

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place on 25th April 2019 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfryd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Cllrs: Elfyn Rees, Fraser Coates, Phil Hutchings, Gill Wislocka, Mike Kendall

CC M James

Clerk

Members of the public: 1

Members of the press: 1

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

A member of the public expressed concern at the Council's ongoing project to clear the beach at the Pinog. She felt the method was unlawful and it would impact on the use of the river. It was explained that the area had become dangerous with derelict boats and trailers abandoned there. Kayaks and canoes were unsecured and were considered to be a danger to children who might possibly enter the tidal waters of the river in one. It was agreed that the Pinog clearance be a May agenda time. The member of the public was thanked for her time and left the meeting.

In the absence of the Chair the meeting was taken by the Vice-Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from: Cllrs J Martin, M Thomas, J Hutchings.

The Council expressed its condolences to Cllr Melrose Thomas and her family on the loss of a close family member.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

Accepted as presented.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 28.03.19

Cllr E Rees proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded Cllr P Hutchings, carried.

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

S Davies	Home office £25	25.00
S Davies	Salary	990.06
HM Revenue and Customs		48.87
NEST pension	DD	39.10
Cardibanners	Pinog sign	70.00
SCL Internet	Website hosting	48.00
Cllr P Hutchings	Cutting discs	12.00
Mr E Brown	Grounds maintenance	456.00
Cllr G Wislocka	Land reg searches	10.00
North Pembs Trans forum	Membership	12.00
Pembs CC	a. PD/0018/19 requires a payment of £25.00 to become valid;	25.00

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David George Trem	ANZAC Wreath	30.00

Proposed Cllr P Hutchings, seconded Cllr M Kendall, carried.

Quotes for repair of vandalism to fences etc

The Clerk advised that the cost of vandalism in the playground and to the fences was approximately £6k. The Council had planned to replace the play boat as it was end of life.

As part of the current grounds maintenance contract the fencing works would be undertaken at a cost of £1250 (ex VAT).

Grant funding

Tenovus Cancer Care

It was agreed to ask how many people in the local area received support.

ACTION: Contact Tenovus BY: Clerk

Cruse Bereavement Care

It was agreed to grant £200, cheque to be drawn up at May meeting.

Junior Football Field

It was agreed to grant £500, cheque to be drawn up at May meeting.

Toilets

Pembs CC had approached the CC with regard to taking over or financing the toilet blocks at Poppit and in the High Street car park. Other management and funding proposals were briefly tabled. All for further discussion subject to disclosure of information by Pembs CC. Pembs Coast National Park had made it clear it did not and would not financially support public toilets.

Concern was expressed as previous asset transfer (the playground) had not gone well with support and finance being withdrawn by the County Council. The quoted revenue sum for Poppit alone was £16k per annum, largely due to it being on a cess pit and not mains sewers. The block was not fit for purpose and had tenants in the rear part of the building.

Loss of the toilets at Poppit would result in the loss of the beach Blue Flag status with probably impact on the local tourist industry. Subsequent use of dunes as a latrine, within an SSSI, was a further cause of concern. Consultation with Ward residents would have to be undertaken should contributing or taking on the assets be considered by the CC, as the revenue costs would be raised by an increase in the precept.

It was agreed to approach Pembs CC expressing concern about the suggested timescale of March 2020, particularly as the CC agreed its budget in November each year, The CC would request urgent access to the information requested at the meeting.

ACTION: Contact Pembs CC BY: Clerk

Year-end

Clerk to produce figures for consideration at the May/June meetings.

Vacancy

Mr Richard Davies

It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr R Davies on to the Council.

The Council still had one vacancy to fill.

ACTION: Contact Mr R Davies BY: Clerk

Meeting room

Following discussion, it was agreed to move Council meetings back to the Cemaes room to the front of the hall. Acoustics in the new room were not good. The Hall Committee was aware of the problem and would be seeking a resolution to it in due course.

ACTION: Change Hall bookings where possible. BY: Clerk

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

19/0015/PA

Proposed extension to existing conservatory

The Reach, Jct B4546 to Albro Castle Glanteifion, St Dogmaels

The Community Council support the application. It was felt that some of the general information such as property names, was inaccurate and this would be drawn to the attention of Pembs CC.

LDP2 additional candidate sites

Following discussion, it was agreed:

Site 497: Adjacent to Trefign Quarry, CC support provided that it did not impact on any housing or PrOW in the proposed area or adjacent to the proposed area.

Site 521: Opposite Dwyllan, St Dogmaels, CC support in principle as a boat park would be welcomed. However, such support would be subject to the nature of further and detailed information that might come forward in future.

CC M James provided points of information only during the discussion but took no part in the decision making.

7. County Cllr's Report

Circulated prior to the meeting.

Among other duties the County Cllr had attended Local Development Plan 2 meeting with officers to be informed of the current sites and progress of the plan.

Had attended a Poppit Path Group meeting where his input was to remain confidential at the group's request.

Met with officers re 5G wireless and would in due course, provide information for the CC.

He was thanked for his time.

8. Working Party Reports

Landslip document review to be done by Clerk.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

To include Playground Committee Report

The Committee now consisted of 3 voting Cllrs and one non-voting associate. If no Cllrs came forward to join the Committee the Clerk recommended that the Council consider dissolving the Committee and bringing all its responsibilities back to full Council. It was agreed this would be decided at the AGM in May. It was agreed to cancel Playground Committee meetings until after the AGM.

It was advised that replacement of the playground fencing should be a priority. Funds were available in the budget for a replacement for the playboat. It was suggested that the playground shelter plans be put on hold until such time as it was possible to look at funding applications.

Poppit Sands Signage Meeting

CC M James advised that a PCNP officer was to look at all the signage at Poppit

Charging in Car Park

No response yet from PCC with regard to CC query about reasoning behind withdrawal of charges at Crymych Mart car park and possibility of application of similar in St Dogmaels.

Track

Work was progressing, with a pre-planning application being put together.

Cllr G Wislocka was given permission to progress early treatment of some areas of Knotweed. Money was available in the Council budget.

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

To include Highways Committee

Dredging Culvert

CC Mike James to update in due course.

PCC response to queries associated with Market meeting

No response received from PCC.

Working party to tidy areas of village

ACTION: Agenda item, May meeting BY: Clerk

Cllr G Wislocka had kindly provided a copy of the DMMOs listed on Ceredigion County Council website as an example for CC M James. No such list was provided on the Pembs CC website. Concern was expressed that footpath registration was still not being dealt with at PCC.

11. Flooding and Impacts Committee

It was proposed that a letter be sent to Pembs CC Chief Exec to elicit information with regard to the culverting of water into the Briscwm stream and other matters of concern with regard to flooding.

Propose: Cllr E Rees, seconded Cllr P Hutchings, carried unanimously.

12. Police

Vandalism Alexandra Gardens

The prompt Police response to reports of vandalism in Alexandra Gardens and playground was noted with thanks. A resident

had advised that youths were gathering in the playground into the early hours playing loud music. This had been reported to the Police.

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

Firework Meeting

Mr P Fletcher had met with Council representatives. He suggested that more be done to make the event attractive and encourage people to stay at the site. Should no local group be interested in providing food for the 2019 event Mr Fletcher suggested that he would arrange for food to be provided using his own staff. He would speak with Mr W Rees to ascertain if the Football Club would be running a burger stall at the event.

Power and lighting would be required.

ACTION: Future agenda item BY: Clerk

ANZAC day review

Attendance had been very good at the service and the refreshments had been appreciated by all. The Rev A Kent, all who helped with refreshments and on the day were thanked.

Chair's dinner

May 10th, Ferry, 7 for 7.30pm

CC M James made apologies on behalf of himself and his wife.

Merchant Navy Day

Sept 3 2019.

As it was possible the village Vicar might not be available to take the service Rev Alan Kent would be contacted.

ACTION: Contact Rev Kent BY: Clerk

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

None.

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

Use of herbicides

A letter from a member of the public was noted. The CC did very little by way of herbicide spraying other than in controlled areas where invasive plants had to be treated.

ACTION: Response to letter BY: Clerk

Letter of complaint that the CC did not offer grant funding to the White Hart Community pub project.

The letter was noted. It was agreed that should the complainant wish to see copies of the professional advice given to the Council this would be provided on request.

ACTION: Respond BY: Clerk

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

It was advised that further notices to remove goods and craft from the Pinog had been served.

The playground inspector had been present when the playboat had been removed.

The slats in the bench at the playground needed to be replaced. It was agreed to delegate the approval of costs for the replacement of the wood to the Clerk consulting with Cllrs P Hutchings and E Rees.

It was advised that the Memorial Hall AGM had been attended by the Committee and only 2 members of the public. The current Chair and secretary were to stand down at the next AGM and more Committee members were needed. If an 'events committee' could be set up it would help raise the £10k required to the run the hall annually.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 23.05.19

Flooding and Impacts Committee – 2.05.19

Playground Committee – 9.05.19

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Outstanding projects

Playground Committee	Highways	General
Notice board	Speed sign	PLANED project
Shelter	Halket Square	Notice board in car park
Play boat		Track
Fencing		Public toilets
Seat repair		