**BANGOR ON DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**19th April 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

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

 S Merry – Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillors H Jones, G Tranter, J Grice, C Byrne and Sue Harvey.

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 March were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Cllr S Morrison and seconded by Cllr S Harvey.

**MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

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

The Clerk confirmed he had written to One Voice Wales to renew the annual subscription.

With regards the Platinum Jubilee the Clerk confirmed he had written to the Sant Dunawds school. The school had no plans and welcomed the idea of the souvenir mugs from the CC. It was confirmed there are about 100 children in the school.

The Clerk also confirmed he had reported:

* The overgrown hedges and pathway on the Worthenbury Road to WCBC Streetscene for the second time.
* The Speed Sensor on Station Road to TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd. See below.
* The 'tarmaced' drain by the bridge on Dongray Lane to Mr K Edwards at WCBC for the second time. No reply received.
* The missing mirror on the A525/Green Lane junction to Highways Dept at WCBC. Mr J Edge from Highways replied that as a policy WCBC do not supply and fit mirrors, however, individuals can on private land. When questioned further about changes at this junction, no reply was forthcoming.

The CC discussed the lack of response/action from certain WCBC Departments and felt their Complaints Procedure should be followed to press for a positive outcome. The Clerk was asked to ensure on future communications it was made clear further action would follow if no reply received.

Internet Banking - The Clerk has collected signatures from the existing cheque co signatories and submitted an electronic application to HSBC.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Application - P2022/0272 Ty Graig, Station Road

There were no objections to the Planning Application above.

**FLOOD DEFENCES**

Cllr J Grice was unavailable this month to provide an update.

Cllr G Hughes reported a blocked drain at the turn of the Dee. The Clerk was asked to report to Cllr J Grice. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr S Harvey wanted the latest Flood Warden Minutes to be noted and that further discussion to take place with Cllr J Grice at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**POLICE**

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

All police reports received by the Clerk are circulated to the CC.

**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

**Jubilee Celebrations**

The Council confirmed the agreed wording for the ceramic mugs for the school. The Clerk was asked to finalise the order. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr H Jones was unavailable to update the Community Council further on discussions with either Public House.

**Riverside Walk**

Cllr H Jones was unavailable to update the Community Council further.

**Pavement Access**

Cllr S Harvey confirmed he and Cllr J Grice had not had time to meet to review the above. There was a discussion on the work on the pavement at Laurels Avenue. The Clerk confirmed he was unaware of why work was progressing there and where in the village the new pavement would stop. **Action: Clerk to investigate further.**

**Abbots Way**

Cllr S Harvey confirmed he had passed on the garden dispute on Abbots Way/Friars Court to the Estate Caretaker at WCBC and the matter has been resolved. Cllr S Harvey was thanked for his input.

**Speed Sensor**

The Clerk confirmed the sensor on Station Road was now working again. TWM had responded within 48 hours, apologised, made changes to parts and extended the warranty from the date of the repair for a further 2 years.

**New Street Lights**

Cllr S Harvey informed the council that he and Cllr E Hall had discussed additional lights in the village, in particular on Station Road. The Clerk confirmed he had written to WCBC about double LED lanterns on Station Road/Sandown Close. WCBC have agreed to send out a engineer to see if the existing lampposts would support double lanterns**. Action: Clerk to follow up**

**Any Other Business**

Cllr S Harvey confirmed he was stepping down and would not stand again from May onwards, along with Cllr G Hughes they both stated they had enjoyed their time. However, the movement of responsibility from WCBC to the CC was becoming a concern and changing the nature of local government.

Cllr S Harvey felt the CC had made good progress over the last few years, with contributions to the Sportsfield for the new equipment, updating the village lighting structure, re-housing the Defibrillator and establishing Speed Sensors on Station Road.

Cllr S Harvey and Cllr G Hughes were thanked for their contribution to the local community.

**ACCOUNTS**

Cllr E Hall confirmed the quarterly accounts checking and monitoring process to 31st March would follow this meeting. **Action: Cllr E Hall and the Clerk.**

The Clerk confirmed he was working to a June completion and delivery of the Internal Audit to JDH Business Services Ltd. **Action: Clerk.**

With regards to the External Auditor, Audit Wales. The Clerk confirmed he has received an email in respect of last years audit. The Auditor General's Report states the Audit Opinion - Qualified.

Two points were noted:

As per the Internal Auditor it is claimed the Risk Assessment was not completed. As stated previously it was completed, but dated incorrectly.

The second point relates to the Employment Rights Act 1996, which requires the council to provide a written and signed contract to the Clerk. The original contract provided to the Clerk 7 years ago is unsigned, therefore this is outstanding. **Action: Clerk to contact OVW and obtain an up to date contract wording for signature.**

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

Scottish Power (Feb to Mar Energy costs) £316.72 102153

Information Commissioner (annual Fee) £40.00 102154

Gifts to Impress (Jubilee Mugs) £556.08 102155

Clerk Salary (March) £396.92 102156

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm