

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place at 7pm 24th November 2016 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Chairman: Cllr S Brown. Cllrs: J Martin, F Coates, Jo Hutchings, E Rees, M Thomas, G Wislocka, L Lewis

CC M James

Clerk

Members of the public: 4

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

Presentation by Dwr Cymru

6.45pm to 7.15 pm

Representatives of Dwr Cymru explained the works to take place in the village prior to and immediately after the Christmas period. This would involve digging exploratory holes at various sites around the village followed by, in the new year, the cleansing of water mains. Replacement of the mains would only take place where necessary and this was expected to be limited. Following a question and answer session the representatives were thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting.

Ms V Smith made representations to the Council, on behalf of some residents of Church Lane, with regard to the planning application for the proposed new dwelling. Following her presentation and a question and answer session Ms Smith was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllr B Rees.

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 27.10.16

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

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

Payments

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| 8.11.16 | St Dogmaels Football Club | Grant | 300.00 |
| | St Dogmaels Senior Citizens Lunch club | Grant | 500.00 |
| | Shelter Cymru | Grant | 50.00 |
| 24.11.16 | Mark Toft | Knotweed spray | 384.00 |
| | Canolfan Goffa Llandudoch | Room hire | 20.00 |
| | David George Trem | Flowers Remem Service | 40.00 |
| | Pembrokeshire County Council | Ad for adoption of Code of Cond | 30.00 |
| | Penrallt Garden Centre Ltd | Additional fireworks | 480.00 |
| | Mr E Brown | Grass cut and play area work | 589.80 |
| | Mr E Jones | Christmas tree | 120.00 |
| | S Houghton | Flowers - Llinos Remem Service/Post | 28.20 |
| | S Houghton | Salary Nov | 621.60 |

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| | S Houghton | Home office Nov | 25.00 |
| | HMRC | Tax Nov | 18.40 |
| 22.12.16 | S Houghton | Salary Dec | 520.00 |
| | S Houghton | Home office Dec | 25.00 |
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Proposed: Cllr F Coates, seconded Cllr E Rees, carried unanimously.

Clerk requested delegated authority to pay expected or urgent invoices after consulting with Chair, Vice-Chair or any two Cllrs in their absence.

Proposed: Cllr J Hutchings, seconded Cllr G Wislocka, carried unanimously.

Suggest capital purchase of litter pick and hi vis:

6 x handi hoops, 6 x ranger litter pickers (plus one recycle kit), 14 x hi vis vests £180 approx

It was agreed to also cost child sized equipment.

ACTION: January agenda item BY: Clerk

Budget

Voting on Independent Remuneration Panel Draft recommendations 2017/18

Payment of Cllrs

It was agreed to offer a payment of £100 to each Cllr. It was noted that any Cllr could opt out of this payment by writing a letter to the Clerk. Carried £1200 added to budget

Recognition of specific responsibilities Not carried

Civic allowance to Chairman Carried £100 added to budget

Civic allowance to Vice-Chairman Not carried

Travel expenses Carried £150 total confirmed in budget

Overnight stay Not carried

Financial loss Carried £300 added to budget

Care of dependents Carried £1000 added to budget

It was agreed to discuss the necessity of a Christmas tree at a later date as it was felt it was rather lost in its current position. It was also queried if any monies might be forthcoming from Children in Need as St Dogmaels was a disadvantaged area.

Following discussion of the detailed budget information provided by the Clerk, Cllr M Thomas proposed a 17/18 precept of £36500. Seconded Cllr E Rees, carried unanimously.

Vacancy

The Clerk confirmed that Pembs CC was aware of the casual vacancy and initial notices had been posted.

2017 meeting dates

Noted

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that she was on leave over the Christmas period

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

16/0544/PA Extension to site for use as a haulage yard (in conjunction with existing vehicle repair business), siting of a porta cabin for use as site office and associated landscaping works Hafod y Bryn, Cardigan, Pembs SA43 3NR

St Dogmaels Community Council did not support the application for extension of the site into the adjoining field.

Whilst it was accepted that a smaller operation had been run on the site for a number of years the possible increase in the number of large HGV vehicles and cars accessing the site was unacceptable given the nature of the highway network in the area.

The Community Council also had concerns that the extension would be in a largely unspoilt rural area and a commercial operation of this size and type would be better suited to a brownfields or industrial site.

16/0755/PA New Dwelling, Plot at Church Lane, High St, St Dogmaels SA43 3ED

The plans appeared to show a restriction to the turning area currently at the end of the lane. Consulting with a Church Warden, it

was clear that this space allowed grave digging equipment to access the Churchyard. Should the space be restricted, as suggested by the current plan, this could seriously impact upon this very necessary service. It was noted that currently most residents only bring their vehicles onto the Lane for pick up and drop off purposes and the restriction of the turning area would require them to reverse the length of the Lane and out onto the High Street. In addition the restriction of the turning area would impact on disabled access to the Church, again requiring any vehicles dropping off disabled visitors to the Church to reverse the length of the Lane and onto the High Street. Reversing out onto the High Street, at the entrance to the Lane, was considered to be extremely dangerous and unacceptable.

The Community Council also had concerns with regard to accessing the site during the construction phase and also, given the nature of the Lane, the impact of any heavy construction traffic on drainage. Should permission be given, the Community Council requested that safe access to the Church should be maintained at all times.

The Community Council welcomed the retention of the stone wall which was of historic interest.

Local knowledge also indicated that there was a thriving colony of slow worms on the site and the Community Council asked, that should permission be given, every precaution would be taken to avoid the disturbance of this protected species.

NP/16/0607/FUL Two storey side extension by the creation of a sub ground floor level and other alterations together with extension of residential curtilage and erection of detached garage/workshop, Brynhyfryd Cippyn, SA43 3LT
The Community Council supported this application.

7. County Cllr's Report

Workways: Cllr G Wislocka welcomed the initiative to support over 25s into work but asked that in future, when PCC issued notices, they were offered in a smaller than A4 format as notice boards in the village were limited in size.

Updates by CC M James

Boundary wall at School field, meeting with PCC and Residents: CC M James advised that the wall had to be reduced in height and stabilised. It was not expected that the works would cause any damage to the football field.

Gates at school field meeting with PCC Officers: CC M James advised that gates would be fitted at both ends of the field and fencing would be erected at the school end.

Road closure at Alltfach: This would be limited as it was for the installation of new services.

Refreshing North Pembrokeshire meeting re outdoor sound system for Abatty 900: It was noted that grant funding had been given to Abatty 900 and it was hoped that other village groups would be able to use the sound system.

Road closure for Sunday 27th Christmas Fair: CC M James advised that the signs from the closure would be left for use at the lights switch on.

Active Travel investigation for Path to Poppit: It was noted that Cardigan was the hub town for this initiative.

8. Working Party Reports

A Traffic working party would take place on 8.12.16. at 7.00pm

CC M James advised that all 7 sites proposed for traffic monitoring had been accepted by PCC.

Landslip working party

CC M James advised that PCC were still looking at the proposal to reduce monitoring in some areas of the landslip site and would reply to the Community Council's queries with regard to the report in due course.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

Playground

Pembs CC had dropped what the Clerk considered to be the more unreasonable requirements from the snagging list. CC M James was thanked for his help in this. The playground was now open and the outstanding works were: the switch out of the metalwork on the toddler play (Cllr R Caygill to return re coated metalwork asap) and the path by the shelter. Playmaintain would return to do both once metalwork was available. Mr Brown had done a temporary repair to path.

The quote for grinding just two stumps of £370 plus vat was accepted.

The weed spray would take place in toddler area in spring if required. Pine needles were being collected bit by bit.

The Clerk suggested that in Spring it might be possible to treat older wooden structures to prolong life.

Alexandra Gardens

PCC parking sign on Alexandra Gardens
Cllr G Wislocka advised that the sign was unstable.
ACTION: Advise Pembs CC BY: CC M James.

Cllr L Lewis left the meeting.

Pinog

Boat mooring spikes – the problem of the spikes in the grass was noted but this was not on Community Council land.
Elms – Cllr G Wislocka kindly offered to coppice the small trees. The Clerk noted that some might be in a conservation area and this would be checked.

War Memorial

CC M James advised that PCC Officers were looking for funding for the proposed path.

Football field

Meeting with football club re Community Council offer to grant fund extension of chain link fencing by playground.
It was reported that the Club opinion was that the proposed fence was not high enough and ball stop fencing was required. The Club was to get quotes for various options. If ball stop fencing was too expensive the Council might have to go ahead and look at extending the playground wooden fence to make the playground dog proof.

SSSI Tree works

In hand

Defibrillator

The Clerk apologised as she still had to contact another electrician.
ACTION: Obtain further quote BY: Clerk

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

Water Street update

CC M James said PCC officers had met with Ms S Davies to discuss the option of a flood gate.

Update on waiting time restrictions – CC M James stated that he would ensure that the consultation period was timed such that the Community Council would have an opportunity to respond.

Maes y Dre road sign

Cllr G Wislocka said she had found an old Maes y Dre road sign and wondered if it could be used as there was always confusion about signage in the Maes y Dre area.

Graig footpath

Cllr G Wislocka advised that the Footpath Association had swept the length of the path during the dry weather.

Knotweed

Penparc Recycling Centre
Cllr G Wislocka suggested that if Ceredigion County Council was willing she would undertake to treat the knotweed at the recycling center.
ACTION: Contact CCC BY: Clerk

Land by Abbey Forge (Gully)

Cllr G Wislocka was pleased to report that it looked like this land could be included in the ‘People’s Orchard’ project.

11. Police

Nothing brought forward.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

Fireworks – It was agreed to book the 2017 firework display with Mr P Fletcher for Saturday 4th November.
ACTION: Contact Mr Fletcher BY: Clerk

Remembrance Service – review

It was agreed to defer discussion
ACTION: Future agenda item BY: Clerk

25.11.16 7.30 pm Memorial Hall

Funding presentation all welcome – Cllr J Hutchings was thanked for organising the evening.

Lights Switch on 4th Dec 5.30pm

The Clerk advised that stewards were needed.

It was noted that costs were high this year as no bulbs had been ordered from the lighting manufacturer in 2015.

Tree review – signs and barriers would be needed if the current tree lights were to be used next year.

The Singing Village had agreed to attend and the Clerk was working on carol sheets etc.

Refreshments – Cllrs were asked to bring mince pies as neither the PTA nor Youth Club could attend.

Sion Corn – Cllr M Thomas advised that the suit was available. Cllrs were asked to try to find someone who would be Sion Corn and let the Clerk know if they were successful.

Christmas Lunch

14.12.16

The caterer was booked and a time was to be sorted to put out tables the night before. The Clerk would confirm numbers to the caterer after close of booking on 8.12.16.

Bingo with Mr John Walters was booked and prizes had kindly been donated.

Cllr M Thomas confirmed that the Coach House would do the bar and she would ensure that the Christmas tree in the hall was put up.

RNLI Carol service

18.12.16

The Chairman was concerned that she might not be well enough to undertake a reading at the service. Cllr J Hutchings would stand in if the Chairman could not attend.

Tree Shredding

7th January 2017, High St Car Park

Future Generations Act of 2015 – Talk by Jane Davidson

Thursday January 12th, 7pm

13. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

None.

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

Pembs CC Have you say on future plans, 10-12 noon 6th December County Hall

Or 7 Dec 6.30 – 8.30pm

Cllrs J Martin and M Thomas indicated their interest.

ACTION: Contact Pembs CC BY: Clerk

Play Wales Newsletter - noted

15. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr G Wislocka was pleased to be able to show the Council the ‘The Stone Pilgrimage Trail’ booklets.

Cllr M Thomas asked if the Council might consider funding seating to tie in with the ‘People’s Orchard’ project.

Cllr J Hutchings advised that the Memorial Hall was to use its’ recent bequest towards funding the extension to the hall, remodelling the kitchen and decoration.

She was also please to advise that she and the Clerk were to meet SCL to discuss updating the website.

Cllr M Thomas reminded everyone that the Coach House Christmas Fair was to be held on 25th November 2016.

16. Date of Next Meeting – January 26th 2017

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.40pm