

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting which took place on Thursday 16th January 2020, immediately following the extra ordinary meeting of the Council at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Cllrs J Hutchings, G Wislocka, P Hutchings, M Kendall, R Davies, CC M James

Clerk

Members of the public: 0

To elect a Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr M Kendall proposed that Cllr J Hutchings take the meeting, seconded Cllr P Hutchings, carried.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllrs E Rees and J Martin

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 14.11.19

Cllr G Wislocka proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded Cllr R Davies, carried.

4. Speed / Congestion / Parking

Car park monitoring

It was advised that the out of season monitoring was in its early days but that there appeared to be a clear pattern of use. It was confirmed that PCC was to look at introducing a one-way system in the car park. It was confirmed that the porta cabin in the car park belonged to Western Power.

Community speedwatch

It was agreed to advertise for volunteers for a new scheme.

ACTION: Arrange advertisement BY: Clerk

Concern was expressed that there was still no indication, in the car park, as to how to obtain parking tickets/permits for a stay of over one week. Given the car park was used by those walking the coast path this requirement had been discussed with PCC but nothing had been implemented. It was agreed to follow this matter up.

ACTION: Contact PCC BY: Clerk

5. Footpaths

Update

DMMO Registration

Mr Matt Cloud, PCC confirmed that the order for the link with footpath behind Grassmere has now been submitted to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for determination. He expected the case to be determined with the papers on file and would keep the Community Council informed throughout. He would prepare Y Bryn for submission to PINS.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be written to Mr Cloud for progressing the work so long held in abeyance by PCC.

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It was agreed that Cllr G Wislocka and CC M James continue to liaise with Gamallt re the maintenance of a safe path through the works.

Thanks were noted for the St Dogmaels Footpaths Group for its work on footpaths in the village and surrounding areas.

It was reported that PCC efforts to remove the dangerous sycamore on the Graig footpath were ongoing. It was understood that NRW had been approached for permission to fell the tree into the river as other courses of action were considered to be too dangerous. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr S Tilling, PCC for his work on this matter.

ACTION: Letter to Mr S Tilling BY: Clerk

It was noted with concern that other Counties were closing footpaths due to lack of budget to maintain them.

The Committee was pleased to note that work was likely to start again on footpath 87/40 now that the PCNP ranger had returned to work after a period of ill health.

Although the newly surfaced track at the Pinog offered good access to the river it was understood that the RNLI could not use the connecting tarmac access as it was not designated as a highway. It was agreed that the process of registration of the connecting tarmac as a highway would be investigated.

ACTION: Follow up BY: Cllr G Wislocka with the assistance of the Clerk as required.

Poppit Path Group Feasibility Study

It was noted that the Highways Committee had the autonomy to respond to the study but given the importance and potential high costs of the project it was agreed the Committee would make a recommendation to the full Council and request its support prior to making a response. It was resolved that the recommendation to full Council would be 'To ask if the Group intended on taking the project forward (particularly given the indicated workload in the study and the ongoing costs) and if so how it might proceed whilst addressing consultation with landowners and also with members of the public on the proposed route'.

ACTION: Agenda item BY: Clerk

6. General Maintenance / Projects

Community Works Grant

There was some confusion as to if the grant could be used to improve PCC highways land and exactly what type of project would be considered. CC M James kindly offered to request a visit from the grant team to explain the matter further.

In the interim it was agreed to ask the grant team if an application for the costs of replacement noticeboards would be considered.

ACTION: Contact grants team BY: Clerk

Car park notice board

There was still no response re a quote from PCC. Concern was expressed that the proposed location was over underground services.

ACTION: Chase quote BY: Clerk

Car park figures

The car park figures had yet to be received from PCC despite several reminders.

ACTION: Chase figures BY: CC M James

Halket Square

It was noted that despite a request that only low growing shrubs were planted in the square some of the shrubs were growing rapidly to quite a height. It was agreed to contact the Marmaladies to request that the shrubs be pruned or possibly removed whilst making it clear that the Committee appreciated the work undertaken by them to improve the Square.

ACTION: Contact the Marmaladies BY: Clerk

Bus stops

It was noted that a bus sign was need at the Moorings on the correct side for people going on Poppit Rocket to Newport and Fishguard. Where passengers had to stand was completely counterintuitive.

War Memorial

It was noted that weeds and buddleia were growing around the memorial and through the quartz coat path. CC M James kindly agreed to bring this to the attention of PCC as a matter of urgency before damage was done to the paths.

ACTION: Report to PCC BY: CC M James

Track

It was reported that the work on the track had been completed to a high standard. It was queried if a hand rail could be put at the edge of the concrete by the small culvert adjacent Penally. It was agreed that costs should be obtained and given the safety implications the decision to proceed would be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllrs P Hutchings and G Wislocka (subject to Financial Regulations).

ACTION: Obtain costs for handrail BY:

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

Nothing forward.

8. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

CC M James advised he had stressed the concern with regard to the capacity of the sewers should any new developments be proposed as par to LDP review. This was particularly relevant in that raw sewage had escaped onto the streets and tracks at Water Street.

9. Date of Next Meeting – 12.03.20

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.30pm