

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 7pm on 3rd September 2020 in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

The Code of Conduct, Standing and Financial Orders applied during the meeting.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr P Hutchings. Cllrs: F Coates, M Kendal, J Hutchings, R Davies, G Wislocka, J Martin

CC M James

Clerk

Members of the public: 5

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

Constable Andy Marwick introduced himself as part of the community policing team and discussed the requirements of a community Speedwatch initiative.

Ms Fiona Andrews spoke on behalf of St Dogmaels 20 is Plenty for Us / Llandudoch 20 yn Ddigon i Ni. She outlined the background to forming of the group and spoke of the two areas of concern with regard to speed, the village itself and the road to Poppit. The group recognised that issues for each were different and asked for Council support for a reduction in speed limits as detailed in the documents provided.

Poppit Resident - 20mph limit on B4546 between St Dogmaels and Poppit. The resident spoke of the concerns of residents with regard to any possibility of the introduction of a 20mph limit on the B4546 to Poppit. While the current limit of 60mph was considered by most to be too high a limit of 20mph would impact on resident's lives and business viability.

Mr A Wislocki spoke on behalf of the Community Association and reiterated the need for speed restrictions through the village and on the B4546 and provided anecdotal evidence of incidents involving walkers and traffic on the roads in question.

All were thanked for their time.

The Chairman noted the Council's thanks to outgoing Chairman, Cllr F Coates.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies were approved from Cllrs M Thomas, E Rees and noted from CC M James.

2. Declarations of Interest on Matters Arising from the Agenda/Datgan Diddordeb ar faterion sy'n codi o'r Agenda

None.

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

It was agreed to discuss item 10.1 immediately after item 4.

As changes might be requested in regard of information for quotations for the playground fencing (item 5.5) it was agreed it would be discussed in Confidential session. This was to ensure that all quoting contractors had a level playing field with current quotes not being disclosed.

4. To confirm the Minutes of 25.06.2020 as a true record

Cllr Gill Wislocka proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, second Cllr J Hutchings, carried.

Chairman's signature: Date: 24.09.2020

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

5.1 To approve presented payments

	Gross	VAT	NET
E Brown - Grass cutting	£540.00	£90.00	£450.00
Tree Consultants Wales - Tree survey	£594.00	£99.00	£495.00
Cardi banners playground signs	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00
SSE Christmas lights	£22.91	£0.00	£22.91
S Davies – Various	£40.15		
Confidential	1148.47		

5.2 To note the budget update to 2.9.20
Noted.

5.3 To approve the Clerk's leave requests
Approved.

5.4 To consider for approval the co-option of Mr V Wright
Following discussion, it was agreed to co-opt Mr Wright to the Council
ACTION: Contact Mr Wright BY: Clerk

5.5 To discuss the quotes for the playground fencing and agree a way forward
Moved to confidential session.

5.6 To consider for approval the application for continued use of the herb garden by the Market
It was agreed that the Market could continue to use the Herb Garden subject to the risk assessment being observed.
ACTION: Contact market BY: Clerk

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

20/0325/LB Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (commencement of work) of planning permission 15/0113/LB (Extension to Kitchen) Site Address: Princess House, ST DOGMAELS, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, SA43 3J
It was advised that the Council had supported the FULL application and the listed building application was identical.
It was agreed to support the application.

Planning documents can be found
at:<http://planning.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/swift/g/apas/run/WCHVARYLOGIN.display?langid=1>

7. County Cllr's Report

Nothing forward.

8. Working Party Reports

To note any reports brought before the Council.
Nothing forward.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

9.1 The grass cutting schedule which would be presented for discussion / approval at meeting of 24.9.20 was noted.

9.2 To note the tree survey and discuss/agree any works arising as part of ongoing maintenance in the Autumn
It was agreed that works would be considered as part of the autumn maintenance schedule with consideration to dealing with the ash dieback whilst the trees were small.
ACTION: Draft schedule BY: Clerk

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

10.1 To agree a way forward with regard to the 20 is Plenty request a) in the village b) on the B4546 between St Dogmaels and Poppit
Following discussion, it was agreed that:
The Council would support the call for a 20mph speed limit within the village boundaries and PCC would be contacted.
The Council would approach PCC with regard to what could feasibly be done to improve safety on the B4546 between St Dogmaels and Poppit, including a possible reduction in the speed limit. It would express concern for the safety of those crossing the road at the Teifiwaterside Hotel due to the speed of traffic travelling down the Webley hill.

The Council would promote the formation of a village Speedwatch group.

ACTION: Contact PCC BY: Clerk

ACTION: Advertise Speedwatch group BY: Clerk

10.2 To note concern re RNLI crew travelling through village and agree a way forward.

While the Council fully supported the RNLI, it was noted that the crew were not permitted to break the speed limit and should drive with due care and attention to the safety of others. It was agreed to contact the Community Policing team. It was noted that the PCC team offering refreshers courses to older drivers had an excellent way of approaching safe driving techniques and could perhaps be asked to help

ACTION: Contact community policing team to see if advice could be given to crew members. BY: Clerk

11. Flooding and Impacts Committee

To note any impacts from the recent storms and agree any necessary actions.

It was noted that despite high tides and rainfall there had been no cross road flooding by BV Rees. It was noted that there appeared to have been another sewage escape at Water Street but the Council had not been contacted by residents at the time.

12. Police

12.1 The information provided by PC Andy Marwick was noted.

12.2 To agree a way forward with a village speedwatch scheme

Dealt with under 10.1

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

13.1 To note the winner(s) of the scarecrow competition and agree a prize(s)

The previous Chairman and Vice-Chairman had judged the competition. It was noted that two of the winning scarecrows had been made by children. Prizes not exceed a total cost of £25 would be presented to the winners.

ACTION: Contact winners BY: Clerk

13.2 Remembrance Service

It was agreed that as the Council would not be in a position to provide enough stewards to ensure social distancing and to limit crowd numbers to the maxim allowed by COVID legislation it would not hold a service this year. The Chairman would lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

ACTION: Order wreath BY: Clerk

13.3 Christmas Meal

It was agreed, with regret, to cancel the Senior Citizens Christmas meal as it would be impossible to ensure social distancing given the numbers.

ACTION: Contact hall and caterer BY: Clerk

13.4 Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September

The Chairman confirmed that the Red Ensign was flying to mark the occasion. Cllr M Kendall was thanked for his donation of a new Welsh flag which would be flown when the Red Ensign was taken down. It was agreed that due to the very short lifespan of flags due to the weather conditions the flag would be taken down during the winter.

13.5 Firework Display - cancelled

13.6 Christmas Trees

It was agreed that given the weight of a suitable tree and constraints of space in the Square it was no longer possible to safely install it. It was becoming increasingly difficult to find electricians to carry out the testing and connection work for the lights. With regret it was agreed that the Council could no longer make the installation safely or legally and therefore there would be no tree in the Square. When events could be held again, Christmas events would be focused on the area by the Coach House which was safer for all.

13.7 Tree for Coach House

It was agreed to supply a tree and lend a stand and lights for the Coach House courtyard. While it might not be possible to hold a switch on event this year it was agreed that the area around the Coach House would be the focus and far safer than the Square.

ACTION: Order tree and liaise with Hanes Llandoch BY: Clerk

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Nothing forward.

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

15.1 To agree a response to 2020-08 Community Hub Next Steps Conversation TCCs

Chairman's signature: Date: 24.09.2020

It was agreed to ask volunteers who had dealt with the hub for input.
ACTION: Cllr J Hutchings to approach volunteers and forward information to the Clerk.

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Matters to note or for the next agenda.

Cllr M Kendal advised that PCC had repaired the railings by the Mill pond and he was liaising with the Clerk on the matter.

Cllr G Wislocka advised that there had been significant response to the circulation of the Age Concern Cymru consultation. Older people had been distressed that treatment of ordinary medical conditions had not continued during lockdown.

Concern was expressed about the condition of the road at Longdown Bank. The road to the Pembrokeshire border was in good condition while the road in Ceredigion was in a poor and dangerous condition.

ACTOIN: Contact Ceredigion County Council BY: Clerk

Cllr F Coates thanked Cllrs for their support during his period as Chairman. He stated that the current Council was excellent and hoped that members would continue to step forward and take actions appropriate for the community.

Cllr J Martin seconded Cllr F Coates comment and thanked Cllr Coates for his work during an exceptional period.

17. Date of Next Meeting –24 .09.2024

Resolution: In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1

Having looked at the figures provided for item 5.5 it was agreed further information needed to be requested from contractors and to defer any decision to the meeting of 24.09.20.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.48pm.