

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting which took place on Thursday 12th September 2019, immediately following the extra ordinary meeting of the Council, at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Chairman, Cllr Elfyn Rees. Cllrs: Richard Davies, Jo Hutchings, Mike Kendall, Gill Wislocka, CC Mike James

Members of the public 0
Minutes taken by Cllr J Hutchings

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies received from Phil Hutchings

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 13.06.19

CC Mike James confirmed he was present at last meeting minutes adjusted

Cllr G Wislocka proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded Cllr Mick Kendall, carried.

4. Budget

Highways Committee Budget as at 3.09.19

The Highways Committee has £4000 ring-fenced in reserves from 18/19.

Highways Committee budget 19/20	
General Maintenance	1,000.00
Total	1,000.00

As there are no immediate projects in the pipeline it was agreed to leave the £4000 ringfenced and take to the full council that this money could be used for the track with any surplus from 19/20 added to it.

No budget set for 20/21

Cllr M Kendal suggested we wait for the report by Sue Lewis (Active Travel engagement officer for Cardigan area) following her recent residents' consultation at St Dogmaels market on 20th August to see if there were any areas in the report that we could help with funding.

5. Speed / Congestion / Parking

The speed sign on the Cardigan to St Dogmaels Road is still not calibrated properly PCC Highways to be notified. (JH)

Chairman Cllr E Rees requested that members of the committee looked at the results of the last speed survey and brought them to the next Highways meeting. Cllr J Hutchings to forward them to Cllrs R Davies and M Kendall There is still congestion in the village on a Tuesday, Cllr J Hutchings reported that while she had been conducting the toilet survey residents had complained to her that they couldn't park outside their houses or in the car park although they had a valid permit. There had also been times the car park was gridlocked, Cllr R Davies suggested arrows should be painted at the loop at far end of car park to make a one-way system.

6. Footpaths

Track up to Strawbale House

CC M James was asked if he could locate a copy of the original planning application for the Straw Bale House to check that the track was footpath access only and not for vehicular use

Footpath to Albro Castle:

PCC officers had been contacted with regard to the overgrown vegetation, they considered that it was not an issue. Complaints had been received that this path was now considered not an enjoyable walk because of the way it is maintained. Research would be undertaken to look at the law regarding footpaths and nuisances on them and what is permissible

Gamaullt Footpath:

A recent incident where a member of the public was walking the footpath and slipped in cement slurry had been reported to Pembrokeshire County Council. An email had been received and email from Shaun Tilling saying the path has now been cleaned up and improved.

The Graig Footpath

Cllr G Wislocka reported that there were two trees on the footpath that were moving/leaning she will leave a marker to indicate which ones. Mark Toft has been asked to look at an ash tree on the path he will be asked to check the other two trees as well. He will be writing a report on the health of the trees but the boundaries will need to be checked.

Cyclists on footpaths: Concern was expressed at the last meeting that the Welsh Assembly Govt was to consider allowing horses and cyclists on footpaths. Cllr G Wislocka and CC Mike James have spoken to AM Paul Davies about their concerns. Cllr G Wislocka will put information together which shows how other countries, such as Switzerland and New Zealand have dealt with the problem. Cllr G Wislocka will also meet with Jane Davidson.

Blaunwaun Footpath: M Kendal reported that the trees that had been cut and left obstructing the footpath have now been cleared. Cllr G Wislocka and Cllr M Kendal to put up Bridle Way signs

7. General Maintenance / Projects

It was noted that two of the large benches have been put back onto the grass at Alexandra Gardens despite members of the council moving them away from there. Cllr Rees to bolt them down, we will need several members of the Council to assist as the tables are extremely heavy and will need moving again.

Cllr E Rees to email out a date.

Halkett Square: Cllr J Hutchings has contacted the Marmaladies WI who are planting and maintaining the flower beds on the square they are quite happy to continue but have asked the Council to look at maintaining the large shrubs at the back behind the bench. There is a large ash tree which need cutting back Cllr Wislocka to put on pruning schedule.

The Memorial for Jonathan Wiltshire is being put in place at the moorings.

The retaining wall at the back of Riverhill has now been cleared of brambles thanks to PCC who have made a very good job of it.

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

None

9. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

None

10. Date of Next Meeting – 14.11.19

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm