

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place on 26th October 2017 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Jonathan Martin, Chairman/Cadeirydd. Jo Hutchings, Elfyn Rees, Tony Dyer, Fraser Coates, Lucy Lewis, Melrose Thomas, Gill Wislocka, Beryl Rees, Charlène Bourg, Carol Khulman

Clerk

Members of the public: 5

Prior to the start of the meeting all present were asked to rise and observe a short silence in memory of Mr Steffan Thomas and Mr Mikey Nicholas. The Chairman said that following the loss of two young lives, so closely associated with the village, it was one of saddest periods for the community he could remember.

Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Community 7.00 - 7.15.

Ms H Goff said she wished to support the stopping up of footpath 87/55 Water Street. She felt that the health and safety of the young family affected by the flooding and the escape of sewage should be considered.

Ms J Warricker also supported the stopping up of the path. She said that as a mother with young children and buggy she thought the footpath running parallel with 87/55 was far safer and easier to use. The closure of 87/55 would make a huge difference to the young family affected by the floods.

Mr B Goldnet said he had worked for the Post Office and the advice given to staff had always been not to use the steps at the end of path 87/55. He said many people did not realise it was a public footpath and that if it helped a young family have a better quality of life if the path were to close, he supported it.

Ms S Davies, owner of the property most affected by sewage flooding said she hoped that the Community Council would support the stopping up order and presented a petition in support containing 63 names.

Cllr J Hutchings had printed off responses from the village FB page which totalled 43 replies in support.

A letter from Mrs J Hall, supporting the closure was read to the meeting as was an e-mail from Ms S Davies' manager that highlighted the impact of her absences from her job necessitated by the flooding issues.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from CC Mike James.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that they should give careful thought as to their interests, particularly as grant funding and annual budget were to be discussed. She had provided forms for Cllrs to fill in should this be necessary.

3. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda and identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session

Cllr T Dyer proposed that the Water Street path be discussed immediately after the confirmation of the minutes. Seconded Cllr J Hutchings, carried unanimously.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 28.09.17

Cllr G Wislocka proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded Cllr F Coates. Carried unanimously.

Pembs CC re Public Footpath 87/55 Water Street

The County Council had, given the issues of flooding and sewage and the request by Ms S Davies for permission to place a flood gate across the existing path, asked if the Community Council would support a stopping up order. Pembs CC, having considered all options, advised that this was the only option if a gate were to be erected. The grounds for making the application would be that footpath 87/55 was unnecessary due to the presence of footpath 87/23C which ran parallel.

Concern was expressed that the introduction of a flood gate might impact on other areas affected by flooding. Ms S Davies was asked to comment and indicated that she already had to build a sandbag wall at the proposed gate location and no problems in other areas had been reported.

It was also noted that whilst the flood gate might solve problems for one property there were still significant ongoing problems in the area. It was noted that Dwr Cymru had installed an overpumping pump to alleviate sewage escape but the pumping station and infrastructure in the village was no longer adequate. Dwr were to look at capital funding for improvements but no monies were promised.

It was noted that the traditional use of the path by the wider community against the impact on one property which would benefit from the proposed flood gate, had to be considered.

It was proposed that the Community Council support the proposal to make a stopping up order. The proposal was formally amended to also confirm that the Community Council would ask that the ongoing situation be monitored and solutions found to the flooding and any future sewage escapes if at all possible. The Council also asked that the safety of footpath 87/23C be looked at as the space was shared by both pedestrians and vehicles. The amended proposal was supported unanimously.

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

payee	For	Bank
Mr E Brown	Grass cutting	463.20
Sarah Phillips	Spraying/stem injecting	260.00
Mrs G Wislocka	Laminating pouches	7.99
Wales Audit Office	External audit	276.75
Swallow Office Supplies	Office supplies	7.02
Cylch Meithrin Llandudoch	Grant	500.00
St Thomas Evergreen Club	Grant	300.00
Mrs S Houghton (Davies)	Home office	25.00
Mrs S Houghton (Davies)	Salary Oct	580.00
Charlène Bourg,	Payment to Cllrs £50 (arrears first 6th months)	50.00
Carol Khulman,	Payment to Cllrs £50 (arrears first 6th months)	50.00
Lucy Lewis,	Payment to Cllrs £50 (arrears first 6th months)	50.00
Gill Wislocka,	Payment to Cllrs £50 (arrears first 6th months)	50.00

Proposed Cllr F Coates, seconded Cllr M Thomas, carried unanimously

Grant funding requests

£2217 remaining in budget (Limit for S137 expend £7925.79 of which under £1000 had been spent)

St Dogmaels Allotment Association	Further information about land ownership was to be requested
St Dogmaels Football Club	£500
St Dogmaels Community Rowing Club	£500
Macmillan Cancer Support	£100
School:	£200 with request for further information on project costs where not specified in the application

Marie Curie Nurses	£100
Lunch Club	£500

Cllrs J Martin, C Bourg and B Rees left the meeting during the discussion on funding for the school

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The proposals were carried with 3 abstentions.

Grass cutting contracts

Only one quote had been received from Mr Brown. Cllr M Thomas proposed that the quote be accepted. Seconded Cllr G Wislocka. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that PCC paid for a fortnightly cut of the play area. It was agreed to ask Mr Brown to quote for a further cut, paid for by the CC to bring the cuts up to once a week for the play area.

ACTION: Contact Mr Brown BY: Clerk

Ownership of car park wall re Merched y Wawr plaque - ongoing

2018 / 19 Budget

The Clerk talked the Council through the first draft of the budget. Committee Chairs presented the Committee funding requests. The Playground Committee was looking at a 3 year plan which included maintenance and future projects for which it was hoped grant funding could be obtained. The Highways Committee hoped to fund a speed sign and extra works to keep the village looking clean and tidy and had made an allowance for parking enforcement subject to PCC agreeing. Some concern was expressed that the Highways Committee budget was very conservative. It was agreed that an extra-ordinary meeting be held at 7pm on 9.11.17 to further discuss the budget, planning matters and any other urgent business. It was noted that the budget would be finalised at the Council meeting of 23.11.17.

ACTION: Agenda for meeting BY: Clerk

The Clerk suggested that the Council might wish to consider giving delegated authority to the Committees to deal with their own budgets up to an annual maximum limit set.

The Chairman advised the Council that the Memorial Hall was currently running at a loss and might be seeking ongoing financial aid from the Council at some point in the near future.

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

17/0625/LB The provision of dormers and roof lights along with internal modifications. Demolition of rear porch and provision of metal steps. Penystar, Shingrig, St Dogmaels

The Council supported the application.

NP/17/0525/FUL Demolish existing 2-storey link between main dwelling house and outbuilding and construct a new 2-storey link extension. Construct lean-to greenhouse extension to the south elevation of the dwelling house. Installation of roof windows to existing outbuildings and installation of 2 flues for proposed wood burner to proposed studio annex outbuilding. Penryhn Bach, Poppit.

St Dogmaels Community Council supported this application but requested that the studio workshop use remain ancillary to the main dwelling, Penrhyn Bach. The Community Council looked forward to the reinstatement of the original line and condition of the footpath at the earliest opportunity.

Sherwood House, email to Planning re apparent demolition works in Conservation Area - noted

Site opposite Berwyn – CC M James was to have taken forward the Community Council concerns to PCC.

7. County Cllr's Report

The County Cllr's report was circulated prior to meeting.

8. Working Party Reports

Landslip

No response from Pembs CC to concern with regard to overflowing wells. Cllr G Wislocka said she would be in the area in the next week and would again check the site.

Knotweed

Cllr G Wislocka reported that the knotweed was still growing. She had not experienced this so late in the year before. Work on treating it continued.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

To include Playground Committee Report

The Chair had given a report during the budget discussion re projects and funding and had nothing further to add.

Alexandra Gardens

Various items – ongoing from last meeting – Clerk would report when further information became available.

Notice board door

Cllr J Hutchings said she had the door. It was understood that Mr Fennell would look at the board and quote repairs.

School Field

Pembs CC and Dwr Cymru had investigated the boggy area by the dugout on a number of occasions, the earliest, to memory, being in 1992. As CC M James had taken the current complaint forward to PCC Environmental Health department it was agreed to await his report at the next meeting.

Cllr L Lewis left the meeting.

Poppit

Research still to be done with regard to provision of baby changing facilities.

Pinog

The Council had received a complaint re grass cutting at Penally Mews at the end of Pinog. The resident wanted to know if he could cut to tidy up the area before winter storms. It was noted that the area was very wet. Cllr C Khulman agreed to inspect the area in question and report its' condition to the Clerk. It was felt that if work was required it should be done by the Council contractor due to insurance considerations.

ACTION: Cllr C Khulman to liaise with Clerk.

10. Highways and Public Rights of Way / Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus

To include Highways Committee Report

The Chair had given a report during the budget session and had nothing further to add.

A statement has been issued by Dwr re current position at Water Street. This had been circulated to all and published on the village FB page.

Land registry search

Cllr G Wislocka said she had applied for the information requested at the previous meeting and information requested by the Highways Committee.

She advised that footpaths volunteers had cleared the Graig footpath and would undertake further work when all the leaves had fallen. The volunteers were thanked for their work.

She also asked the Council to note that there had been an accident on Glanteifi hill involving a speeding vehicle and a pedestrian. She understood that the pedestrian was still recovering.

RNLI

Ongoing with poster etc

Parking enforcement

Still with Pembs CC legal department.

11. Police

Nothing was brought forward.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

Dogwatch launch

Committee room (with move to main hall for photos if possible) 8th November, 6.30 for 7pm. Cllrs were asked to attend if they could.

Firework display

Update

The Clerk had received a request from Meriel Goss for permission for her daughter to sell snacks at bonfire. Ms Goss had been informed that Public Liability Insurance and a risk assessment would be required. No electricity was available from the school due to half term. It was queried if the football club generator might be used to run the lights which Cllr L Lewis would pick up from Mr R Caygill. The Clerk would send out the final tasks lists prior to the event. Cllr J Hutchings would co-ordinate the event on the night.

Remembrance Service

The list of names from the memorial was being checked by Mr A Walters who would also drop off the collection box and poppies. The wreath had been ordered and the Vicar would be asked to supply readings. Cllr J Martin confirmed that he had spoken to a pianist and the bugler. The service was to start at 10.30am in the hall. It was agreed to order flowers for the table. Cllrs were asked to donate cakes for the refreshments after the service.

Christmas lights etc

The electrician was still to supply a quote but had confirmed he was going to quote. The tree would be delivered on Friday 3rd Nov, time to be confirmed and help would be needed. Details of the lantern workshops were to be finalised by Cllrs M Thomas, J Hutchings and the Clerk and details would be circulated to all. It was agreed to approach the Tofts about tree shredding in January and make application to Pembs CC for the use of the car park for this.

Christmas Lunch

It had been confirmed the U3A band would arrive at 1.30pm and that the School choir would attend. The delivery of the hot cupboard was to be arranged with caterer. Sally at the PO would be asked if the booking list could be left in her care as previously and posters were being prepared. There would be no paid bar this year. Decoration of the hall and tree to be arranged.

Cllr C Khulman left the meeting.

13. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Cllr F Coates advised that the money had now been confirmed for the new medical centre in Cardigan and it was expected that the work would start in 2019 with the facility up and running by Nov 2020. He noted that as he was a trustee of the League of Friends of Cardigan Hospital there was an opportunity for the Council to appoint a Council representative on the body.

14. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth (to include consultation documents not covered under any other heading)

2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – revised proposals – deadline 11.12.17

The Clerk had yet to look through the document and would make it an agenda item for the December meeting. The Clerk was thanked for looking through the many consultations and highlighting issues of importance to the Council and Community.

15. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr J Hutchings advised that Mr O James was holding a coffee morning in aid of Children in Need on 3rd Nov 11am to 1pm in the hall. All welcome.

Cllr L Lewis noted that lights were flashing on the defibrillator.

ACTION: Clerk to contact electricians.

The PFA was to hold a fund raising coffee morning at the Guildhall, Cardigan on Nov 11th.

Cllr G Wislocka advised that the Footpaths Association AGM was to be held at the hall on 16th Nov at 7pm, all welcome.

16. Date of Next Meeting – 23.11.17

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.45pm.