

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 7pm on 25th March 2021 in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Phil Hutchings (Chairman) Councillors: Fraser Coates, Richard Davies, Jo Hutchings, Mike Kendall, Jonathan Martin, Nigel Smith, Gill Wislocka, Vincent Wright, Rhian Watcyn Jones

No members of the public present

As the Clerk was unwell, Cllrs gave permission for session to be recorded and for Cllr Jo Hutchings to take notes

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies were accepted from Cllr M Thomas.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. To confirm the Minutes of 25-02-21 as a true record

It was agreed to amend the minutes to show that the architect present at the meeting had been representing the application at Morwennau Poppit. The minutes were then proposed as a true by Cllr G Wislocka, seconded Cllr N Smith, carried.

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

5.1.1 To approve payments

25.03.21	HMRC		108.92
	S E Davies	Post/Phone account/HO	34.00
	S E Davies	Salary	1,032.20
DD	NEST pension	DD	41.46
	Information Commissioner	Date protection	40.00
	astutium.com	Domain name stdogmaels.org	7.99
	astutium.com	Domain name llandudoch.org	7.99
	OVW	Membership renewal	272.00
	F Secure	Virus protection	39.99
	Alexanders Invoice Finance	Deposit kickwall surface	341.34
	Alexanders Invoice Finance	Part payment for fencing	?????

Proposed Cllr M Kendal, seconded Cllr F Coates, carried

5.1.2 Bank Reconciliation / Budget Update

Noted.

5.2.1 Banking update

It was noted that the first online payments had been made.

5.2.2 Savings Account

The issues were still ongoing with the bank.

ACTION: Follow up BY: Clerk

5.3 Youth Representative

Chairman's signature

Date: 22.04.21

Deferred.

ACTION: Agenda item BY: Clerk

5.4 Insurance

It was noted that the Council was in a long-term contract as this offered cost savings. It was agreed to keep the cover at the same level.

ACTION: Advise insurers BY: Clerk

5.5 Audits and Financial Risk Assessment

It was agreed to accept the quote from Mrs J Jamison for the internal audit for 20/21.

ACTION: Advise Mrs Jamison BY: Clerk

5.6 Financial Risk Assessment

Deferred.

5.7 Vandalism issues

Playground security fencing – The company had been requested to visit the site and remove the fencing as soon as the works are complete.

Until such time as the full contract is completed to the Council's satisfaction payment will not be made.

Culvert railings (Pinog) - reported to PCC.

Alexandra gardens (cliff fence) – Mr Brown to be asked to quote for repair. Clerk can approve under delegated authority specified in contract.

ACTION: Contact Mr Brown BY: Clerk

Undermine of tree (Fishermen path) – being monitored as the roots are now exposed. Community police team to be advised of issue.

ACTION: Contact community police team BY: Clerk

Fires at Poppit – It was advised that these were on the beach and not in the dunes and the situation would be monitored.

Cllrs were reminded that incidents should be reported to the police on 101 if considered urgent. While the Clerk should be aware of damage to Council property, she was rarely in a position to provide sufficient information to the police if a report was required.

5.7 Communication with Residents (see also Highways)

The Clerk had found a new design package which might assist in producing information in an attractive format that would be suitable for use on the Council website.

5.8 Co-option

Following discussion, it was agreed to co-opt Ms Rhian Watcyn Jones to the Council.

ACTION: Contact PCC and Mrs Watcyn Jones BY: Clerk

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

20/0912/PA proposal: Demolition of outbuilding and renovation and extension of existing two storey farmhouse Site Address: Bryncws, ST DOGMAELS, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, SA43 3JS
The Community Council supported the application.

20/1074/PA Proposal: Change of Use of Sand School/Menage to Private Tennis Court Site Address: The Look Out, Penrhiw, ST DOGMAELS, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, SA43 3JT
The Community Council supported the application.

Update on Planning Ref 20/0908/PA Site opposite Berwyn

Updated information was to be supplied to the Clerk with regard to the proposal to redirect the footpath as part of the proposed development.

7. County Cllr's Report

CC M James ran through various issues he had dealt with. He advised that no official planning application had been received at Green Meadow and while the lease had been allocated for Poppit Café he was as yet, unable to name the new leases for legal reasons.

8. Working Party Reports

The Clerk has received the latest report on landslip monitoring and would provide an update in due course.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

9.1 Update on playground fencing project and to agree any actions

A site inspection had taken place and damage to the double gates at the river end of the site had been noted.

No payment would be made until the contract had been completed to the Council's satisfaction.

The surface to the front of the kickwall was due to be installed on 1st April 21.

It was agreed to send a letter of complaint to Sovereign with regard to the lack of site security which led to thefts, access by children and parents and damage to the heras fencing as it was not properly secured.

ACTION: Write letter BY: Clerk in conjunction with Chairman.

9.2 It was noted that grass cutting in the playground could not start until fencing contract completed

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

10.1 Update 20mph pilot project

Notices giving information on how to respond to the consultation had been displayed throughout the community and online. A newsletter covering concerns about and benefits of the scheme would be provided in conjunction with PCC.

To agree a response to the consultation

St Dogmaels Community Council resolved to support the proposed scheme.

ACTION: Respond to the consultation BY: Clerk

Following discussion, it was agreed that the preferred option for reactive speed signs was to display speed figures to motorists.

ACTION: Advise PCC BY: Clerk

It was reported that during the community group meeting the representative of the Poppit Path group stated that:

- a) The path would be 'mainly for cyclists',
- b) That public consultation had been carried out after the publication of the feasibility study
- c) That PCC was seeking money for a second feasibility study.

It was agreed to write to the Poppit path group to query if the group mission statement had been revised due to statement a.

To query statement b as there was no recollection of public consultation once the feasibility study had been published.

To request clarity as to why a second study was deemed necessary as the initial feasibility study had cost £21k (£15k in LEADER funding and £6k in donations of public money).

ACTION: Contact Poppit Path Group BY: Clerk

10.2 Update on any PRoW issues and to agree a way forward

Concrete path in Alexandra Gardens

The early stages of the project were ongoing.

Fordd Newydd

The footpath had been walked by CC M James with several Community Cllrs.

87/30C Bridleway

It was suggested that the footpaths officer be contacted about filling the large, water filled pit in the bridleway.

ACTION: Contact PCC Countryside BY: Clerk

Graig Path Blocked Drainage Grid

Noted.

10.3 Verge Parking

It was advised that this should be reported on 101 to the police. CC M James advised that if PCC had Traffic Enforcement Officer in the area they would attend.

11. Flooding and Impacts Committee

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

It was noted that the cause of the blockage of the culvert needed to be ascertained. It was still the intention to request a site meeting with PCC as soon as Covid regulations allowed.

12. Police

Six volunteers had come forward for the village Speed watch scheme and it was understood that training would take place.

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

ANZAC day – April 25th 2021

Chairman's signature

Date: 22.04.21

A wreath would be laid. Attendance would depend on Covid regulations at the time.

Village in Bloom

It was agreed to host 3 classes. 1. Best Garden. 2. Best Wild Garden. 3. Best Children's garden (which might be to drawn or paint a garden picture). Details would be finalised at the April meeting but it was expected that photographs would be sent in by entrants in classes 1 and 2. These would be judged to the final 3 in each category and Covid regulations permitting a site visit would be made to each by the judges.

ACTION: Agenda item BY: Clerk

NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day, 5-7-21 / Diwrnod Gweithwyr y Gig, Gofal Cymdeithasol & Rheng Flaen 5-7-21

ACTION: Agenda item BY: Clerk

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

PLANED community regeneration meetings were always on the same evening as Council meetings. The Clerk has asked if alternate dates could be used.

CC M James advised that Abby 900 had had their first meeting and once Covid regulations allowed were hoping to plan an event at the Coach House.

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

None

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

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It was advised that Mr Oliver James has been awarded the D and E Bowen Cup for Work in the Community by Preseli School.

ACTION: Letter of congratulations to be sent BY: Clerk

It was queried, as he has already been awarded a CC Shield, if the Council might give him an Honorarium towards his studying to be a Paramedic.

ACTION: Consult Clerk

Cllr N Smith was advised that a recent issue with a septic tank at Poppit should be reported to PCNP.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 22-04-21

Items for inclusion on the next agenda need to reach the Clerk no later than 15-4-21

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