**BANGOR ON DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**A Meeting of the Bangor on Dee Community Council was held via Zoom on Tuesday**

**15th March 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present**: Councillors: Cllr S Harvey (Chairman), Sue Harvey, S Morrison, G Hughes,

 J Grice.

 S Merry – Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillors H Jones, G Tranter, C Byrne, E Hall

The meeting was chaired by Cllr S Harvey

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and the meeting was brought to order.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No Declarations of Interest were declared.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

Having been circulated and reviewed, the Minutes of the last meeting on the 15th February were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Cllr J Grice and seconded by Cllr Sue Harvey.

**MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

Matters arising out of the last meeting on 15th February are as follows:

The Clerk confirmed he had written to WCBC Planning Dept, regarding surface flooding and drainage issues on Whitchurch Road iro of Planning Application: P/2022/0029.

Police. An invitation has been extended to PCSO Dean Sawyer to participate when available at Council meetings.

The Community Council have received regular updates on the 23 new LED lanterns being fitted in the village by Jones Lighting Ltd.

Regarding New Street lights, Cllr S Harvey and Cllr E Hall will report back at a later date.

Queens Platinum Jubilee: Cllr S Harvey provided information on commemorative mugs to the council, more details below. Cllr H Jones was unavailable so any follow up with the Royal Oak or Buck Hotel would be disclosed at a later date.

Grass cutting: The Clerk confirmed he had written to Mr G Morris and thanked him for his time and quotation.

Riverside Walk, Cllr H Jones was unavailable for an update.

Pavement Access, Cllr S Harvey and Cllr J Grice will report back at a later date.

The Clerk confirmed he had written to WCBC regarding Inspection Reports on the Old Bridge. All updated information was forwarded to the Community Council for their perusal.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk confirmed all relevant email correspondence over the last month had been circulated to the councillors.

There was a letter from One Voice Wales (OVW) regarding the annual subscription. The fee this year is £213 compared to £204 in the previous year.

The Community Council has been a long standing subscriber to this useful service. The Clerk highlighted that assistance from OVW had helped avoid a £1800 new lighting column on Overton Road, therefore its service and assistance had proved to be very worthwhile.

The Community Council agreed to renew the subscription and asked the Clerk to complete the paperwork and arrange payment**. Action: Clerk**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Application - P2022/0184 8 Haydock Road

Planning Application - P2022/0192 8 Friars Court

There were no objections to either of the Planning Applications above.

**FLOOD DEFENCES**

Cllr J Grice updated the community council:

Following emails this month, Cllr J Grice raised a concern about the drains in the village and confirmed she was trying to get more information from Mr K Edwards at WCBC. Addition concerns were about the league table of flood risk areas distributed by WCBC and NRW, in which the village was very down the table. The reasons why were unclear and no party has provided any further information.

Cllr S Harvey suggested Cllr D Bithell should be contacted if no satisfactory reply is received.

Cllr J Grice was thanked for her time and update.

**POLICE**

The Clerk confirmed PCSO Dean Sawyer was unavailable to attend this evening.

**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

**Jubilee Celebrations**

As referred to above Cllr H Jones was unavailable to update the Community Council.

Cllr S Harvey confirmed he had sourced information about a mug supplier for the School children. The mugs had the option of the Jubilee logo or a portrait of the Queen. Additionally, wording could be added to personalise the gift.

Cllr Sue Harvey added that a ceramic mug was a greener option that a plastic mug and would last longer.

Cllr G Hughes asked if the school had any plans, Cllr S Harvey suggested the school be approached in the first instance to find out about their plans and the number of school children. **Action: Clerk**

**Riverside Walk**

Cllr S Harvey confirmed, Mr T Nicholls has not been able to meet with Cllr H Jones to discuss the above.

It is hoped this will be revisited soon.

**Pavement Access**

Cllr S Harvey confirmed he and Cllr J Grice, will meet up shortly to review the above.

Cllr S Morrison raised again the overgrown pavement as you go out of the village towards Worthenbury. This has been reported previously to WCBC with no action taken, the Clerk confirmed he would report again . **Action: Clerk.**

**Speed Sensors**

Cllr J Grice highlighted there was an issue again with the Speed Sensor on Station Road, this was confirmed by Cllr S Morrison. The Clerk thanked the councillors for letting him know and confirmed he was unaware that the sensor was out again and stated he would contact TWM after the meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**Dongrey Lane**

Cllr S Morrison asked the Clerk to report the 'tarmacing' over a drain to WCBC. This has been reported previously to Mr K Edwards at WCBC with no action taken, the Clerk confirmed he would report this again . **Action: Clerk.**

**Green Lane**

Cllr G Hughes, raised the issue of Green Lane and stressed that following the involvement of the Coroner and WCBC, nothing has changed at this traffic junction with the A525. There was a discussion about the 'missing' mirror and the Clerk was asked to write to WCBC**. Action Clerk.**

**Glyn Hughes**

Cllr G Hughes confirmed that the next meeting in April will be his last Council meeting. Cllr G Hughes was thanked for his service, which includes many years as a councillor and 2 years as Chairman.

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk confirmed he had received correspondence from the Internal Auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd. The Council confirmed they are happy to use the services again and asked the Clerk to make arrangements for the Annual Audit. **Action: Clerk.**

With regards to the External Auditor, Audit Wales. The Clerk confirmed that following the audit last year, no follow up report has been provided, therefore he has written to the Auditor to clarify the matter.

The Clerk confirmed he has visited HSBC Bank in Wrexham to try and make some progress on Electronic Banking. Following the changes in the charging structure at the bank at the start of the new year, it was agreed that this should be pursued. The Clerk confirmed he would he would submit an electronic application and arrange signatures from the existing co signatories. **Action: Clerk.**

Following the confirmation and change in the Clerks salary, the Clerk thanked the council for the increase in salary.

The following payments have become due in the last month, all payments were agreed:

Scottish Power (Jan to Feb Energy costs) £115.42 102147

Employer Costs (Feb) plus 2021/22 Pay rise £2,083.62 102148

St Dunawds Church (Annual Grass Cutting Charge) £200.00 102149

One Voice Wales ( Annual Membership) £213.00 102150

D M Business Services (Annual Payroll Fee) £60.00 102151

Jones Lighting Ltd (22 New LEDs) £7327.20 102152

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm