

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting which took place on 14th September 2017 at 7.00pm at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfryd, St. Dogmaels

Present: *Chairman: Cllr E Rees and Cllrs J Hutchings, L Lewis, J Martin, G Wislocka, CC M James*
Clerk

Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of Highways relevance to the Community 7.00 - 7.15. Representatives of Cardigan Town Council joined the public session to discuss the route between Cardigan town and Poppit.

Present on behalf of Cardigan Town Council: Cllrs: Catrin Miles, Graham Evans, Teifi Ward, Cllr Steffan Morgan, Mwldan Ward
Apologies: Cllr Richard Jones

The Chairman explained that representatives of St Dogmaels Community Council and Cardigan Town Council had come together to discuss an improved route between the town, through St Dogmaels and on to Poppit. The Community Council had produced a document which detailed possible improvements to such a route, starting from the outskirts of Cardigan to the far side of St Dogmaels village.

It was agreed that the first section of route from the Town, towards St Dogmaels, was dangerous and did not have suitable footways along its' length. There were possible alternatives to the road route but there was some question with regard to land ownership. Cllr G Wislocka agreed to put together the information required to obtain land ownership details from Land Registry. Once ownership was established further discussion could take place.

It was advised that at some point in the past Mr G Trem (senior) had offered land for a path alongside his property but the offer had been withdrawn following discussion.

It was agreed that the Town Council be given permission to use the document created by St Dogmaels Community Council. Cllr Jo Hutchings was thanked as she had done much of the work in producing the document.

It was agreed that the respective representatives at County level be contacted with regard to timescales for receiving information/funding re the Active Travel funding initiative.

ACTION: CC Mike James – Sue Lewis, Pembs CC

ACTION: Town Council – Ceredigion CC

It was noted that as the route was part of the Wales Coast Path there might be some funding available from that budget. This could be followed up in due course.

It was noted that the 'Path to Poppit' group were currently funding a feasibility study for the route from St Dogmaels to Poppit.

The next meeting would take place on 7.12.17 where it was hoped further information with regard to ownership and timescales would be available.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllr C Khulman.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda

CC M James proposed that the agenda be accepted as presented. Seconded Cllr J Hutchings, carried unanimously.

4. Confirmation of the minutes of 1.06.17

CC M James proposed that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded Cllr J Hutchings, carried unanimously.

5. Speed information from PCC / Community Speedwatch

The route from Cardigan to the village was the only route on which speed, as an issue, had been highlighted in the Pembs CC traffic surveys. Pembs CC suggested that a mobile speed sign might be effective on the route and this had been costed, including specialist maintenance, at approximately £5k. The sign could be moved between 3 installation points. Pembs CC would need to confirm, with further speed surveys, that a sign was required. In other areas it was not speed but volume of traffic which was causing problems within the village. It was queried if, at some point in the future, a park and ride scheme between Cardigan and Poppit might be a practical answer to congestion in St Dogmaels.

Footpaths

CC M James was asked to obtain an update from Mr M Cloud, Pembs CC Definitive Footpaths Officer, with regard to the ongoing process of registration of footpaths, some registrations had been outstanding for a number of years.

Cllr G Wislocka also asked CC M James if he could clarify the content of a recent email from Mr Cloud with regard to hedging and fencing on footpath 87/24.

Cllr G Wislocka advised she had still to walk the path behind Y Bryn to investigate its' current condition. Cllr J Martin would accompany her.

6. Water Street

It was noted that there were still ongoing problems with sewage and flooding in the Water Street area despite recent works by Dwr Cymru to try to alleviate sewage spillage. Dwr stated that whilst extensive flooding was taking place, with sewer infrastructure being swamped, it was limited in its' efforts to prevent spillage. Pembs CC was to obtain permission from Natural Resources Wales to dredge the outlet of the culvert which might improve but not solve flooding issues. Concern was expressed that the stream running to the culvert was becoming blocked and silted around the area of the building site. It was agreed, if CC M James could get the permission of the adjoining land owner, to hold a site meeting to note the current state of the area and take photographs with fixed reference points to monitor any slippage of the bank.

ACTION: CC M James to contact adjoining land owner.

ACTION: Cllr G Wislocka to circulate a date and time for the visit through the Clerk.

Cllr L Lewis left the meeting.

7. Dog Fouling / Dogwatch

Meeting for volunteers 7pm, 21st September – all welcome.

8. Planting / General Street Maintenance

It was hoped that with some possible monies forthcoming from Pembs CC in the next financial year it might be possible to undertake larger projects. However, until such time as the monies were confirmed no plans could be made. It was generally agreed that plugging gaps in the general maintenance provision of Pembs CC, with regard to street cleaning etc would have to be considered.

CC M James was asked if a schedule of street and site maintenance dates could be obtained from Pembs CC so that efforts were not duplicated.

ACTION: CC M James to try to obtain scheduled of works

9. Parking / Traffic

CC M James advised that the Community Council's request to possibly fund dedicated hours in St Dogmaels and Poppit for Parking Enforcement Officers was with the Pembs CC Legal Department.

10. Budget

General maintenance to supplement Pembs CC schedules and other general works (to include planting) £2000
Speed sign £5000 (one sign £2.5k, 3 locations at £200 - £300 per location and maintenance contract, 8 year lifespan of sign)

Parking Enforcement Officer – PCC to advise if possible and potential costs. Nominal £2000 entered in budget.

Cllr J Hutchings proposed that the Highways Committee request a budget of £9000 for the 18 / 19 financial year. Seconded Cllr G Wislocka, carried unanimously.

CC M James left the meeting.

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

None

12. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

All who took part in the tidying of the area opposite the White Hart were thanked. It had made a tremendous difference to the area.

Cllr J Hutchings said she had advised the Police, when, during the recent storms, the heras fencing at the site opposite Berwyn had been blown into the middle of the B 4546. She understood it had now been secured by the contractors.

She also said that there was an initiative to have a ‘Ribbon of Poppies’ across communities to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WW1. She would be happy to put poppies in the planter opposite the White Hart.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 7.12.17

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman: Cllr E Rees and Cllrs J Hutchings, C Kuhlman, L Lewis, J Martin, G Wislocka, CC M James