

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place on 23rd January 2020 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfyd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Fraser Coates, Chairman/Cadeirydd. Jo Hutchings, Richard Davies, Gill Wislocka, Phil Hutchings, Mike Kendall, Richard Davies, Melrose Thomas, Jonathon Martin

CC M James

Clerk

Members of public: 0

Members of the press: 1

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and wished them a happy new year.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elfyn Rees (ill health).

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 16.01.20

Cllr M Kendall proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded Cllr R Davies, carried.

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

Payments

23.01.2020

HMRC		96.10
S E Davies	Home office	25.00
S E Davies	Salary	990.06
TM and BJ Toft	Assist with tree delivery and tree shredding	240.00
Neuadd Goffa Llandudoch	Room hire*	33.00
P Hutchings	Playground spares and storage box	42.86
J Hutchings	Hampers for light up St Dogmaels Clerk's apologies, she has misplaced provided receipt	13.00
DD	NEST pension	39.10

Following research CC is not eligible for small employers NI allowance

* Query out on invoice including August

Proposed Cllr G Wislocka, seconded Cllr M Kendall, carried.

Proposed bullying and harassment policy

The Clerk explained that given the recent reports of bullying in the local government sector the proposed Policy made a clear statement with regard to the Council's lack of tolerance of such issues.

It was agreed to adopt the policy.

ACTION: Copy on website BY: Clerk

Insurance Claim Y Felin fence Progressing

The Clerk had met with a contractor who would quote the work to PCC as it was a PCC vehicle which had been observed causing the damage.

Notice board door replacement, Troed y Rhiw

The resident who had procured the quote would be thanked but given the overall condition of most of the noticeboards in the village the Council was considering replacing some or all.

ACTION: Assess noticeboards and take measurements to forward to the Clerk. BY: Cllrs P and J Hutchings.

New website for North Pembrokeshire

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Council would not contribute to the site on the grounds of potential ongoing costs (to include training of volunteers to run the village entries) and its opinion that it was not, geographically, closely associated with the other communities involved. It would be suggested that local businesses might have some interest in becoming involved.

ACTION: Contact website proposers BY: Clerk

Signatories

It was noted that over recent months the Clerk had had to chase for signatures for cheques. It was accepted that at times this would happen but it was not a good use of the Clerk's time. It was agreed that Cllr J Hutchings be added to the Treasurers Account as a signatory.

ACTION: Obtain change of mandate form from bank BY: Clerk

PLANED

Concern was expressed that given the terms of the contract signed by the Council and PLANED, any events had appeared to be low key. It was agreed to invite representatives of PLANED to meet with the Council to review the Community Wellbeing and Resilience project.

ACTION: Contact PLANED BY: Clerk

Grant funding

It was advised that the Welsh translation of the grant funding form was still to be received.

Community Governance Course

The Clerk advised the Council of the study day dates for the coming year.

To note that Mrs C Bourg ceased to be a Cllr due to non-attendance and not offering apologies for a period of 6 months.

To note the resignation of Cllr B Rees.

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

BT Payphone consultation closes 30.1.20 (through PCC)

It was agreed that it was essential to retain the payphone at Poppit given the very poor mobile reception and the need to be able to contact the emergency services from the beach. A payphone in the village centre was also desirable as there was limited mobile signal and given the number of visitors not all would have the appropriate network.

ACTION: Contact PCC BY: Clerk

19/094/PA Reserved matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to outline planning permission 12/0760/PA Henlana Mills, St Dogmaels

It was agreed that the Council supported the application in principal but had a continued concern that the sewage infrastructure in the village was at or beyond capacity and further connections would only exacerbate this issue.

ACTION: Respond to PCC BY: Clerk

Consultation Document - Changes to planning and related application fees / Dogfen Ymgynghori - Newidiadau i ffoedd cynllunio a chesidiadau cysylltiedig

Noted.

LDP2 consultation

Summary circulated – to be discussed at Feb meeting

Planning documents can be found

at:<http://planning.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/WCHVARYLOGIN.display?langid=1>

7. County Cllr's Report

CC M James apologised as he had been unable to compile a report in time for the meeting.

8. Working Party Reports

Ty Bach – progress report

It was noted that it was proposed that there would be £100,000k in PCC budget, raised from an increase in parking charges, to prevent further closures of public toilets (tbc). As far as Clerk understood this would not include Poppit as PCNP owned the car park at the beach. CC M James said that discussion between PCC and PCNP re the toilets at Poppit were ongoing and he would report an outcome as soon as he was advised of it.

Report from meeting with Surf Lifesavers.

Cllr J Hutchings has represented the CC at a meeting to discuss the possibility of the Surf Lifesavers taking over and improving the toilet building at Poppit using grant funding. The Surf Lifesavers representative was unaware that the group would be expected to be responsible for the public toilets and this information would have to be relayed back to group members. The Clerk advised that she had offered to share the information the CC had gathered about the toilet block and associated running costs with the Group as the information was in the public domain.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

Replacement for play boat

A suitable supplier for the replacement playboat had now been sourced at a cost of £2689 + VAT, well under the original budget figure agreed by the Council. It was agreed that the boat be purchased and installed. New Heras fencing panels might be required and their purchase was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Cllr P Hutchings (subject to Financial Regulations).

ACTION: Contact supplier BY: Clerk

Playground Fence – ongoing

No response to the Invitation for meeting with Adventure Playgrounds Wales

The Clerk reported a not unexpected outcome following her contact with company which had installed the playground in 2010/11.

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

Cllr J Hutchings made a brief report on the recent Highways Committee meeting which she had chaired in the absence of Cllr E Rees.

It was noted that the planning permission at Llys Degwel, Pilot Street had been approved prior to the County Cllr approaching Planning Dept with ongoing concerns. PCC had confirmed that there was no movement in the retaining wall at the north end of the Graig.

Footpath Registration

It was noted that PCC was now working on the outstanding registrations.

Re Graig Footpath 87/28: Planning Dept Failing to protect amenity of the Graig footpath 87/28.

It was queried if the PCC Definitive Map Officer had been consulted re planning applications adjacent the footpath.

ACTION: Follow up with planning dept and DMO officer BY: CC M James.

Route to Poppit feasibility study – recommendation for Highways Committee

That the Group be approached enquiring if it intends to take the project forward and if so, how this will progress with particular reference to consultation with landowners and public consultation on the preferred route.

It was agreed that the Council support the recommendation from the Committee and that this be relayed to the Group.

ACTION: Contact group BY: Clerk

It was noted that the path from the Teifi Netpool to the Graig was in poor condition.

ACTION: As this was part of the Wales Coast Path Teresa Nolan would be contacted for advice. BY: Clerk

A resident was seeking CC advice re-creating disabled access to her garden which abuts the highway.

As private property onto Highways this would be a matter for PCC.

ACTION: Advise resident BY: Cllr G Wislocka and CC M James to visit

11. Flooding and Impacts Committee

Next meeting 30.01.2020

12. Police

It was agreed to compliment the Dyfed Powys Police Force about 'The Twilight Sanctuary', a ground breaking out of hours mental health service for adults which would cover the Council area.

ACTION: Letter to DPP BY: Clerk

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

Report on Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

It was noted that quite a high number of people failed to attend and make apologies which resulted in uneaten meals still having to be paid for. It was agreed that at point of booking a contact number would be required and a reminder call would be made prior to the event.

ACTION: Amend booking form BY: Clerk

Report on Light up St Dogmaels competition

It was agreed that the village had put on a very good show and the winners were to be congratulated.

Decide categories for the village in bloom competition

Deferred to February meeting.

ANZAC Day Sat 25th April

Clergy – The Chairman advised that Rev Tom Cooper was recovering from an operation. The Rev Alan Kent would be invited to take the service.

ACTION: Contact Rev A Kent BY: Chairman

It was agreed to book space at the hall for light refreshments after the service.

ACTION: Book hall BY: Clerk

VE Day 8 May, 2020

It was agreed to try to gauge interest in an event by posting on the village FB page.

ACTION: Post for page BY: Cllr J Hutchings

Chairman's Dinner

Fri 22nd May at the Ferry Inn. Menu to be circulated.

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Nothing forward.

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

The working party to consider using the Teifi to generate electricity for the area was noted. The Clerk had contacted Cardigan Town Council to request that the CC was kept informed.

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr M Thomas advised that nuisance calls could be blocked by dialling 1572 and following the instructions on a BT line immediately after the call. She also said that Abbaty 900 had arranged a series of talks starting on Feb 10th.

Cllr G Wislocka advised that the AGM of Cymdeithas Llandudoch would take place at the Coach House on Monday 3rd Feb immediately followed by the AGM of the St Dogmaels Footpaths Association. All were welcome.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 27.02.2020

Flooding Committee 30.01.2020

Highways Committee 12.03.2020

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.45pm