

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7pm on 28th January 2016 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Chairman: Cllr Elfyn Rees. Cllrs: Fraser Coates, Lucy Lewis, Jo Hutchings, Jonathan Martin, Melrose Thomas, Val Woods

CC M James

Clerk

Other Cllrs joined the meeting as indicated in the minutes.

Members of the public: Ms S Davies

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

Ms S Davies, from Water Street, wished to express her concern about the flooding and raw sewage in Water Street/Penally Mews. There was a long standing problem of flooding with water draining across the car park of the BV Rees Fiat Garage and through Water Street and Penally Mews. The situation was exacerbated by high tides, which prevented the water from draining. Flooding in the area has also, more recently, been accompanied by the problem of manhole covers lifting in Water Street and the floodwater being contaminated with raw sewage. The recent site meeting attended by representative of Pembs CC, Dwr Cymru and Natural Resources Wales (NRW), whilst helpful, had not been able to address the problem and footpath 87/55, adjacent her property, was now closed because of contamination with sewage. The Chairman thanked her for attending.

Ms S Davies left the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllr G Wislocka.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Martin declared an interest in discussions for grant funding Cardigan CAB.

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

It was agreed to bring forward the discussion on the problems in Water Street and Penally Mews. Christmas lights would be discussed in confidential session.

Proposed: Cllr J Martin, seconded Cllr M Thomas, carried unanimously.

Following discussion it was agreed that the situation in Water Street/Penally Mews was unacceptable and a health hazard. The closure of footpath 87/55 in the short term, until the problem of contamination was resolved, was understood but it was felt the community would not accept any suggestion of long term closure/extermination of the right of way. It was agreed that Pembs CC Chief Executive be contacted with regard to the failure of Pembs CC officers, at the site meeting, making any useful or sustainable contribution towards a solution. Dwr Cymru and NRW would be thanked for their input with a request that any proposals to alleviate the problems be undertaken as fast as possible. The Community Council did not support the proposal to pump increased amounts of raw sewage into the river but accepted that in the short term this could help. It was noted that Dwr Cymru had advised, at the site meeting, that the sewage system in St Dogmaels could not cope during storm situations (and indeed increasingly during relatively minor rainfall). It was agreed that Pembs CC be asked to take this into account when considering planning applications and it was noted that the houses on the site opposite Berwyn were still to be connected to the sewers and there was outline permission for a further 26 houses at Awel y Mor and 16 at Green Meadow. The Community Council would lobby the AM, MP and any other agencies which might be of help.

ACTION: Contact all the agencies etc BY: Clerk

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 26.11.15 and 14.01.16

Cllr F Coates proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Second Cllr M Thomas, carried unanimously.

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

Mathew Penny	Christmas lights	360.00
Playmaintain (invoice SI-277)	Toddler multi play repair	2808.00
Playmaintain (invoice SI-276)	Removal large mutiplay unit	360.00
Playmaintain (invoice SL - 275)	Supply and install greystoke multiplay	10333.20
S Houghton	F -Secure internet security (online payment)	26.99
S Houghton	Salary Jan	516.25
S Houghton	Home Office Jan	25.00
S Houghton	Postge	6.48
One Voice Wales	Membership sub	226.00
		14429.44

Current account as at 6 Jan 2016 stands at 30997.17 therefore no requirement, yet, to transfer funds out of the savings account.

Proposed Cllr J Martin, seconded Cllr M Thomas, carried unanimously.

Grant funding

Following discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of grant funding to the February meeting.

ACTION: February agenda item BY: Clerk

Herb Garden Lease

The details of the lease were noted.

Standing Orders/Financial Regs review

It was suggested that a working party run through the drafts and make recommendations to the Council. The Chairman, Cllr F Coates and the Clerk would be on the working party. Cllr S Brown would also be asked.

ACTION: Contact Cllr S Brown, arrange meeting. BY: Clerk

Clerk's request for permission to attend SLCC 'Draft Local Govt Wales Bill' event in Swansea, 2.2.16
Granted.

Clerks leave requests

The Clerks leave requests were granted.

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

15/0993/PA Erection of boat house with summer house above and associated works
Glanteifi, St Dogmaels

The Community Council supported the application.

15/1023/ PA Mixed use barn for equestrian and agricultural, including sand school

The Look Out, Pen y Rhiw, St Dogmaels

The Community Council supported the application in principle but requested that the Officer responsible consider the impact of the height of any buildings on the village skyline and that surface water run off should be contained and not allowed to affect areas of the settlement below the proposed development (River Hill and top end of the Moorings).

All planning documents can be found at:

<http://planning.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/WCHVARYLOGIN.display?langid=1>

7. County Cllr's Report

The County Cllrs report was circulated prior to meeting.

Cllr J Martin left the meeting.

8. Working Party Reports

Landslip working party report

The Clerk advised that most of the issues raised in the Community Council's letter had now been scheduled for maintenance by

Pembs CC. CC M James advised that the fencing has been looked at and would be done when ground conditions improved. It was agreed to wait for a copy of the 2016 monitoring report prior to taking any matters further.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

High Street car park

It was noted that the Pay and Display machines had been installed and it appeared that the 'Disabled' bays would now be situated further from the entrance.

Playground

It was noted that the work on the surfaces was being rescheduled on a week by week basis until such time as weather was dry enough.

One quote had been received for shelter and Cllr B Taylor was going to approach a local company with regard to obtaining a further quote.

The Clerk had asked the playground contractor with regard to the viability and cost of re-installing a zip wire. He had advised that wooden supports would not be recommended due to the ground and would be happy to look at the fall of land and positioning when he returned to complete other works on site. He suggested an approximate cost in the region of £9000.

Alexandra Gardens/ Village Green

Mr Brown had quoted for fence repairs and tidying footpath edges. Work would be undertaken when weather permitted.

War Memorial

It was advised that the War Memorial group had disbanded and no further grant funding for landscaping was being sought as a consequence. It was agreed that the Council look at possible schemes to cost for the 17/18 budget.

Notice boards

Cllr B Taylor was to obtain quotes for the refurbishments.

Community defibrillator – Cllr L Lewis

Cllr L Lewis advised that grant funding was no longer available from the original proposed source. She would try to source funding elsewhere.

Risk assessment/Maintenance

The boards holding back the grass bank by the Penally wall were rotten.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Natural Resources Wales to see if railway sleeps might be used.

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

Cei Bach – It was advised that a letter had been sent to Mr M Cloud (Pembs CC) asking for clarification on some points from his letter. The Clerk suggested that if the Council wished to take the matter further legal advice might be required.

Route to Poppit

CC M James stated the route would now be a footpath only, as land could not be acquired to provide the 3m needed a multi-user path. He noted, with thanks, the offer of help from the village footpaths group.

He advised that the 'leak' on the road below the school was caused by two gutters, one on either side of the road, not being connected. Pembs CC to deal.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Council go in to confidential session.

Cllr R Caygill joined the meeting during confidential session.

Following confidential discussion it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Council return to public session.

Cllr L Lewis left the meeting.

11. Police

Nothing was brought forward.

12. Village Regeneration

Nothing was brought forward.

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

Review Christmas events

The Chairman stated that he felt the Christmas events had gone well, apart from certain issues with the lights covered in

confidential session. The Christmas lunch had been enjoyed by all who had attended and the lantern parade had been quite a spectacle.

It was agreed that should the Coach House be holding a Christmas Fair in 2016 the lights switch on should take place immediately following it. Cllr M Thomas stated that although the running of the Coach House was changing, with the Trustees taking over, she hoped there would be a Christmas event in 2016.

Chairman's dinner

It was agreed that the Chairman's Dinner would take place on 14th April 2016. Details to follow.

Village in Bloom

The Clerk advised that she would start promoting Village in Bloom on the village FB page. It was suggested that flyers might be given out to local businesses to encourage participation in the event. The Village Show Committee would be asked if ViB prizes might be presented at the Show again.

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Water Street – flooding and sewage – covered.

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

Draft Local Govt (Wales) Bill

Cllr P Stock – Draft Local Govt Wales Bill - Noted

Pembs CC – Agenda and minutes from area committee - Noted

Clerks and Councils Direct - Noted

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

The Chairman stated that the Christmas tree shredding had gone ahead successfully and he hoped that this had helped keep the village tidy.

He had been approached by residents in the Glanteifion area who were disappointed that there had been no Christmas lights. It was agreed that as at least two Christmas trees had not survived in this location it was unlikely the Council would consider planting another.

CC M James advised that Pembs CC would need to save £16 million in its 16/17 budget, £11.5 million in 17/18 and £13 million in 18/19. He said there had been a strong suggestion that parking fees be introduced at County Hall as so many residents now faced paying fees in their communities. He also stated that the more rural County Councils in Wales were to protest what was seen as unfair cuts in their budgets, with Cardiff facing a cut of 1.1% whilst, among other rural County Council's cuts would range up to 4% (Pembs CC 2.8%). He further stated that St Dogmaels had 383 residents over 60 in 2001, and 475 residents over 60 in 2011.

Cllr J Hutchings reminded those present that a hall open meeting would be held on 11 February.

Cllr M Thomas asked that the possibility of holding the Regatta be a March agenda item.

It was asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Allotment Association as they had planted and maintained the flowers at the entrance to the village.

It was queried if anything was known about the situation with the Post Office. It was suggested that its' future in the village was again under negotiation although this had not been confirmed.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 25th February 2016

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 9.52pm