

REPORT ON THE MILCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30m ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2022

All six Councillors were in attendance. Disappointingly only one member of the public was in attendance. Apologies were received from County Councillor Kieron Mallon, District Councillor Hugo Brown and the Clerk, Theresa Goss who was unable to attend due to illness.

The Minutes of the APM held on May 11th, 2021, were agreed as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

Tom McCulloch of Community First Oxfordshire was due to speak on Neighbourhood Development Plans but unfortunately, due to Covid, he had to cancel. This has been re-scheduled for the next PC meeting on May 10th.

The Chairman's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved with no matters arising. The Report is included in this Newsletter and also on the PC website.

Parish Council elections are held every four years and this year all Councillors will stand down on May 5th. They may stand again if they so wish by completing the necessary forms with a proposer and seconder. The current Council has six members, so at least one other person is required to make up the full complement of seven. If more than seven names are put forward, then there has to be an election. If only seven names (or less) are put forward, then they are automatically elected. Please contact the Clerk on milcombepc@gmail.com for more information or Nigel Davis who can provide you with a form.

The Clerk had provided an income and expenditure account for the year prior to the meeting and this was approved.

District Councillor Hugo Brown had provided a written report which had included items on Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Statement of Community Involvement, Covid 19 – Oxfordshire Recovery and Renewal Framework and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The full report is on the PC website.

Councillors considered the Platinum Jubilee Celebration grants which CDC is providing to encourage and assist local authorities and communities across the district to hold celebratory events during the summer. Parish authorities are given the first opportunity to apply for grants. If they do not wish to apply, then it can nominate a constituted community group to apply. The grant is for public and community-wide events but not for informal neighbourhood events. Applications must be in by Friday, May 13th. Additional information is available on the Platinum Jubilee page of CDC's website or contact Lydia.avann@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

A discussion was also held on the problems in Ukraine and the need for assistance mainly now in the form of funding. The Councillors voted unanimously to forward a donation of £100.00 to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee).

The Chairman reminded members of the proposed meeting at the Horse & Groom at 8.00pm on March 31st for discussions on the organisation of a fete/summer party. This event can only take place if enough volunteers come forward to help.

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