

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place on 23rd November 2017 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Jonathan Martin, Chairman/Cadeirydd. Jo Hutchings, Elfyn Rees, Fraser Coates, Charlène Bourg

Clerk

Members of the public: 0

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from: Cllrs C Kuhlman, B Rees and M Thomas. Cllrs L Lewis and T Dyer 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
The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 9.11.17

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

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

	payee	For	Bank
23.11.17	Mr A Wislocki	Land search fees	66.00
	Penrallt Garden Centre Ltd	Fireworks	2400.00
	Ffrindiau Ysgol Llanddoch	Grant funding	200.00
	Mrs S Houghton	Home office and postage (6.72)	31.72
	Mrs S Houghton	Salary Nov	763.92
	HMRC	Nov	68.57
28.12.17	S Davies	Salary Dec	770.33
	HMRC	Dec	72.78
	S Davies	Home office	25.00

Proposed Cllr F Coates, seconded Cllr E Rees, carried unanimously.

Cllr T Dyer joined the meeting.

Budget

The Clerk advised that there was no legal requirement for baby changing facilities to be provided even when a public toilet facility was provided. Nor was there a statutory duty for public toilets to be provided. After discussion it was agreed to ask if PCNP would consider providing a temporary baby changing facility at Poppit during the tourist season. The CC would, if required, look at using funds from reserves if PCNP requested financial assistance. It was noted that PCC was to open up the drains under the tap by the toilet block at Poppit. The Clerk advised that Danfo had stated the drains had been concreted in to prevent run off into the septic tank for the toilet block.

Having discussed the budget in detail at the previous meeting it was agreed that no changes would be made to the figures. The precept request for the 2018/19 financial year would be £53272. Proposed Cllr E Rees, seconded Cllr J Hutchings, carried unanimously.

Flooding

It was agreed that the recent floods in the area around Teifi Stores / Water Street across the B4546 had been among the worst ever remembered.

Concern was expressed that building spoil had been dumped at the head of the bank at Maesmynach and it was feared this could wash down into the stream and cause silting along the stream length to the discharge culvert. It was advised that the building plots adjacent the stream were for sale and compliance with planning conditions, including surface water run-off, would be the responsibility of the individual purchasers.

During the fireworks display water was noted coming out of a manhole in the car park at Alexandra Gardens.

CC M James advised that PCC was taking the issue of gaining a licence to dredge the exit of the culvert to the Welsh Assembly Govt as the costs and timescales to obtain the licence from NRW were unacceptable.

A multi-agency group meeting was being planned and CC M James advised that he had spoken to someone who was interested in researching the diversion of water upstream of the village with the potential to alleviate the flooding. The multi-agency group had also commissioned a report on this which was due in late 2018.

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

None

Planning leaflet

Cllr C Kuhlmann had provided leaflets and a report from her recent planning training. It was agreed to defer discussion until the January meeting when it was hoped Cllr C Kuhlmann would be present.

ACTION: January agenda item BY: Clerk

Demolition works Sherwood House

PCC had confirmed that works are taking place with the appropriate permissions.

LDP Development Plan 2 – Review Report and Delivery Agreement Consultation

The Chairman and Cllr T Dyer agreed to attend the meeting on 13th Dec 5.30 – 7.30pm in the Committee Rooms, County Hall if at all practical for them to do so. The Clerk advised there was nothing site specific to St Dogmaels or adjacent areas identified in the early reviews which covered general policies on housing, employment etc.

ACTION: Book places BY: Clerk

Cllr L Lewis joined the meeting.

7. County Cllr's Report

Circulated prior to the meeting.

CC M James reported that Abbaty 900 had requested that visitors on cruise ships docking at Fishguard (approximately 30 ships throughout the year) might be encouraged to visit St Dogmaels. Some concern was expressed as to the parking of coaches if such visits were organised.

8. Working Party Reports

Landslip

Cllr G Wislocka and the Clerk had met to try to identify the sites which were excessively wet during summer and autumn.

Following a site visit a document was put together and sent to Pembs CC. Pembs CC have been asked to investigate the identified sites and respond with regard to their condition and to also detail previous, current and future maintenance programmes and budgets. The document re-iterated the CCs statement that it would not comment on a reduction in monitoring until such time as it received comprehensive answers from Pembs CC.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

To include Playground Committee Report

The Committee Chairperson reported that the installation of the kickwall was to go ahead and a date was awaited. Further work had been done on obtaining ideas and pricing for new equipment to replace the zip wire. Ball park figures had also been noted for the repair of the surface in the toddler area. The witches' hat was still out of commission but it was hoped that a contractor would quote for repair. Further grant funding for the various projects was being sought.

Draft panel on grass cut and species

Cllr C Kuhlmann had provided a draft design for an information panel which would help explain the timing of grass cutting on the Pinog.

ACTION: January agenda item BY: Clerk

Vehicle use on Poppit Sands – report by Cllr C Kuhlman

CC M James advised that quad bikes were banned on Poppit sands. It was queried if other vehicles were banned as the sign

appeared to show only cars and motor bikes. It was advised that emergency and RNLI vehicles were allowed on the beach but that all other vehicles were banned. It was felt this should be reflected on the sign.

ACTION: Take up with PCNP BY: CC M James

Alexandra Gardens – Various

The Clerk advised that the fencing by the Blessing Stone would be quoted once it was felt appropriate to access area.

School Field – update

CC M James said that the boggy land had been investigated and the professional opinion was that as the land was clay, drainage was poor and it was believed this would account for the problem. Soil testing was expensive but PCC officers would return to the site to take water samples which could be analysed to support the poor drainage conclusion rather than contamination by a third party.

Noticeboard repair

The board on the bus stop by Teifi Stores was yet to be repaired.

ACTION: Cllr L Lewis would forward details of a local handyman to the Clerk.

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

To include Highways Committee Report

CC M James advised that the information gathered at the site meetings with PCC Highways staff was being collated and a report would be issued with regard to, among other items, consolidating many signs into one or two on the various routes and looking at possible road markings. The Committee was to meet in December and it was hoped that some information might be available for discussion.

New Traffic Orders – Closing date 6.12.17

The Community Council supported the orders to introduce double yellow lines on the road to Poppit, opposite the entrance to David Street on the B4546 and the extension of double yellow lines at the entrance to The Moorings. It was hoped that PCC would be able to give an answer with regard to extra enforcement provision.

Footpaths

Clearance of Pinog

St Dogmaels Footpaths Groups was thanked for its' hard work clearing the Pinog path from Alexandra Gardens.

Riparian Ownership – Stream adjacent David St

Search information had been returned from Land Registry which showed that whilst some properties adjacent the stream and footpath had boundaries which encompassed ownership and riparian responsibilities some property boundaries did not include the footpath nor were adjacent the stream bank CC M James was asked to query, with PCC, who was responsible for the stream banks where there was no registered ownership.

ACTION: Take forward with PCC BY: CC M James

Parking Enforcement

CC M James advised he was pushing for an answer from PCC with regard to the CC being able to fund extra hours in the village and Poppit.

Redevelopment of the Square to make Christmas event safer

The Clerk pointed out that if the CC were to promote the lights switch on, redevelopment of the Square, owned by PCC, might have to be considered as a priority to ensure the safety of those attending any such event. It was agreed that if Christmas Tree Shredding was to take place it would be a good time to prune shrubs in the Square and dispose of the arisings at the event.

11. Police

Nothing brought forward.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

Dogwatch launch – review

The launch meeting had been well attended and volunteers should now be seen about the village in their yellow 'dogwatch' tabards.

Firework Display

All those who helped at the display were thanked. A total of £846.16 had been raised with people donating before the event and returning to donate again after the event as they had enjoyed it so much. It was agreed to ask Mr Fletcher if he would put on the display again in 2018.

ACTION: Contact Mr Fletcher BY: Clerk

Remembrance Service – review

All those who helped and took part were thanked. The Clerk expressed concerns that the corner by the War Memorial was very dangerous and stewards would be needed next year. The Chairman expressed concern that very few young people attended the event. He wondered if a return to the afternoon service would attract more residents and younger people. It was suggested that the community be consulted and it should be an agenda item for January.

ACTION: January agenda item BY: Clerk

Christmas Lights and workshops

The Clerk was hopeful that at least the tree would be lit. She advised that the cross street lights will need a pull test as well as safety testing before being used again which required specialist equipment. It was agreed that the whole issue of the lights be looked at by a small party of Cllrs and the Clerk early in the New Year. Help would be needed for stewarding of parade from Coach House at 4.30 to Square on November 26th. Road barriers had kindly been provided by PCC and the hymn sheets by the Church.

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

12.12.17

As at Tuesday only 24 people registered and all were asked to promote the event.

13. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

None.

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

Town and Village Greens – Deadline 2.2.18

Cllr G Wislocka was working on a draft response which would be circulated to all.

ACTION: January agenda item BY: Clerk

Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys – deadline 5.2.18

Cllrs were asked to take copies of the information provided ready for discussion in January.

ACTION: January agenda item BY: Clerk

Parliamentary review of Constituencies Wales 2018 deadline 11.12.17

Noted.

15. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr F Coates advised that the Teifi Fairways Committee met on 27.11.17 if the Council had any items it wished to raise

Cllr J Hutchings advised that Mr G Johnson was to give a talk on the village history – date to be confirmed

16. Date of Next Meeting – 25th January 2018

Extra Ordinary Meeting (6.30?) followed by Highways Committee – 7th December 2017

Playground Committee – 11th January 2018

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.28pm