

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place at 7pm on 24th August 2017 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Vice-Chairman Cllr J Hutchings Cllrs: C Bourg, F Coates, T Dyer, G Wislocka

Clerk

Members of the public: Two

Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Community 7.00 - 7.15. In the event there are no members of the public present the meeting will start at 7pm prompt.

Mr P White, from Pilot Street, spoke about his concerns with regard to the traffic situation in Pilot Street. Working mainly from his home on the Street he was well aware of the congestion and parking problems experienced throughout the year but particularly during the tourist season. He had observed, first hand, the recent problems with RNLI crew members being delayed due to congestion. It was explained that the Community Council had met with Pembs CC representatives in July with regard to the many traffic and parking issues in the village and was still awaiting a response. It was noted that many suggestions had been put forward over the years and had been turned down on Highway's legislation grounds. It was agreed that Pembs CC Highways be asked to briefly explain why the suggestions were not suitable.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chair, Cllr J Hutchings, took the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J Martin, C Kuhlmann, M Thomas and CC M James. Cllr L Lewis had indicated she would be late to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

Cllr L Lewis had advised she would join the meeting at 7.30 and requested that discussion of the kick wall grant funding application be deferred until that time. This was agreed by all present.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 27.07.17

Cllr G Wislocka proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr F Coates, carried unanimously.

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

payee	For	Bank
Mrs G Wislocka	Car park charges whilst dealing with knotweed	1.50
Mr E Brown	Grass cut	415.20
Planning Aid Wales	Community Engagement in Plan Making	60.00
One Voice Wales	New Cllr Training	120.00
Mrs S Houghton	Home office (£25) and postage 6.72, flag purchase 42.36	74.08
Mrs S Houghton	Salary July	640.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath	50.00

Proposed Cllr F Coates, seconded Cllr G Wislocka, carried unanimously.

Information from bank re update to business accounts
Noted.

Savings account

The Clerk advised that due to a letter being addressed to her and not the CC the savings account needed to be reactivated. She would try but might have to ask a signatory.

Budget Update

A budget update had been circulated.

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

17/0421/PA Extension and alterations, Awelfor, Pentre Langwm, St Dogmaels
The Community Council supported this application.

Retaining wall, David Street. It was noted that Pembs CC had not made any condition that the wall be checked and made safe if required. CC M James was following up after concerns re the condition of wall had been received. It was agreed to contact Pembs CC to ask why condition of the wall had not been raised during the planning process as its' stability was essential to highway safety given its' proximity to the road.

ACTION: Contact Pembs CC BY: Clerk

7. County Cllr's Report

The County Cllr's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Those present wished him a swift recovery from his recent operation.

Cllr G Wislocka offered her thanks to CC M James for negotiating a way forward with Pembs CC and the People's Orchard Project to deal with the Himalayan balsam at Pencnwc.

8. Working Party Reports

Whilst on site at Pencnwc, Cllr G Wislocka had noted that water was coming out of some of the landslip monitoring boreholes, something she had never noted in her previous visits to the site over a number of years.

ACTION: Contact Pembs CC re water BY: Clerk

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

Playground

It was noted that Playmaintain should be on site w/c 9th Sept to finish phase 2 and 3 works and undertake repairs.

Poppit

Police actions to reduce the incidents at Poppit were noted with thanks.

Baby changing facilities

The Clerk had talked to one local company and had been given a guide figure for the cost of having a porta-loo with changing facilities, (April/May - end August. Roughly 18 weeks). The porta loo would be serviced weekly (which is empty and clean). The suggestion was that it might be sited in the main car park at Poppit which was controlled by PCNP. There was also the question as to who would pay for it. It was agreed to investigate how PCNP and Pembs CC promoted the use of beaches etc in terms of equality. It was queried if, as toilet facilities were already provided, PCNP or Pembs CC had an obligation to provide changing facilities although it was understood that Pembs CC did not have a statutory obligation to provide any toilet facilities.

ACTION: Follow up BY: Chair

Cllr L Lewis joined the meeting.

Playground grant kickwall

Cllrs L Lewis and C Bourg agreed to draft out the application for funding. Community consultation was discussed and agreed, being both posters on the proposed site, around the village notice boards and an online consultation exercise. All site permissions had been received apart from Dwr Cymru which had been given all the information

requested. Cllr F Coates proposed that Cllr L Lewis, as Chairperson of the Playground Committee be given delegated authority to deal with the grant funding request and its submission. Seconded Cllr T Dyer, carried unanimously.

Alexandra Gardens

It was noted that Cllr E Rees had agreed to look at fixing the disabled access picnic table.

Glass use outside pub

It was noted that CC M James had agreed to look into the recommended best practice.

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

Buddleia growing in wall opposite White Hart

Cllr J Hutchings, Mr Phil Hutchings, CC M James and his wife were thanked for their work on this area. The ground was owned by Pembrokeshire CC but despite several complaints nothing had been done about the plants and the area had become unsightly. Cllr G Wislocka advised she would treat the stumps of the buddleia if someone would assist her. ACTION: Stumps to be treated BY: Cllr G Wislocka and Cllr J Hutchings.

87/24C beside site opposite Berwyn

It had been noted that stone and rubble were slipping from development site onto the footpath steps and into the adjacent stream. Footpaths officers had been out and it was understood that they had also reported the stone in the stream to the appropriate PCC department.

ACTION: Follow up with PCC BY: Clerk

Complaints about the safety on 87 24. It was agreed to deal with this matter in confidential session.

RNLI

A brief had been put together for a poster but it was suggested that it be better to take design forward in-house. This was agreed.

Water St

During recent rains, the overpumping pump had failed. Dwr had advised it might have been a telemetry problem. Dwr did not appear to be responding well with regard to Ms S Davies' requests for clean sandbags etc. It was noted that there was still no response from PCC re possible siting of a flood gate or any other aspect of the site visit in July.

Flooding new path at Poppit

This had been reported to PCC.

Speeding

Cllr C Kuhlmann had volunteers who would take part in a speed check in conjunction with the Police. The Clerk had checked with Sgt Jones who confirmed this scheme was still running. In order for the scheme to go ahead it did not need CC support but it would be helpful.

ACTION: Contact Sgt D Jones to advise CC support the scheme. BY: Clerk

11. Police

Nothing brought forward.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

Merchant Navy Day

1st September

Cllr J Hutchings advised that posters were out, the order of service was printed, and the Red Ensign purchased. She hoped as many Cllrs as possible would support the event.

Village show 9th September

The Dogwatch scheme would be promoted at the dog show to encourage volunteers. Work was ongoing with County to get the village scheme off the ground.

The Village in Bloom presentations would take place during the show awards at 3.30pm.

Code of Conduct Training

A training session with Pembs CC Monitoring Officer was confirmed for 20th September at 7.30pm. Nevern Community Council had been invited. All those interested in attending should let the Clerk know.

Firework Display

4th November 17

The Clerk would circulate the usual list with requests for help etc. She asked that anyone who could help should let her know asap as she would like to have everything organised prior to her leave in October.

Remembrance Service

A new order of service had been drawn up with Vicar. It was agreed that it should be printed in-house.

Lights Switch On

It was noted that the company which did the work last year could not do it this year. The tree lights might need collecting from company.

The Clerk had contacted local councils that have lights and received a number of contacts for companies. She would start to phone round and try to arrange something. She would not order tree until lights company has been sourced.

Senior Citizens Lunch

Change of date to 12 December as caterer was not available for 13th.

Cllr E Rees would ask if school choir would sing.

13. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

None.

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

PCC – Proposal to make changes to Council Tax arrangement for long-term empty properties in Pembs.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer a response until the extra-ordinary meeting on 14.9.17 when the matter would be revisited.

15. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr G Wislocka advised she had been asked to make a presentation to representatives from around the Teifi Catchment area with regard to control of Himalayan balsam.

Cllr F Coates would forward information about Sustrans environmental awards.

It was agreed that Cllr G Wislocka draft a response to the ‘Open Access’ consultation and the ‘Styles and Gates’ consultation.

Cllr J Hutchings suggested that a ‘Pride in your Village’ initiative might be looked at. She would research this and report back.

16. Date of Next Meetings –

Highways Committee 14.9.17

Full Council 28.09.17

Playground Committee 8.10.17

Should there be any confidential matters arising the Council will pass the following resolution and all members of the public and press will be requested to leave the meeting at this point: *Resolution: In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1*

Cllr L Lewis proposed that the Council go into confidential session, seconded Cllr F Coates, carried unanimously.

The meeting closed, after confidential session at 9.55pm.

