr N Amyes confirmed that the new policy didn’t apply to these and was for new applications only. The CC agreed with this approach.

**Quarter 4 Financial Review**

The Clerk confirmed he has completed the Financial Review for Quarter 4 which also includes the full financial year. The CC confirmed receipt via email, there were no issues and the Clerk asked the Chairman to sign as confirmation. This was completed.

**Banking Mandate**

The Clerk confirmed that following a visit to HSBC with the new amended Mandate, the bank require each signatory to visit the bank with appropriate identification. **Action: Banking signatories.**

**Monthly Payments**

The Clerk confirmed the following payments have become due in the last month; all payments were agreed. **Action: Clerk to make payments**

Scottish Power Energy Costs (Mar) £79.89

Scottish Power Quarterly fee (Dec to Mar) £30.40

Employer Costs (Clerk salary Mar) £396.92

One Voice Wales (Training) £35.00

Agri-cation (Grant) £300.00

**One Voice Wales Training Questionnaire**

Having received answers to the questions for the above, Cllr N Amyes would now forward the information to One Voice Wales. **Action: Cllr N Amyes**

**Old Archive Material**

Cllr J Grice has been passed some old CC documentation from Mrs L Reeves. The Clerk will pass this to the Archive Department at Wrexham Museum. **Action: Clerk**

**The Boat House**

The clerk asked if the CC would be happy to have the above on the agenda next month. The building is becoming unsafe and is an eyesore. This was agreed and Cllr R I Williams also offered to contact the Mytton family regarding possible funding for restoration.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr R I Williams reported back to the CC on the following issues:

The mobile library service is using local buildings as temporary libraries, this has happened in Worthenbury and Cllr J Grice stated the Chapel in the village is doing the same.

Following another accident at the Green Lane junction, Cllr R I Williams confirmed there are plans to make this difficult and dangerous junction one way to avoid pulling out onto the A525.

There will be a vote tomorrow at WCBC on the WCBC Development Plan, although there is nothing that directly affects the village, questions will be put forward by Cllr R I Williams on a lack of planning for the A525.

Cllr J Grice raised the point of the debris by the old Bangor bridge and asked Cllr R I Williams to look into this.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.