

MINUTES, 11th May, 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.

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

Residents: 0

Meeting commenced at 7.11pm, hosted by SW, **Chaired by SC-K**

2. **Apologies:** TH and JH

3. **Declaration of Interests:**

4 **Minutes of last Meeting:** 13/04/2021. Proposed SW, 2nd IB: **Approved.**

5. **Matters Arising:** Meadowside. Clerk reported that an Enforcement Visit was supposed to have taken place after a telephone call from Cllr R Lewis. However, despite requesting written confirmation from CCS, no reply or acknowledgement had been received. Enforcement Register for 2021 does not show the property.

(5a* **See below, Item 11)**

6. **Chairman's Items:**

i) Vanguard Bus Plot: SC-K reported that Planning Permission for the building of a storage unit on the site had been refused. Mr Bond has not intimated whether he intends to appeal against this decision. The matter of the wire fence and notices was discussed at length; **SC-K proposed that Clerk and Chair to write to Mr Bond**, to consider removing the fence for aesthetical reasons, as all agreed it didn't give a very pleasant view to visitors arriving in the village. The question of anti-social behaviour continuing was felt to be no longer a problem as the toilet facilities are now in full operation. **Seconded IB; approved unanimously.**

ii) The Vile and Article 4: SC-K reported the 28 days restriction on trade had been amended for this year only, doubling it to 56 days because of the pandemic. Ian Davies, of Swansea Planning department, the development Officer, had given an opinion that CCS would not consider any amendment to present situation while there was only one trader in operation – this was not considered to cause significant disruption to warrant an extension. SC-K felt that it was more appropriate at this time for The Gower Society to lead this, and RCC could support them. IB proposed that the situation should be closely monitored during the summer and records kept, so that there was more information and data available to help make decisions. **SC-K proposed no further action; IB seconded. Agreed unanimously.**

7. **Highways:** SW reported a second pothole redeveloping at Pilton Green. Clerk to report to CCS. Clerk repeated request for all villagers that have access to internet, to report Potholes directly to Highways on the dedicated portal.

8. **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** (IB declared an interest and "left the meeting".) SC-K said he had received well over 12 witness statements from various residents from each of the villages and hamlets, expressing concern at the closing of the footpath. SC-K now felt there was enough evidence to present to CCS Rights of Way to have this previously Permissive Path made formally into a Public Right of Way. The alternative route for pedestrians

to access Mewslade Beach and Ramsgrove via Pitton Hill, has no verge and is extremely dangerous for walkers. It is understood that 10 members of the Rhossili Fitness Group tried on one occasion to use the path but were unable to go further because it was blocked by a barbed wire fence, and several villagers have written to the Rights of Way Officer, Chris Dale, directly rather than send their submissions to RCC.

IB re-joined the meeting.

9. Support Group Up-date: No report available.

10. Planning: 2021/1120/S73 – Ty Gwyn: This is another attempt to remove the agricultural occupancy clause on the planning permission. It was noticed that owner had received quotes from Estate Agents but it was felt that the level of rent the property was advertised at was not comparable with the usual level of Social-Housing rent. RCC felt that nothing had changed and **IB proposed that RCC Object**, for the same reasons as previously. **SC-K seconded; Approved unanimously**

2021/1951 Creek Cottage APPEAL – SC-K reported that the Appeal was dismissed.

2021/0922/FUL - Riverside This is a re-application from a previous refusal. After studying the plans again and a discussion, **SC-K proposed “No Comment”**, as previously. **Seconded ST; Approved unanimously.**

11. Finance: (*This Item was discussed at the beginning of the Agenda as RFO could not participate later.)

RFO gave a report of financial position [Balance stands at £2401.38] and then briefed Councillors on the End of Year situation.

- (i) Internal Auditor identified as Mr. Peter Muxworthy, a qualified Accountant. **SW proposed the voluntary offer by Mr Muxworthy be accepted; seconded by SC-K. Approved unanimously.** RFO will pass on the records and documents for his analysis.
- (ii) SW requested immediate return of all replies concerning disqualification because of Insurance. SW gave details of Insurance renewal premium of £195.42 and recommended acceptance. **Proposed payment by SW, seconded by IB; Approved unanimously.**
- (iii) Once internal audit has been completed, the accounts will be sent to WAG auditors before the deadline of 30th June
- (iv) Accessibility Report from the Website Accessibility Audit should be available for June’s meeting.
- (v) SW asked that sincere thanks be passed on to Mr John Furneaux, for his assistance and effort in erecting the new noticeboard in Pitton.

The Virtual Meeting closed at 20.33pm

Date of next Virtual Meeting: 8th June, 2021

Zoom Meeting code: 841 8971 9674

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