

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 6-30pm, online via the Zoom platform, and in person at Pembrokeshire College

Present: Cllrs. Chris Lawler, Rita Lawler, Ian Lewis, Michelle Lewis, Mike Dare; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs John Cole, Veronica James.

Declaration of known interests

None.

Approval of minutes of minutes of November 2024 monthly meeting

These were approved by Members, and retained by the Clerk for signature following the meeting (proposer C'lr Michelle Lewis, seconder C'lr Ian Lewis).

Matters arising

For sale signage. P.C.C. had been contacted, but no response had been received to date. Clerk to pursue as possible.

Plans

There were no plans for discussion this month.

Correspondence

01) St. Mark's School – Thanks for recent donation received, and invitation to switching on of lights – noted.

02) St. Mark's School – Request for further financial assistance, and various other miscellaneous matters – Clerk to respond to say that (a) Welsh words placed on the community Christmas trees would be acceptable, but that Members would like them to be displayed bilingually; (b) to acknowledge the comments about the defibrillator, and state that further action will be looked at once the gate had been altered; and (c) agreeing to the £300 donation towards play equipment repairs (proposer C'lr Ian Lewis, seconder C'lr Michelle Lewis).

03) Emmanuel Mission Church – Request for volunteers to assist with Carol Service – noted. Clerk to send a further reminder to all Members.

04) Information Commissioner – Notification of requirement to renew as data controller – dealt with in 'Accounts' below.

Accounts

Payments for approval

Cleddau Press (Printing of community Christmas cards) rat	:	£ 360-00
P.C.C. (supply and installation of grit bins, M1598138)	:	£1296-00
Clerk (salary October – December)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	As per contract
John Cole (supply of Christmas trees and lights)	:	£ 780-00
Information Commissioner (data renewal)	:	£ 40-00
St. Mark's School (donation towards play equipment repairs)	:	£ 300-00

The above payments were approved (proposer C'lr Ian Lewis, seconder C'lr Michelle Lewis).

County Councillor's report

None.

Discussion of any applications received for co-option of new councillors

No applications had been received during the previous month. C'llr Michelle Lewis undertook to post a reminder on the community Facebook page again.

Any necessary discussion of environmental / dog-fouling issues in community (including discussion of community tree-planting)

Dog-fouling posters. The Clerk confirmed that twelve had been done and delivered to C'llr John Cole. Clerk to deliver the remaining twelve to C'llr Michelle Lewis once laminated.

Tree-planting. The Clerk confirmed that further emails had been received from P.C.C., seeking details of the sites where planting was being sought. This information had been duly sent, and further contact from P.C.C. was awaited.

Approval of amended Standing Orders

Signing of amended Standing Orders to be completed at the January 2025 meeting.

Any necessary discussion of future community events

Community Bingo. To be held on Saturday 14th December. C'llr Mike Dare to forward posters to C'llr Michelle Lewis, for these to be posted on the community Facebook page.

Doorstep carolling. To be carried out on Monday / Tuesday 16th / 17th December.

Festive community café. To be held on Saturday 21st December.

Any other business

January monthly meeting date. Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Pedestrian crossing by Welfare Hall. C'llr Chris Lawler mentioned that the crossing lights were in need of repair, maintenance and cleaning. Clerk to report to P.C.C., citing this as a Health and Safety issue of concern.

Moss on pavements around Tudor Gardens / Greenhill Crescent. C'llr Rita Lawler reported problems with slippery surfaces on the pavements around this area. Clerk to report to P.C.C. as a Health and Safety concern.

The meeting was closed at 7-00pm. Next scheduled meeting - Wednesday 15th January 2025.