

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council which took place on 19th February 2020 at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfryd, St. Dogmaels

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

Clerk

Members of public: 2

Members of the press:0

Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Community 7.00 - 7.15. In the event there are no members of the public wishing make presentation to the Council a 7pm to the Council the meeting will start at 7pm prompt.

A volunteer group had been set up in the village to help residents during the Covid-19 pandemic. The organisers, who had attended to inform the Council of progress, were commended for their efforts.

A member of the public expressed concern about food sustainability both in the current crisis and in the future. Following discussion, it was suggested that the first step would be to identify possible areas of land for community growing and where possible identify the land owners so that they could be approached. It was suggested that residents might take on this task and return to the Council with the information.

Members of the public were thanked for their time and they then left the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M Thomas, E Rees and CC M James.

2. Datgelu Diddordeb Personol ac Ariannol dan Eitemau Busnes sydd wedi eu Rhestru / To Disclose Personal & Pecuniary Interests in Items of Business listed

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 27.2.20

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

5. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

19/1079/PA Extensions to existing hotel to included function room new entrance hall and 14 bedrooms.

The Community Council supported the application in principle however it asked that the designation of the area as a 'Dark Skies Discovery Site' was taken into account with regard to any permissions. The Community Council understood that lighting should be hooded and to shine down only, normally for walkways a maximum of 2 metres from the ground.

All planning documents can be found at:

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

6. To agree a response to PLANED's request for 3 areas of interest for the CWBR project to focus on.

The Council agreed that there was very little common ground between the PLANED questionnaire proposals and the draft (with rationale for the suggestions) from the Council.

Given the current unprecedented situation the Council suggested that the 3 key areas of concern requested by Mr I Thomas of PLANED were:

Food security - a concern that there is an improved network of locally produced food with a good distribution network
Energy security - a concern that given the inevitable downturn in the local economy affordable energy is essential
A local skills survey to identify skills which will help our community regenerate post the virus health crisis

The backdrop in which this project started had changed dramatically and the Council would wish to see any opportunity to take steps to assist the community of St Dogmaels to move forward being used to best advantage.

ACTION: Contact PLANNED BY: Clerk

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

Following correspondence from One Voice Wales it was agreed that in response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the Council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council, only where such a decision cannot reasonably be deferred or must be made in order to comply with health and safety, a commercial or statutory deadline.

Any decision to be made in consultation with members by telephone or email, and where an urgent decision is required in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair (or any two Cllrs if Chair and or Vice-Chair cannot be contacted).

The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the Council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations.

Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the Council after the Council meeting at which the delegation was put in place.

Proposed: Cllr J Martin, seconded Cllr P Hutchings, carried.

8. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

It was noted that all further events organised by the Council were cancelled until such time as advice from the Welsh Government indicated it would be safe to run them.

9. Date of Next Meeting TBC