

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 6-30pm, online via the Zoom platform, and in person at the Welfare Hall, Merlin's Bridge.

Present: Cllrs. Michelle Lewis, Mike Dare, Veronica James, John Cole; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Ian Lewis, Chris Lawler, Rita Lawler, Alison Palmer

The meeting was chaired by the vice-Chairman C'llr Veronica James

Declaration of known interests

None.

Approval of minutes of minutes of May 2025 monthly meeting and 2025 A.G.M.

These were approved by Members, and retained by the Clerk for signature following the meeting (proposer C'llr Michelle Lewis, seconder C'llr Veronice James).

Matters arising

None.

Plans

There were no plans for discussion this month.

Correspondence

- 1) School – Request for financial assistance – Members noted that this was for assistance with setting up the Welsh Government 'Flying Start' initiative. A one-off donation of £1000 was agreed. Formally approved in 'Accounts' below. Clerk to request more information on defining what was involved in providing the necessary enhancements and additional facilities mentioned in the donation request.
- 2) P.C.C. – Update on Planning Enforcement at Rose Avenue – noted.

Accounts

Payments

Easy Websites (website direct debit)	:	£ 36-96
Lloyds Bank (bank charges, April 2025)	:	£ 4-25
Clerk (salary, April – June 2025)	:	As per contract
HMRC (PAYE tax and Employer N.I. contributions)	:	As per contract
St. Mark's School for Flying Start	:	£1000-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Michelle Lewis, seconder C'llr Veronica James).

External Audit of 2024/25 accounts

Members were informed that all documentation for the external audit of the 2024/25 accounts had been sent to the Wales Audit Office.

County Councillor's report

Nothing to report this month.

Discussion of any applications received for co-option of new councillors

No applications had been received since the March monthly meeting.

Discussion of arrangements for siting of public bench to mark VE-80 commemorations

The Clerk had been in contact with P.C.C. Streetcare about the possibility of siting a bench. They had recommended speaking directly to the Memorial Bench Team, which the Clerk had subsequently done. The officer from the Memorial Bench Team had said they would arrange to inspect the site for suitability. Once that had been done, they would contact the community council with advice on siting and style of bench. This contact was currently awaited. Matter to be placed on September agenda for further discussion.

C'llr John Cole mentioned that he knew of a blacksmith in Tenby with some good quality commemorative benches, priced at around £1800 each, including installation. Further discussion on style to be deferred until P.C.C. had been back in touch.

Any necessary discussion of environmental / dog-fouling issues in community

Members reported the usual ongoing problems with dog-fouling in the community. It was also noted that certain areas of grass had been left out in the regular mowing schedule, as requested for the purpose of allowing wild flower seeding to germinate and grow.

Any necessary discussion of future community events

C'llr Mike Dare mentioned that he may be able to arrange a Community Bingo event sometime in July / August.

Any other business

For Sale signage. C'llr Rita Lawler had raised the issue of more For Sale signage opposite the Greenhill Park estate entrance on the Upper Pembroke Road. The Clerk confirmed that he would make contact again to request removal of the signage.

The meeting was closed at 7-10pm. Next meeting - Wednesday 10th September 2025.