



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Community Matters Committee meeting held at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 6th December 2023 in the Village Hall, Bembridge.

Present: Cllr S Noyes (Chair), Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr P Kenny, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr L White.
Officers: Julia Shorrocks (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received from Cllr C Adams & Cllr J Lake, and it was:
RESOLVED: That the committee accepted the apologies of Cllr Adams and Cllr Lake.

2. Declarations of Interest - None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Matters Committee

The previous minutes were discussed, and it was:

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes with the addition of Cllr L White tending her apologies

4. Finance

After some discussion it was agreed to check the original committee budget and to remove the £200 expenditure from the community chest event for Right at Home as this money should have come from the small grants budget line.

5. Bembridge Star Competition

Judges are going to be Cllr S Noyes, R Poncia & P Kenny. The judging will take place at 5pm on 2 days: 14th and 18th December 2023. Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories: best home, best charity and best commercial property. Max amount in the prize fund £100 in case of a tie in any category. Presentation will be at the Friendship Circle Coffee morning on 6th January 2024.

6. Bembridge Mural

After some discussion it was decided to: pressure hose the current mural in the spring to clean it up; Set up a working group to move this forward in January; Create a competition to design a new mural; Ask the art society if they would be prepared to paint the winning design. The wall will need to be whitewashed before the winning design can be painted.

7. Bembridge Map

After discussion it was agreed to: front page whole page picture bleeding to edges; boxes for the bit pictures with a 12th box for answers; add a blue background; add PC logo to front page; ask the printers to set it up from the photos so maximum coverage is achieved; add Produced by BPC & printed by Desktop Studios; get a print run of 2000.

8. D-Day 80th Anniversary 6th June 2024

A briefing note was sent out. In addition, David Mears (NT) has confirmed it is in the diary; A list of veteran organisations has been acquired; Choir and pianist from Brading confirmed; Rev S Daughtery confirmed; scouts are keen to help although it is a school night; Kevin is sorting traffic management. Contact IWALC with what we are doing.

9. Community Chest

Very successful event. More children present would be appreciated; consider moving the timing into September so it is lighter in the evening. It would be good to see pictures of the things we have helped groups to achieve; ask for some photos.

10. Have Your Say Day

There was a steady stream of people; morning works better; displays looked good. Next year organise for Sept or Oct to try and get better weather.

An analysis of the last 3 years of comments shows that most of our residents agree that the important issues are: planning, infrastructure, flooding, traffic, and the need for a school crossing.

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11. Forward Plan

Beach Cleaning: need the dates from Cllr Groom for 2024.

Wight Fibre Cabinets: remove from listing. Nothing more to be done.

Anchor: this has stalled. WG needed but not until the major issue about where to put it has been resolved. PC need a long-term lease on the bit of land beyond the coffee van. Arrange meeting with Mrs Snelling and Martin Woodward (Cllr Brabazon). Possible alternative site – where the wave sculpture presently stands.

12. Reports from working groups/ other groups / correspondence received

None

Meeting closed 6.40pm

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