

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held in the Jubilee Hall, Houghton, and online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Wednesday 1st May 2024, 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Paddy McNamara (Chairman), Robin Howells (vice-Chairman), Derek Jones, John Evans, Vicky White, Scott Sinclair, Nia Phillips; County Councillor Danny Young; Peter Horton (Clerk).
Apologies: C'llrs Peter Griffiths, John Mathias, Fiona Hart, Laurence Price

Declarations of known interests

None.

Opportunity for public representation on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present.

Approval of minutes of the April 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written (proposer C'lr Derek Jones, seconder C'lr Robin Howells), and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

White lining. No further progress. Clerk to chase up progress with P.C.C.

Burton Ferry toilet block. Nothing further heard on this matter. C'lr Scott Sinclair commented that it was important for the building to be mothballed, rather than demolished, in case of any possible future change of direction.

Speed-activated signage, Burton. The Clerk confirmed that nothing further had been heard from Coeval. Clerk to contact and ask them to look at realigning the solar panel. Battery renewal was mentioned as a potential issue in the not-too-distant future.

Tree survey. This had been arranged, and was in hand.

Information board, Houghton Green. Matter still in hand with C'lr Paddy McNamara.

Plans

There were no plans for consideration this month.

Correspondence

- 1) Local resident - Concerns over various highway issues around Burton Ferry / Burton - Clerk to reply to say that the community council is awaiting anticipated P.C.C. actions on the review of 20mph speed limits later in the year.
- 2) Local resident - Concerns over state of highway down Oxland Lane, and concerns over condition of some trees along the lane - Clerk to reply acknowledging the message, and noting the fact that this had also been sent directly to P.C.C., which was the responsible Authority.
- 3) P.C.C. - Holding response to concerns over state of footpath between Hill Mountain and Sardis - noted. Clerk to chase up substantive reply, copying in C'lr Danny Young.

Accounts

Payments

Bateman Gardening (work at Burton Ferry)	:	£ 60-00
Zurich (insurance renewal)	:	£762-56
Information Commissioner (data registration fee)	:	£ 40-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'lr Vicky White, seconder C'lr Nia Phillips).

Member allowances for 2024/24. Matter to be tabled for discussion of optional allowances in June. Regular member allowances to be approved for payment in June to all members who had not waived them in writing in the meantime.

Any necessary discussion of highways issues to N of Cleddau Bridge

Members noted that work had been ongoing to widen the junction access. C'Ilr Derek Jones noted that a lorry had driven over the newly-laid verge, damaging it. He also commented that traffic coming from Neyland and wanting to turn left towards Burton Ferry could still inadvertently enter the bus layby. The traffic island was now in situ in the middle of the road. Members to inspect and monitor, and matter to be placed on agenda again for June meeting to discuss any resulting issues. In the meantime, C'Ilr Danny Young undertook to look at the work carried out, and, if necessary, speak to P.C.C. officers about any issues of concern.

Discussion of future website arrangements

Members resolved to pursue the free Google-hosted option being recommended by P.C.C. (proposer C'Ilr Paddy McNamara, seconder C'Ilr Nia Phillips). Clerk to inform P.C.C. accordingly, and also enquire about any possible bilingual requirement for the website. C'Ilr Scott Sinclair raised the possibility of a future review of the use of the website in case of other broader uses being identified for it. The other possibility could be a Facebook or other social media presence. It was commented that this would require someone to administer it. C'Ilr Paddy McNamara commented that this could involve residents outside the council, and need not be restricted to councillors. The matter was left for discussion on a future occasion.

Discussion of surface water problems in Hill Crescent

C'Ilr Peter Griffiths had passed on concerns via C'Ilr Derek Jones. There was a recurring problem of surface water running down the road, into his drive, and ponding by his front door. Clerk to contact P.C.C., raise the issue of the lack of road drainage, and seek their advice.

Discussion of ownership / title deed issues relating to Jubilee Hall

The Clerk reported to members on his review of the documentation provided by C'Ilr John Evans. Members were concerned to ensure that the hall ownership was on a sound footing. Clerk to write to the solicitors in Fishguard to request a copy of the hall deeds, and seek advice on whether the current ownership arrangements were satisfactory in vesting ownership in the corporate entity of the community council. Matter to be tabled for further discussion in June. The separate matter of arranging internet access arrangements for the hall were not discussed, as these were felt to be the responsibility of the Jubilee Hall Committee.

Any necessary discussion / updates on future community events

Nothing to report. No events were currently planned for the summer period.

Any other business

Recent coffee morning at Jubilee Hall. C'Ilr John Evans reported that this had not been well supported.

Parking at Cleddau Reach School. C'Ilr Nia Phillips reported concerns on behalf of the wider community over the chaotic parking arrangements at Cleddau Reach School at school leaving times. This included problems with double parking, and concerns over pedestrian safety. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in June. In the meantime, C'Ilr Danny Young undertook to speak to officers in P.C.C. concerning the matter.

Recent tree-planting. C'Ilr Paddy McNamara commented on the excellent result of the recent tree-planting exercise carried out.

The meeting ended at 7-55pm. Next meeting to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5th June 2024