

## BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the monthly meeting held online on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, 7pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Robin Howells, John Evans, Derek Jones, Nia Phillips, John Mathias, Vicky White, Fiona Hart; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies:** C'llrs Laurence Price, Paddy McNamara, Scott Sinclair,

#### Declarations of known interests

None.

#### Approval of minutes of the October 2021 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written (proposer C'lr Robin Howells, seconder C'lr John Evans).

#### Matters Arising

**Potholes.** The Clerk had reported these again following the October meeting. Members reported that the pothole by the junction with Church Road, Burton, had been repaired. However, the ones in Hill Mountain by junction with Ashdale Lane had not been done. Clerk to report these again. It was not known whether or not the ones in Rhooseferry Lane had been done.

**Sardis Planning Enforcement.** No progress.

**Houghton Playpark.** Members were informed that the work had been completed.

**Meeting with Clerk.** C'lr Robin Howells suggested a meeting later in the month on Zoom. It was left for C'lr Robin Howells to co-ordinate arrangements for this in conjunction with C'lr Paddy McNamara and the Clerk.

**Hill Crescent land.** The Clerk had written to the Director of Community Services in P.C.C. regarding this. No response had yet been received. C'lr Paddy McNamara had been in touch with the Director, and was currently awaiting a response.

**Drain outside Trinity House.** The Clerk had heard nothing further since the last message from P.C.C., in which they had said a supervised inspection of the pipeline with Western Power was being arranged. Clerk to chase the matter up.

#### Plans

##### Applications

**21/0655/MD** - Modification or Discharge of Planning Obligation

Site Address: Boat Yard (known as Rudders Boatyard), Land at Badgers Cottage, Church Road, Burton, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1NU – No comments.

**21/0669/PA** – 2-storey extension to east side of property and a loft conversion.

Site Address: The Keys, Ashdale Lane, LLANGWM, Haverfordwest, SA62 4NU - No comments.

**NP/21/0674/FUL** – Second potato grading and storage shed; Benton Farm, Burton, Milford Haven SA73 1PE – No comments.

#### Correspondence

1) Local resident – Information concerning Plot 1, Kiln Park, Burton Ferry – dealt with in agenda item below.

2) P.C.C. – Confirmation of re-opening of toilet block, Burton Ferry – noted.

3) O.V.W. – Update on arrangements for Queen's Platinum Jubilee – noted.

4) P.C.C. – Response regarding Highways related matters – dealt with in agenda item below

- 5) Tom Greenwood – letter recommending additional coat of stain to pedestrian shelter, and work to bench to repair rotting timbers – Members agreed to the additional coat of Sikkens for the pedestrian shelter at £150, and the repairs needed to the bench at £200 (proposer C’lr Robin Howells, seconder C’lr John Evans).
- 6) Local resident – concern over loss of Saturday bus service no. 308 through Freystrop, Hook, Llangwm, Houghton, Burton Ferry and Rosemarket – Clerk to ask P.C.C. if the service is to be reinstated.
- 7) Local resident - copy of letter to P.C.C. complaining about Planning processes – Members felt that this was an internal matter for P.C.C. to address, and not one in which it would be appropriate for B.C.C. to involve itself.
- 8) Local resident – message seeking further information regarding joining the Council – Members left the matter to if the individual concerned should actually apply to join the Council.

### **Accounts**

#### **Payments**

Bevan Lawncare (grass-cutting) : £240-00

The above payment was approved by Members (proposer C’lr John Evans, seconder C’lr Derek Jones).

### **Discussion of traffic-related issues in Community**

Members had been sent the message received from Clare Williams in P.C.C. with notes regarding the various areas of concern raised in connection with traffic / speeding-related issues in the Community.

C’lr Paddy McNamara had commented via email on the speed survey results. He had commented that the survey indicated that people mostly obey the speed limits. In his view, mobile speed enforcement units were the most effective way to combat speeding along the main road.

C’lr Fiona Hart commented that she would agree with that if they were here often enough. She also mentioned the speed-activated sign in Houghton, which was functioning, but was only triggered at 37mph. She also mentioned an occasion in the Summer when her husband had been overtaken by a speeding vehicle that ended up on its roof at Bowling’s Corner.

C’lr Robin Howells commented that nothing could replace common sense, and that measures would only work when the Authorities were actively involved in enforcement of speed limits.

C’lr Derek Jones commented that you would never stop the last few percent of speeding motorists successfully. He also suggested that static speed cameras were pretty well the only effective measure. However, Members were not convinced that consent and funding would be likely to be forthcoming for these in this location. The ongoing trials in St. Dogmaels and parts of Carmarthenshire of the proposed 20mph speed limits for built up areas was also mentioned. It was left to see what further measures might be proposed by P.C.C. following the message received that day.

### **Discussion of enhancing the area by pontoon in Burton Ferry**

Members had been circulated the document from C’lr Scott Sinclair, with a summary of the proposals, and summary of the public consultation responses received. Members were happy to accept this, and wanted their thanks to be recorded for the work carried out by C’lr Sinclair, which was much appreciated, especially as he had been unwell in recent weeks.

It was left for the Clerk to complete the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application in conjunction with C’lr Scott Sinclair, for submission before the deadline later in November.

### **Any update on applications received for co-option onto Council**

Dealt with in ‘Correspondence’ above.

### **Discussion of downgrading of services at Withybush Hospital**

C’lir Derek Jones reported that Paediatric Services had now been withdrawn from A&E in Withybush. Clerk to write to Hywel Dda Health Board expressing concern over this. Letter to seek an update on the proposed new hospital to be sited between St. Clears and Narberth as well (proposer C’lir Derek Jones, seconder C’lir Vicky White).

### **Discussion of issues surrounding protection of reedbeds, environmental concerns over sewage gas emissions, and status of footpath alongside Plot 1, Kiln Park**

Clerk to contact D.C.W.W. and N.R.W. to ask for their views on the capacity of the sewage works, and also the potential environmental damage from discharges and odours from the works, including to the nearby reedbeds (proposer C’lir Robin Howells, seconder C’lir John Evans).

Regarding the footpath alongside Plot 1, Kiln Park, it was decided to table an agenda item to discuss this at the next meeting, with the possibility of considering an application to register it as a public right of way.

### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **Any other business**

**Seesaw in Houghton.** C’lir Paddy McNamara to report next month on issues with the pivot bolt on the seesaw.

**Jubilee Hall.** C’lir Derek Jones questioned why B.C.C. was not using the hall, when other organisations were doing so. It was mentioned that a decision had been made to suspend physical meetings for the time being, due to rising infection rates of Covid-19, and also because of the need to ensure compliance with the latest W.G. legislation requiring all meetings to be multi-locational. Matter to be kept under review.

**Land Registry alert system.** C’lir Fiona Hart mentioned a new provision by Land Registry whereby it was possible to log an alert feature on their site for any property in one’s ownership, in an effort to combat property fraud.

The meeting ended at 8-00pm. Next meeting to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.