

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place on 28th September 2017 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfryd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Chariman: Jonathan Martin. Cllrs: Jo Hutchings, Tony Dyer, Carol Khulman, Melrose Thomas, Beryl Rees, Elfyn Rees, G Wislocka

Other Cllrs joined the meeting as indicated in the minutes.

County Cllr M James

Clerk

Members of the public: 2

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

Mr T Bendle of Trefynnon expressed his concerns with regard to the flood issues on the B4546 and the Water Street / Penally Mews areas of the village. He stated that he and his neighbours were clearing the stream adjacent their properties but were concerned with regard to the amount of silt which was washed down, which it appeared, could be associated with building works upstream. He also suggested that recent repair work, carried out by the outlet of the underground pipes of the culvert, had caused a slate drain to collapse and he would be happy to provide photographic evidence which he believed would support this. He was assured that several surveys had been carried out on the underground pipes of the culvert and these had shown no signs of obstruction or collapse. Dwr Cymru and Pembs CC were working together to assess the problems and address them.

Cllr C Bourg joined the meeting.

With regret the Community Council was unable to help with the removal of waste recovered from the stream by residents as this would require a registered waste carrier. Mr Bendle went on to thank Cllr G Wislocka and the team of volunteers who did so much work to keep the village in good order.

Mr Bendle then left the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllr F Coates. Cllr C Bourg advised she would have to leave the meeting at approximately 9pm and that Cllr L Lewis would be late to the meeting. Cllr C Khulman advised she would have to leave the meeting at approximately 8.10pm.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 14/09/17

Cllr G Wislocka proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded Cllr J Hutchings, carried unanimously.

payee	For	Total Bank
Mrs G Wislocka	Gloves for Knotweed treatment	18.48
Mr E Brown	Grass cut	331.20
Mrs J Hutchings	Various	92.70
SLCC	Membership (% of total fee LL to pay remainder)	84.79
Mrs S Houghton	Home office	25.00
Mrs S Houghton	Salary Sept	664.80
HMRC		5.20

A £100 donation had been received towards the Council's knotweed programme.

Cllr E Rees proposed that the payments be accepted, seconded Cllr M Thomas, carried unanimously. The Clerk asked Cllrs who had expense payments in the list to collect their cheques from her at the end of the meeting.

The Clerk advised that the Cllrs allowance would be paid in November (6 months in arrears). Cllrs who did not wish to claim to the full amount for 6 months (£50) should advise the Clerk in writing prior to the November meeting.

Grant funding request

Evergreen Club £300

Cylch Meithrin Llandudoch £500

Proposed Cllr M Thomas, seconded Cllr B Rees, carried unanimously.

Letters of thanks for funding from Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandudoch and the Paul Sartori Foundation were noted.

Grant funding would be advertised in the village prior to the October meeting.

Merched y Wawr had requested that the Council accept responsibility for the plaque in the car park and add it to the asset register. It was advised that the value of the plaque was £210 at purchase (for insurance purposes) although it would be entered in the register as a gift at zero value. It was queried if the wall the plaque was on belonged to County. It was agreed this would be looked into prior to taking the matter further although in principle the Council supported the proposal.

ACTION: Ownership of wall BY: CC M James

Provisional meeting dates 2018

The dates were accepted and the provisional hall bookings would be confirmed.

Data Protection – Training

It was agreed that if suitable training was to be available the Clerk should attend if at all possible.

To note one quotation for grass cutting had been received, with one outstanding. No further interest to date.

To note the completion of External Audit and posting of audit notice.

Dogwatch, volunteers meeting

Only 2 volunteers had attended. The launch was to take place once Pembs CC had the tabard sprinted. Burns Pet Foods had now agreed to fund the cost of tabards.

Clerk's leave request: Agreed by all.

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

17/0622/PA and 17/0527/LB Provision of an archway between the kitchen and dining room Penystar, Shingrig, St

Dogmaels

The Council supported the works which were sympathetic to the historic nature of the house. The Council believed that the having such a property occupied, in due course, could only enhance the locality.

Site opposite Berwyn – update

It was noted that a site visit had taken place to allow the stream to be viewed from land adjacent the build. Photographs had been taken which would be forwarded to CC M James. It was agreed that CC M James would take forward the concerns with regard to the stream adjacent / through the site and would be fully supported by the Community Council.

ACTION: CC M James to take forward concerns to Pembs CC.

It was noted that the Community Council was a participant and not an instigator of the multi-agency group which had met with regard to the flooding issues.

Cllr C Khulman left the meeting.

7. County Cllr's Report

The report had been circulated prior to meeting. Cllr G Wislocka asked that CC M James speak with Pembs CC Officer Mr M Cloud for clarification on a recent email.

8. Working Party Reports

As yet there had been no response to the PCC re the concern of flooding wells at Pencnwc.

The Clerk had looked through the Halcrow recommendations to PCC re future monitoring and suggested that until such time as Pembs CC had confirmed there were no safety issues, the CC would refrain from further comment on the recommendations. It was agreed to ask for copies of information mentioned in the report, which had not been supplied to the CC.

ACTION: Contact Pembs CC BY: Clerk

Cllr G Wislocka reported on the progress of treating knotweed and was thanked for her efforts. She was aware that skunk cabbage, another invasive species had been spotted in local streams and would investigate further.

Cllr C Bourg left the meeting.

Cllr L Lewis joined the meeting.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

To included Playground Committee Report

Report from Chairperson of Playground Committee including update on funding application

To note the quote from Playmaintain for replacing steps on toddler unit. It was agreed that further quotes should be sought.

To note that the ramp to the play area was starting to rot as were the skirting boards around the base. Further investigation as to the soundness of the supports would be required. It was not considered that the shelter was dangerous at this point.

Cllr L Lewis was pleased to report that the funding application for the kickwall had been approved in principle. All those who had worked on it were thanked. She stated that a section of fencing between the play area and Alexandra Gardens was rotten and the Committee would look to getting quotes for the works. It was agreed that in the interim the Clerk would ask Mr Brown to place orange site netting along the length of the faulty fencing.

Alexandra Gardens

The Marmaladies had requested that they take over the maintenance of the border in front of Teifi Inn. This was agreed but the height of the plants needed to be considered and a risk assessment and insurance would be required.

Land Drains

CC M James confirmed the land drains adjacent the Blessing stone area had been inspected and Pembs CC would undertake work in due course.

It was noted that the finger signpost was in poor condition.
ACTION: Cllr E Rees to clean.

Mr Brown would be asked to edge and tidy all paths through the Gardens and around the Blessing stone / jetty area. Cllr G Wislocka would also work with Mr Brown to get brambles cut back to allow access to areas with knotweed along the Pinog.
ACTION: Contact Mr Brown BY: Clerk

The door to the notice board on the bus shelter by 'Jewsons' had come off.
ACTION: Chairman to contact Mr P Fennel re repair.

Poppit

Baby Change Facilities

The Clerk apologised as she still had to undertake research.

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

To include Highways Committee Report

Recent site meeting with Mr B Blake, PCC

It was felt, by all those who had attended the meeting, that Pembs CC was now listening to the problems experienced by the village with regard to increased traffic, particularly during the holiday season. Various options had been discussed with Mr Blake and his colleague. It was clear to all present at the site meeting that there were, in terms of Highways legislation, few options, however Mr Blake would work on some schemes and present them to the Community Council for discussion.
CC M James was thanked for arranging the meeting.

It was noted that some villages in Cornwall operated a 'park and ride' scheme for visitors. Whilst it was felt this was not something that would or could be implemented in the near future it might be a possibility in the future.

Cllr E Rees then explained that the results of the recent speed survey by Pembs CC had illustrated that the village did not have so much as a speed problem (apart from on the road from Cardigan to Ty Johnny) but a significant traffic volume problem. The average volume of vehicles leaving the village for Poppit in January was 300 over 24 hours, which rose to 900 in a 24 hour period in May, not even the height of the visitor season.

It was suggested that the Graig footpath be promoted as an alternative to walking the high street and narrows. Whilst it was in need of repair (which had been discussed some time previously with Pembs CC, document to be requested) it might be a safer route.

ACTION: Agenda item Highways BY: Clerk

Halket Square

Those who had attacked greenery were thanked as the area looked much tidier. The Highways Committee was to look at ways of brightening up the area whilst keeping it low maintenance. The finger post in Halket Square required cleaning. Cllr L Lewis advised that a village resident had offered to look at the Square and offer some design ideas. This was accepted with thanks. It was noted that the bushes at the back of the square required clearing and this would have to be done prior to the delivery of the Christmas tree.

Water St

Dwr had been requested to provide a statement that could be published, as to current situation. Pembs CC was waiting for NRW permission to dredge the exit of the culvert. It was understood that Ms S Davies was still waiting for Pembs CC response to the proposed flood gate.

It was noted that the banks were collapsing on the stream coming down to the culvert. It was agreed that a Land Registry search be done to try to establish ownership of the banks.

ACTION: Land registry search BY: Cllr G Wislocka.

RNLI

Poster design to be produced during early winter months for approval.

Rights of Way Improvement / Active Travel

Ceredigion CC had now entered the final consultation with regard to the Active Travel scheme. It was noted that the route to Poppit was included.

The Highways Committee had agreed that Cardigan Town Council could use the documents submitted with regard to Active Travel. The Town Council fully supported the route to Poppit initiative and the Highways Committee would continue to work with CTC.

Parking/Parking enforcement

The CC was still waiting for Pembs CC to come back re extra hours for Parking Enforcement Officers and costings.

Draft response to Horse-Riders & Cyclists on Footpaths

Cllr G Wislocka's draft response had been circulated to all. She advised she had one minor amendment to make. It was agreed that the response be submitted.

ACTION: Amendment to be sent to Clerk. Clerk to submit document.

Request from Cllr Wislocka to support letter to Pembs CC re knotweed in verges

It was agreed to send the letter as proposed with a cc to CC M James.

ACTION: Send letter to Pembs CC BY: Clerk

Pembs CC – Proposed speed limit traffic regulation order

It was noted that the proposal would make no change to current speed limits but bring into existence one single up to date TRO starting with 30mph TRO (141 of 350 across the County).

11. Police

Nothing brought forward.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

Firework display – update

The Clerk had printed out list of actions required. These were allocated to various Cllrs. Clerk to update the list and circulate prior to going on leave.

Remembrance Service 12.11.17 – update

The Order of Service was to be printed in house. The Clerk would approach the Vicar to confirm the readings after her leave.

Lights and event 26.11.17

The Clerk had now met with a local electrician and was hopeful that at least the tree lights would be done. It was agreed to purchase 2 lightweight crowd barriers to go around the tree. The Council had been asked if it would fund and help run a lantern decorating workshop to be held in conjunction with fair at the Coach House. Although final costings were not available it was suggested that the workshop would be in the region of £100 and if the workshop was run by CC it would need to provide a risk assessment and recruit volunteer help. A lantern parade could go through the Churchyard (with permission of the Church Wardens) and would take place at about 4.30pm for switch on at 5pm.

Cllr E Rees left the meeting.

Christmas Lunch 12.12.17

Cllr J Hutchings asked if the U3A Ukulele band might play at the event. This was agreed.

13. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Cllr J Hutchings reported that the Village Show had raised approximately the same money as the previous year.

The Clerk advised that the recent Planning Aid workshop attended by herself, Cllr J Hutchings and Cllr F Coates had been interesting and the information from it would be useful when the review of the LDP took place.

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

The request from Cllr Wislocka to support the response to the Autism Bill was supported by all. It was agreed to send the draft response prepared by Cllr Wislocka.

Welsh Learners Consultation

It was agreed to write a letter stating the importance of Welsh learning provision.

OVW – Area meeting minutes and agenda – noted.

15. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr J Hutchings advised that Mr Glen Johnson had completed his walk of all the Pembrokeshire parishes and would give an illustrated talk on 17th November with all funds raised going to the hyperbaric chamber charity in Cardigan.

She hoped that the Council would support the ‘Ribbon of Poppies’ project which aimed to have as many communities as possible plant red poppies in 2018 to commemorate WW1.

She would provide information about the ‘Pride in Our Village’ project.

Cllr M Thomas advised that the Eisteddfod Harvest Supper would be held on 14th October in the Church Hall.

CC M James advised that Pembs CC would be providing LDP training workshops. Welsh Assembly Govt TB workshops had been cancelled as an announcement was due on the matter. Welsh Local Govt Association noted the concern that rural authorities felt they were being ‘left behind’ and more needed to be done to secure among other things, jobs, tourism and broadband in these areas. He advised that 10 minor roads in the village would to surface dressed in 2018.

16. Date of Next Meeting – 26th October 2017

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.48pm