**67/23**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JEFFREYSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**HELD ONLINE ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Rogers

Councillor A Morgan

Councillor H Mcleod-Baikie

 County Councillor V Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:** Katie Daly

Huw Rowlands

E Rees PCSO

Mrs J Thomas (Clerk/RFO)

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Mr R Evans.

**68/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

68.0/23 Item 7.the Toilet Strategy

Cllr Helen Mcleod-Baikie declared a personal interest as she was currently in discussions with the Authority regarding valuations of Public conveniences.

**69/23 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Moved by Cllr Maria Rogers; Seconded by Cllr Vanessa Thomas

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 be approved.

**70/23 Change of order of business**

70.0 Councillors agreed a change to the oder of business as follows to allow the Strategic Business Manager and the Graduate to discuss their item of business.

**71/23 PCC Toilet Strategy**

71.0 The Chair welcomed the Strategic Business Manager with responsibility for Public Conveniences, supported by the Graduate to discuss the Cresswell Quay facilities. The Strategic Business Manager explained that they had originally written in December 2022 and again in March 2023 to explain the direction of travel from the Authority. In March, the outcome from Cabinet was explained noting that budget cuts were so severe that this service was being reduced. The Authority would not now be the sole provider of 68 facilities across the County. National Parks were funding 10 facilities, with 24 remaining to establish additional funding streams.

71.1 The Strategic Business Manager further explained that the current contract with Danfo for cleaning and care of the facility costs £14.5K noting that, due to the facility being on a cesspit, the cost was greater than other facilities. She emphasised that there were no incidents of vandalism on this site and that the Authority do not own the land, it was rented from the Cresselly Estate with a ground rent. They did not believe that the terms of the lease would prevent them from closing the facilities. The Strategic Business Manager then presented the options that were available:

71.2 a. Closure from 5 November 2023 if no funding options are identified.

71.3 b. Community Council to fund the facility with PCC maintaining the contract and the Community Council funding the costs.

71.4 c. A long term lease to be negotiated with transfer of the management of the facility to the Community Council.

71.5 d. The Community Council to put forward a case for exception if they were disproportionately affected in any way – however this was unlikely to be successful.

71.6 The Community Council then debated the information that had been given.

71.7 In response to a question from Councillor Morgan regarding the cesspit costs, the Strategic Business Manager advised that for the Authority, it was cheaper to empty on a weekly basis as it was on a set route for the lorry.

71.8 Councillors Morgan and Thomas noted that the area was very popular during the summer with tourists and for events taking place. In response to a concern raised by Councillor Thomas regarding availability of grants, the Strategic Business Manager advised that there were no grants for the general running costs. The ground rent payable to the Cresselly Estate was £22 per year.

71.9 The Strategic Business Manager advised that winter closure would result in reduced costs to empty the cesspit and that some communities have taken over the cleaning and general management of the facilities. Councillor Thomas highlighted the precept for the community was on £8300PA and Councillor Rogers emphasised that it was used mostly by holiday makers and tourists and that they could not increase the precept to cover that.

71.10 In response to a concern raised by Councillor Thomas regarding the Cresselly Estate, the Strategic Business Manager advised that they were keen for the facilities to be provided but that no further discussions had taken place.

71.11 The Chair thanked the Strategic Business Manager and the Graduate for attending the meeting who then left the meeting.

71.12 Councillors then debated the information that had been discussed and felt that the facilities could be closed over the winter whilst further discussions take place with the Cresselly Arms and Cresselly Estate.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillors Mcleod-Baikie and Thomas would approach the owners of the Cresselly Arms and that the Clerk would write to the Strategic Business Manager to keep the facilities open.

**72/23 UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR VANESSA THOMAS**

72.0 Councillor Thomas advised that St Oswalds school has requested a 20mph limit outside of the school as it was still 40mph. They had been told that children can walk to school behind the hedge but concerns remained. The drop off area for the cars is within a 40mph limit.

72.1 Councillor Morgan noted that in the first 10 days of the introduction of the 20mph you could hear a marked difference but that has now been ignored.

72.2 The PCSO advised that there would be a meeting with St Oswalds regarding the speed limit to try to get a reduction and that they would be supporting the older pupils writing to the Authority asking for a reduction.

72.3 Councillor Thomas advised that the ‘No Ball Games’ signage was being discussed.

**73/23 PCSO Update**

73.0 The PCSO advised that this was her first meeting and following working in Pembroke Dock for 15 years was now the PCSO for Tenby Town, Milton, Carew, Cresselly and Jeffreyston. She invited any events, issues or concerns to be passed on. Councillor Thomas and the PCSO had held a joint patrol that day speaking to a number of residents and was keen to do the same in Jeffreyston and to set up a community surgery.

**74/23 ANNUAL UPDATE**

74.0 No update received.

**75/23 JEFFREYSTON GRAVEYARD**

75.0 Councillor Morgan advised that the Church were waiting for the Council to make a decision but that, at present, there was no information on which to make a decision. Councillor Thomas advised that the Authority have a policy that they will not be taking on any more graveyards. Councillor Rogers advised that at present, there was no Vicar at the Church and that many headstones had been removed.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Morgan would speak to Sue Crowley, the Church Warden to establish a point of contact to gather more information.

**76/23 RECEIVE/DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE**

76.0 OVW training dates

**77/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

77.0 There were no Planning Applications received.

**78/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

1. ICO £35.00 – Paid by Clerk, to be reimbursed.
2. Wicksteed – Invoice 2 £13000 to be paid by bankers draft leaving £1238 to pay.
3. RKECMS - £2395.92
4. Clerk Salary - £182.40

Account has now switched. HSBC balance £16815.59

**79/23 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

79.0 Councillor Rogers advised that a number of edging kerbs had collapsed into the ground which was breaking up the tarmac. This was reported to PCC on Monday 9.10.23, if no further response was received, she would speak to Councillor Thomas.

79.1 The PCSO will speak to contacts in Tesco regarding the delivery vans going down a no entry road.

**80/23 INFORMATION ONLY/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

80.0 Training Update – Clerk to continue to circulate the training dates as received.

80.1 Remembrance Day – Service to be held on 12 November.

80.2 Playpark Opening – to take place on 12.10.23, Cllrs Thomas and Mcleod-Baikie to attend.

80.3 Natwest Bank account switch from HSBC – account now open. Waiting for switch to be completed.

80.4 Councillor Mcleod-Baikie will arrange for cards from Jeffreyston Playstation for Richard and the Volunteers and will meet on 12.10.23 at 7pm.

**81/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

81.0 6 November 2023 at 7pm then to change to first tuesday of each month at 7pm online.

**The Meeting was declared closed at 2116 hrs**