

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 05/02/07**

**Apologies:** None.

**Present :** C'llrs Barbara Summons M.B.E., June Crook, David Barraah, David Wildman, Evelyn Poar, Rhys Jones, Tony Young (Chairman), Alan Taylor (Vice-chairman); Peter Horton (Clerk).

#### **Minutes of the January monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman (Proposer C'lr David Barraah, seconder C'lr Alan Taylor).

#### **Matters arising**

**Clerks & Councils Direct.** C'lr David Wildman expressed concern that the magazine is not being circulated properly. Clerk to bring additional copies for circulation.

**Playground.** Members were informed that there was no further progress to report on the transfer at present.

**Wood on the Beacon.** Clerk to send a letter reminding the resident of the need to remove the wood from the hedgerow.

**Refreshments at Ho-Ho-House competition.** Members wished it to be noted that C'lr June Crook had also helped with the refreshments.

#### **Discussion of odd-job man post and job description**

Members were informed that the odd-job man had finished working for the Community Council, and that the standing order for paying him had been stopped. Members agreed that the job ought to be advertised, and were informed that a suitable job description already existed. Members agreed to place an advertisement in the next issue of In Touch and see what response was received. C'lr David Wildman to arrange to place a ¼ page advertisement in the newsletter. Necessary details for the advertisement to be provided by C'llrs David Barraah and Alan Taylor.

#### **Discussion of issues concerning the Village Hall**

C'lr David Wildman reminded Members that approx. £700 is paid annually to the Village Hall Committee, but that little or no information is received about the way in which the money is spent, or the financial standing of the Hall accounts. He mentioned that he had recently had to pay for a one night licence for use of the Hall, which is currently unlicensed. He felt that this raised questions over the way in which the Hall affairs are being administered. He suggested that the failure to have a licence could put off potential Hall users. (It was mentioned that a licence would need to be obtained in 2008 to allow continued use of the Hall for bingo.) C'lr Barbara Summons said that efforts were currently under way to get more support for the Village Hall Committee. There was currently no appointed treasurer on the committee. C'lr David Barraah thought it possible that the effective use and running of the Hall could possibly be addressed through the current 'Planed' community initiative. C'lr David Wildman thought the community council should have sight of the Village Hall accounts. C'lr Barbara Summons mentioned that the account balance currently stood at approximately £4,000. On hearing this, some Members thought that some of the money should be spent on renovating the toilet block. C'lr David Barraah made reference to the fact that the

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administration of the Village Hall had been separated from the Community Council due to regulations governing the way in which Community Council funds are able to be spent.

C’lr David Barrah proposed that the Village Hall audited accounts should be made available to the Community Council each year after their Annual General Meeting. This proposal was seconded by C’lr Alan Taylor. Members voted to accept the resolution.

#### **Correspondence**

- 1) Clerks and Councils Direct – Subscription renewal – deferred to Accounts.
- 2) Age Concern – Request for financial assistance – deferred until May 2007.
- 3) N.A.W. – Invitation to forthcoming meeting of Mid and West Wales Regional Committee to be held at the Merlin Theatre, Pembrokeshire College, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, at 10am – noted.
- 4) Tamsin Dunwoody, A.M. – Information on achieving Fair Trade status for Wales – C’lr David Wildman mentioned that Fair Trade produce is available at Morrisons. Members were generally supportive of the aims of the document, but felt that the Community is too small to enable meaningful formal steps to be taken, and also noted the lack of a local shop to sell the produce. No further action to be taken.
- 5) W.A.G. – ‘Making the Connections – Local Service Boards’, consultation document – noted.
- 6) P.C.C. – Reply to letter opposing introduction of parking charges in Milford Haven – noted. C’lr David Wildman informed Members that the Cabinet had agreed to an extension of the consultation period for an additional 12 months.
- 7) C’lr David Wildman – Agenda for forthcoming meeting of South West Area Liaison meeting, due to be held in Dale Village Hall on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7pm – noted.
- 8) Age Concern Pembrokeshire – Newsletter – passed to C’lr Barbara Summons for noticeboard.
- 9) P.C.C. – Notification of formal adoption of Gambling Policy – noted.
- 10) W.A.G. – ‘Making the Connections – Delivering Beyond Boundaries’ document – noted.
- 11) One Voice Wales – Invitation to join organisation – noted.
- 12) Katherine Jones (Planed) – Questionnaire on recent community workshop – Members had received the questionnaires individually by email / post, so no further action was required. Document passed to C’lr Evelyn Poar, as she had not received a personal copy.

#### **Accounts**

##### **Payments.**

Communicorp (for Clerks and Councils Direct subscription) : £9-00

##### **Funds on hand.**

The funds on hand prior to the above payments were £2396-16, including £169-27 in the Children’s Fund.

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The above items were approved by Members (proposer C'lr Rhys Jones, seconder C'lr Evelyn Poar).

#### **Plans**

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

**06/1204/PA (Plots 11, 13, 24, The Glades, Rosemarket; applicant Cheriton Developments Limited)** – No objection. [Note – C'lr David Wildman declared a personal interest in Plot 24, as it was adjacent to his property, and made no comment during discussion of the application].

**06/1091/PA (Dwelling and garage, The Beacon, applicants Mr. & Mrs. Bailey)** - Members had no objection to the development, but commented over possible legal issues concerning the access, which was over a bridleway, and sought guidance on this aspect.

#### **Any other business**

**Litter.** C'lr Barbara Summons was concerned over the general state of the County, which she had noticed was strewn with litter, etc. wherever she went. Members agreed, and felt that it was largely due to people throwing rubbish out of vehicles. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in March. C'lr David Wildman offered to provide information on levels of manpower invested in litter picking, etc., by P.C.C. in advance of the meeting.

**The Beacon access.** Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

**School.** C'lr Alan Taylor mentioned a fighting fund lottery started by Hermon school closure opponents, and now being used to help other fighting funds. Details were passed to Members for information in case they wanted to join it.

**Domain name.** C'lr Alan Taylor had been told that he could not have 'Rosemarket.gov.uk', but could have 'RosemaketCommunityCouncil.gov.uk'. He was not happy with this, had expressed the view that it was prejudicial, and was still pursuing the matter.

**David Barraah.** C'lr Barraah thanked Members for the letter sent to him following the recent loss of his father.

**Shipping Lane.** C'lr Tony Young mentioned that some drainage was currently being put into this private lane by P.C.C. He wondered if this set some kind of precedent that might be used for the Bastleford Lane problem.

#### **Public Forum**

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

The meeting concluded at 8-25pm. Next meeting, Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7-15pm.