

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of monthly meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**Apologies :** None  
**Present :** C'llrs David Wildman, Evelyn Poar, Rhys Jones, David Barraah, Tony Young (Chairman), Alan Taylor (Vice-chairman), June Crook, Barbara Summons M.B.E.; Peter Horton (Clerk).

#### **Minutes of the October monthly meeting**

The minutes were amended to show that C'llr Evelyn Poar had been present at the meeting. With this amendment the minutes were approved by Members and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Alan Taylor, seconder C'llr Evelyn Poar).

#### **Matters arising**

**Filing cabinet keys.** Members were informed that keys had now been obtained. Copies were given to the Clerk, Chairman, and C'llr David Barraah.

**Builders merchant account.** The Clerk informed Members that the account had now been opened at Talbot Timber, and was available for use.

**Bus shelter.** Members were informed that the bus shelter now had a noticeboard fitted inside it.

#### **Discussion of problems with Vehicles on The Beacon, and parking of vehicles on Sardis Green**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting P.C. Teri Harrison of Neyland Police Station, who was attending to discuss the problems experienced in the community. C'llr David Wildman explained that problems had been experienced with mini moto users frequenting the Beacon illegally. He also referred to the problem of vandalism of the 'No vehicle' signs recently erected at the Beacon entrances. P.C. Harrison pointed out that as the Beacon is a public place, such vehicles should not be there anyway. She said that offenders should be reported to the police if spotted, and they would attend if available to do so. She also mentioned police powers to seize vehicles being used without insurance, and mentioned that officers would call round to the homes of suspected offenders if provided with contact details. She also undertook to endeavour to increase routine patrols in the village, particularly on Saturday afternoons, though this could not be guaranteed due to stretched resources.

C'llr David Wildman then proceeded to mention problems with general vandalism in the village, and children playing chicken in the roads. He mentioned the possibility of putting the names of known offenders in the In Touch magazine as a 'name and shame' policy. P.C. Harrison felt that this might not be helpful, but thought that publishing information about police powers to seize such vehicles might serve as a deterrent. She explained, though, that such powers of seizure were not applicable on private land.

In response to questions about the parking of vehicles on the green at Sardis, P.C. Harrison explained that the police could not take action on land owned and controlled by P.C.C. The Clerk informed Members that a letter had been sent to P.C.C. about the problem, asking what, if any, action they could take in the matter. A reply was awaited.

C'llr David Wildman mentioned that it would be helpful to see a police presence in the village more often. C'llr Barbara Summons agreed, citing problems of inconsiderate

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parking around the village as needing attention. P.C. Harrison undertook to look into this problem. Members brought up the matter of criminal damage to the new signs placed around the Beacon. P.C. Harrison offered to put information in the Western Telegraph asking for information from the public. The damage related to two signs each valued at £45. Following the discussion, Members thanked P.C. Harrison for attending the meeting, after which she left.

#### **Discussion about street lighting around the Beacon**

Members were informed that work around the Farriers had caused the light opposite the old school, as well as that up the lane to the Beacon, to stop working. It was pointed out that P.C.C. had no obligation to reinstate the light situated on private land. However, Members felt that the other one opposite the school should be reinstated. Clerk to write to P.C.C. requesting action to reinstate out of action lights around the village.

#### **Discussion of obtaining domain web name**

C'lr Alan Taylor informed Members that he could obtain the web name 'Rosemarket.gov.uk' for a price of £45/year for two years + vat. Members voted to pay this to secure the domain name, with C'lr David Wildman to ask P.A.V.S. about the possibility of their providing assistance to host the site (proposer C'lr Alan Taylor, seconder C'lr David Wildman).

#### **Discussion of rubbish collection by the odd job man**

The odd job man had informed C'lr Alan Taylor that a large amount of rubbish had been collected from the verges around the golf club. He wanted to know if Members would write to the club about the matter. Members were sympathetic, but against the idea of writing to the club based on just one incident. It was decided to monitor the situation, and see if the problem persisted before taking further action. [Note: C'lr David Barrah left the meeting during consideration of this item, to respond to a personal telephone call].

#### **Discussion about Westaway Park play area**

C'lr David Wildman felt that it might be beneficial to try and obtain a longer lease on the park, instead of the current short term arrangement. If obtained, this could provide a platform for seeking the views of local residents on the future use of the area. Clerk to write to P.C.C. in general terms asking about this (proposer C'lr Alan Taylor, seconder C'lr David Wildman). While on the subject the Clerk queried the ownership of the play equipment, and responsibility for its insurance. C'lr David Wildman to enquire with P.C.C. about this.

#### **Discussion of computer purchase**

The Clerk informed Members that a laptop could be purchased for approximately £525 including vat, to include a three year warranty. Members agreed to fund 50% of the cost, on the basis that the rest would be paid by Burton Community Council, with the machine being jointly owned by both community councils (proposer C'lr Alan Taylor, seconder C'lr Evelyn Poar). It was pointed out that the vat element was reclaimable.

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#### **Discussion of school playground, Farriers, and Stephen Thomas**

A letter from Stephen Thomas to C'lr Tony Young was read to Members. The letter provided an update on the situation regarding the school playground, with Mr Thomas having requested an update from the solicitor for the Parochial Church Council. Clerk to write to Mr Thomas asking for a further update, particularly in relation to information on the situation with The Farriers. Letter also to request an account for work undertaken to date.

#### **Discussion of arrangements for Ho-Ho-House competition**

Members tentatively set the competition date as December 13th. Clerk to contact the Chairman of Freystrop Community Council to invite him to carry out the competition judging. If available, Clerk to put him into contact with C'lr David Wildman to finalise the detailed arrangements regarding timing, etc. [Note, C'lr David Barrah returned to the meeting at this point of the discussion]. Members discussed briefly the merits or otherwise of having a function at the Village Hall in conjunction with the event. C'lr David Wildman pointed out that the whole purpose of the event was to foster a community spirit, and just to drive around without any function would not accomplish this aim. Members agreed that a function should be held, meeting at the Village Hall at 6-30pm. Competition to be advertised in the In Touch, and the matter to be placed on the December agenda for discussion of final detailed arrangements.

#### **Discussion of grant assistance to Llangwm School**

This matter was not discussed further, as it had been finalised at the October meeting.

#### **Correspondence**

- 1) Wales Air Ambulance – Christmas card collection – passed to C'lr Tony Young for perusal.
- 2) P.C.C. – Consultation on gambling policy – noted.
- 3) M.H.P.A. – 2005 report and accounts – passed to C'lr Tony Young for perusal.
- 4) P.C.C. – Off street parking order document – Members were opposed to the proposals, and asked the Clerk to respond accordingly, citing the detrimental effect on local businesses, especially in Milford Haven (proposer C'lr Alan Taylor, seconder C'lr Evelyn Poar). [Note: C'lr David Wildman declared an interest in this item as a Cabinet Member, and refrained from discussion or voting on the matter].
- 5) Local Health Board – Poster advertising a forthcoming meeting at Withybush for disabled carers – passed to C'lr Barbara Summons to be placed on the noticeboard.
- 6) N.A.W. – Notification of forthcoming meeting of Mid and West Wales Regional Committee on 17th November 2006 at Llandrindod Wells – noted.
- 7) Macmillan Cancer Support – Request for grant assistance – deferred until May 2007.
- 8) P.C.C. – Supplementary Planning Guidance on preserving coal reserves – passed to C'lr Alan Taylor for perusal.
- 9) Planed – Notification of forthcoming events – noted.
- 10) P.A.V.S. – Volunteer Bulletin – passed to C'lr Barbara Summons to be placed on noticeboard.

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- 11) W.A.G. – Consultation document on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 draft guidelines – passed to C’lr Alan Taylor for perusal.
- 12) P.A.V.S. – Questionnaire on young people’s role in the community – noted.
- 13) Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Questionnaire on Policing priorities – Clerk to reply, citing the same priorities as outlined in November 2005.
- 14) One Voice Wales – Invitation to join the organisation – noted.
- 15) W.A.G. – First Minister’s report – copies were circulated to Members.
- 16) W.A.G. – Consultation document on dredging regulations – noted.
- 17) Clerks & Councils Direct – magazine – passed to C’lr David Wildman for perusal and subsequent circulation to other Members.
- 18) Stephen Thomas (letter addressed to C’lr Tony Young) – School Playground – matter covered in agenda item.

#### **Accounts**

##### **Payments.**

Mr Raymond, for grass cutting	:	£120-00
C’lr Evelyn Poar, for signage for the Beacon	:	£89-30
Clara.net Ltd, for web domain name registration	:	£105-75
C’lr Alan Taylor, for keys to filing cabinet	:	£17-63
British Legion, for wreath	:	£15-00

The above payments were approved (proposer C’lr Alan Taylor, seconder C’lr David Wildman).

#### **Plans**

##### **Applications received.**

06/721/PA (Dwelling, plot adjacent to Innisfree, West Street, Rosemarket, applicant P.J. Crook)  
: No objection.

06/26/AG (Agricultural building, Furze Hill, Rosemarket, applicant M.D. Jones)  
: No objection.

06/794/PA (Outline planning for bungalow on land to the rear of Dragons Breath, Sardis, to include demolition and rebuilding of existing garage on same site, applicant Mr J. Rowles)  
: No objection.

##### **Any other business**

**Signage on the Beacon.** C’lr David Barrah mentioned the work carried out by C’lr Rhys Jones in putting up the signage, and Members thanked C’lr Jones for his work.

**Records.** C’lr David Barrah indicated to Members his intention to take records more than seven years old to the records office in Haverfordwest, and Members were happy with this.

##### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9-10pm. Next meeting, Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-15pm.