

MINUTES 9th, June, 2020

RHOSSILI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council: **Chair** - Steve Campbell-Kelly (SCK), **Vice-Chair** - Ian Button (IB), Tom Higgs (TH), Jeff Higgins (JH), Nicola Rees (NR), Sally Thomas (ST) and Steve Walmsley (SW)

Remote Council Meeting, carried out by video conferencing on the internet due to Restrictions on meetings caused by Coronavirus Lockdown.

Attendance: Council: SC-K, JH and SW.

SC-K attended by speaker telephone connection, due to the failure of the Spectrum Internet Provider.

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

- 1. Apologies:** IB, TH, ST and NR
- 2. Declaration of Interests:** None notified
- 3. Minutes of last Meeting: Minutes of 2nd June meeting approved; signed by Chair**
- 4. Matters arising:** SC-K reported that he had received an email reply from Alan Kearsley-Evans NT in response to a query about the public conveniences. AK-E said that NT are not responsible for maintenance or up-keep of the public conveniences below the NT Car Park. SC-K to make enquiries with CCS why he had been informed otherwise.
- 5. Chairman's Items:**
 - i) **Peace Stone:** SC-K read an email from Mr Methuen-Campbell that he had recently received. In the email, Mr Methuen-Campbell indicated that his permission to site the stone on the green area outside the Church had only been given if the stone had no carving, engraving or plaque. There was a short discussion but it was felt that all Councillors should be party to any decision. Discussions and any decisions will be made when the views of all Councillors have been sought. The donors of the stone were reported to be dismayed by Mr Methuen-Campbell's message.
 - ii) **Local Report:** SC-K reported that SW Police are aware of the placement of nails, screws, tacks and fence staples on the road and in entrances to fields where cars have parked during the "lock-down". PC Jeavons and his Community Policing team want to be notified if any more instances and local residents are being particularly vigilant.
- 6. Finance:**
 - i) The Internal Auditor, Mr D Cann, has completed his examination of the Accounts. SW presented the IA's findings. Some presentational issues had been discussed with the IA and it was agreed with the RFO that the format of the monthly reports should be changed. The actual recorded transactions were correct and would remain unchanged. The IA had noted the weaknesses in RCC's paying in system had already identified and agreed that practice has altered to make sure procedures are robust. **JH proposed that the Accounts for 2019-20 and the Annual Governance**

- Statements be accepted and ratified; SC-K seconded. Approved unanimously.** SW will make arrangements to have SC-K sign the relevant paperwork and then send them to WAG Auditors.
- ii) SW reported that the opening balance today stands at £3545.91.
 - iii) SW reported that a member of CoRSG had applied to Western Power for a Community oriented grant of £600 towards the expenses of volunteers offering support during the current Covid-19 crisis, when so many of the residents of Rhossili villages are vulnerable. They were successful in being awarded £300, but as they do not have a bank account of their own, it will be paid into RCC's account. SW and SC-K will work out how to pay this money out correctly.

The Virtual Meeting closed at 7.23pm

Date of next Virtual Meeting: 16 June, 2020 at 7.00pm. should one be necessary.