

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 01/09/08**

**Apologies :** None.

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

#### **Minutes of the July monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record (Proposer C'llr David Wildman, seconder C'llr Evelyn Poar), and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters arising.**

**Land registration.** Members were informed that the matter of consulting the solicitor on this matter was still in hand.

**Recycling area.** The Clerk informed Members that he had sent the letter to P.C.C. asking for upgrading of the area as requested. The letter had not been sent to Mr. Barrie Davies by name, as it was known that he had now retired. C'llr David Wildman suggested re-sending the letter to Mr. Richard Brown, who had recently been appointed to an appropriate office. Clerk to put this in hand.

#### **Plans**

**Church View Cottages.** Members were informed that the Chairman had sent a letter of support for the applicant, who was currently undertaking an appeal against a recent refusal of planning permission for the development.

#### **Consents issued.**

**07/1601/PA (Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling, Barn Farm, Barn Lane, Rosemarket; applicant Mr. J. Harper).**

**08/0313/PA (Change of use from annex to hair salon, 24, Middle Street, Rosemarket; applicant Ms. Philippa Summers).**

**Planning sub-committee.** C'llr David Wildman informed Members that he could not continue on the planning sub-committee, as this could breach the Code of Conduct. Members agreed to continue the sub-committee with two Members, currently C'llrs Alan Taylor and Evelyn Poar (proposer C'llr Tony Young, seconder C'llr Barbara Summons).

#### **Accounts**

##### **Internal audit.**

The Clerk informed Members that the internal audit had been carried out successfully. Members agreed to increase the payment to Gill Gill to £25 for carrying out the internal audit. Members accepted the annual statement of accounts, and the annual governance statement, and these were signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Gill Gill, and to send off the accounts to the Auditors.

All the above items were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Evelyn Poar, seconder C'llr David Wildman).

#### **Correspondence**

- 1) P.C.N.P.A. – Progress report on L.D.P. – passed to C'llr Alan Taylor for perusal.
- 2) Western Power – Consultation on proposed business plan – noted.
- 3) P.C.C. – Notification of agreement to official naming of Bastleford Road – noted, and Members decided to await the placement of the sign at the northern end of the road before pursuing the matter of additional signage. C'llr David Wildman to make initial verbal approaches to P.C.C. regarding

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- the matter. Clerk to reply to the letter, confirming Members' agreement to the placement of an initial sign at the crossroads.
- 4) P.C.N.P.A. – Notification of forthcoming meeting regarding Wales Woodland Strategy, to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, at Queens Hall, Narberth – noted.
  - 5) C’lir David Wildman – Notes on recent South West Area Liaison Forum meeting – passed to C’lir Alan Taylor for perusal. C’lir David Wildman to provide additional copies to other Members as required.
  - 6) P.C.C. – Notification of temporary road closure, east of The Glades – noted.
  - 7) N.A.W. – Consultation on planning policy changes to support sustainable development in Wales – passed to C’lir Alan Taylor for perusal.
  - 8) Clerks & Councils Direct – Magazine – circulated to Members.
  - 9) Chairman of P.C.C. – Invitation to forthcoming buffet reception, 18<sup>th</sup> September – All Members indicated their intention to attend. Clerk to reply to the invitation on behalf of Members.
  - 10) Wales Air Ambulance – Request for grant assistance – deferred to May 2009.
  - 11) C’lir Mark Edwards – Letter of introduction as Cabinet Member for Communities and Partnerships – noted.
  - 12) Shelter Cymru – Request for financial assistance – deferred until May 2009.
  - 13) Copy of e-mail sent to C’lir David Wildman – complaint received about noise nuisance in St. Leonards Park – noted, and C’lir David Wildman to look into the matter as appropriate.

#### **Discussion of possible lease for land adjacent to Westaway Park**

C’lir David Wildman informed Members that he had obtained a further grass-cutting quotation. This was for £30 per cut, based on a nominal 20 cuts per year. Members discussed briefly taking up the proposed lease for the land. C’lir Tony Young was concerned that the land at Westaway Park may not be accessible to all children in the village, due to some over-protectiveness by local residents. C’lir Alan Taylor mentioned that this area was used more widely than The Beacon. C’lir David Wildman mentioned that the whole issue had originally arisen due to concerns that the land may be built on in the future. The possibility was mentioned of pursuing other options. Clerk to write to Mr Barnett thanking him for the quotation, but leaving the matter at that for the present. Matter to be listed for further discussion in October.

#### **Discussion of meeting arrangements (time, venue, etc.).**

Members acknowledged the constraints of meeting in the Green Room, especially if large numbers of public were to attend. C’lir David Wildman felt that the current arrangements could deter members of the public from attending. Alternative meeting venues, such as the Golf Club, were discussed. However, the general view was that the Village Hall was the appropriate venue for Community Council meetings. After further discussion, including a brief discussion on the possibility of changing the meeting night, Members decided to leave the arrangements as at present, with a further review to be held at the May 2009 monthly meeting. Future minutes and public notices to accurately describe the meeting venue. C’lir Alan Taylor to make up a sign to be placed outside the side door on meeting nights.

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#### **Discussion of St. Mary's Park and adjacent areas**

C'lr David Wildman informed Members that the survey by a local resident had now been completed, with little apparent support for a move to Rosemarket Community on the part of the local residents. This being the case, it was clear that there was little to be gained in pursuing the matter, and it was left in abeyance for the time being.

#### **Discussion of progress on acquisition of school playground**

C'lr David Wildman had obtained contact details for the Church Head of Property. It was agreed that this information should be passed to the solicitor, Mr. Stephen Thomas.

#### **Discussion of winter programme of events**

**Ho-Ho-House competition.** Members agreed in principle to hold the competition. The matter of publicising the competition in the In Touch was mentioned. Members agreed that the prizes should be kept at the same level as 2007 (i.e. £25, £15, £10). C'lr Barbara Summons mentioned the possibility of including some involvement for the local children. She felt that this might encourage a greater overall attendance. A fancy dress competition, Father Christmas, etc., were mentioned as possibilities. Members agreed tentatively on 9<sup>th</sup> December for the competition, to be held in conjunction with the Christmas Bingo night. Matter to be listed on the October agenda for further discussion about the details of how the event should be arranged. C'lr Evelyn Poar mentioned the possibility of changing the format to a 'best dressed window' competition.

**Church parade.** Members were unanimously agreed that this event should be held as in previous years. This was scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November. C'lr David Wildman agreed to discuss detailed arrangements with the Church Warden. Matter to be re-listed on the October agenda for any necessary discussion.

#### **Discussion of Welsh Language Scheme**

The Clerk informed Members that a recommended scheme had now been received from P.A.L.C. Clerk to arrange to circulate copies of the scheme to Members prior to the next meeting, and matter to be listed for discussion in October.

#### **Any other business**

**Sardis bus shelter.** Members mentioned the non-working light on the bus shelter. C'lr Evelyn Poar mentioned that this had been reported to P.C.C.

**Bus shelter, Middle Street.** C'lr Barbara Summons mentioned the poor state of maintenance of the bus shelter.

**Norton Hill.** C'lr Barbara Summons mentioned that some orange bags had been left in the hedge at the bottom of the hill.

**Playground, The Beacon.** C'lr Evelyn Poar felt that it would be a good thing to publicise the new play equipment by means of a poster in the noticeboard.

#### **Public forum**

The meeting concluded at 8-25pm. Next meeting, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, 7pm.