

MINUTES, 9th February, 2021

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 Regulations. No member of the public requested access, but invitations with the meeting link sent to 4 households, involving 6 residents.

1. **Attendance:** SC-K, IB, JH, NR and SW

Residents: 0

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm, hosted by SW, Chaired by SC-K

2. **Apologies:** TH and ST

3. **Declaration of Interests:** None notified

4. **Minutes of last Meeting:** 12/01/2021. Minutes a true record. **Proposed SW, 2nd IB. Approved.**

5. **Matters Arising:** SC-K asked whether reply had been received concerning Vanguard Bus Plot. Clerk reported that the owners are proceeding with an application to CCS.

6. **Chairman's Items:**

- i) NHS, Social Care and Keyworker Day, July 5th: Deferred to March meeting so that Community of Rhossili Support Group (CoRSG) could be consulted as to whether they would consider a role in it. SW to convene meeting via Zoom of CoRSG asap.
- ii) RCC Website and web design: SW has been unable to contact relevant person so far. Discussion and decision deferred to March's meeting.
- iii) Postal Vote Forms: Clerk reported that about twenty forms had been collected from the bus shelter. She has also delivered some to people who couldn't get there themselves. SW reported that VH have been notified that the VH needs to be available for an election in May.

7. **Highways:** IB reported that Black and white Chevron sign has been replaced at the top of Pitton Hill; Clerk had reported it to Highways after January's meeting.

8. **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** General comments were made to signify that all paths in the area are in a poor state because of weather conditions. Clerk reported that Steve Parry is aware of need for replacement signs in various places.

9. **Support Group Up-date:** SW reported that Maggie Kirk has been busy publishing pictures of the CAC and an article about Llandewi and Rhossili WI. The web page is being kept up to date and it is considered worthwhile for it to be kept. However, there have been no requests for assistance recently.

10. Planning: 2020/2638/NMA Meadowside – Re-submission

This latest application for a second time has again been refused but building work has continued, without correcting the illegal structures. The building has now been partially rendered with its final covering material. Clerk has written another Enforcement Complaint, requesting that CCS enforce a total stop on all building work at the site.

2021/0130 Riverside – Two storey front extension, changes to floorplan, fenestration, roof line. After studying the plans and having detailed discussion RCC decided that the position of the Council is Neutral. Clerk instructed to show “No comment” in Application.

Clerk informed the meeting that there was advice that Councillors who have submitted planning applications should not “attend” the part of the meeting of RCC that discusses the application.

11. Village Hall: NTR

12. Finance: RFO gave a report of financial position; all Councillors had a copy of the monthly report. Balance stands at £2838.77 and then he went through each of the items, explaining each entry.

- (i) SW proposed payment of clerk’s salary for final quarter - £300.00; SC-K seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
- (ii) SW then explained his calculations concerning the Precept and Draft Budget agreed at January’s meeting of RCC. Although Precept has been raised to £4000 for 2021 – 22, the Projected Budget indicates that use of reserves will be necessary to maintain expenditure, especially as there may be costs associated with the holding of elections in May. The RFO urged caution on expenditure.

12. Correspondence: sent by email to Councillors.

The Virtual Meeting closed at 7.53pm

Date of next Virtual Meeting 9th March, 2021

Residents are invited to participate in virtual meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7.00pm.

If you wish to “attend” please pass your email address on to the Clerk and you will be sent a link for the meeting on that Tuesday.