

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

The Council held a meeting by remote means which took place at 7pm on 23rd September 2021 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Present:	
Chairman	Cllr Phil Hutchings
Councillors:	Fraser Coates, Richard Davies, Jo Hutchings, Mike Kendall, Jonathan Martin, Nigel Smith, Melrose Thomas, Rhian Watcyn Jones, Gill Wislocka, Julie Woods, Vincent Wright
Clerk	Sue Davies
Members of the public and press	1

A member of the public spoke on concerns with regard to affordable housing and of an initiative to purchase local properties to let out at affordable rents. It was advised that the village might be part of a Welsh Government pilot project for new housing policies.

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies were accepted 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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. To confirm the Minutes of 17-08-21 as a true record

Proposed that minutes be accepted	Seconded	
Cllr J Hutchings	Cllr N Smith	Carried

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

5.1.1 To approve payments

August payments made as contractual

S Davies	Salary, HMRC and expenses	1,063.00
HMRC		102.43
E Brown	Grass etc	1,323.00
P Hutchings	Playground repair	57.19
M Kendall	Tree marking spray	13.26

September payments

S Davies	Salary, HMRC and expenses	1,073.80
HMRC		102.43
E Brown	Grass etc	744.00
SLCC	Membership	240.00
Astutium	Website	119.99

Request to advance the 20/21 Cllrs payment to Cllr R Davies as the original check never cleared

RESOLUTION	
To approve payments as presented.	Carried

Chairman's signature

Date: 18-10-21

RESOLUTION	
To remove Cllr M Thomas as a bank signatory and add Cllr R Rhian Watcyn Jones	Carried

Cllr M Thomas was thanked for standing as a bank signatory for the Council for many years.

5.1.2 Bank reconciliation/Budget update

Clerk advised she was attending software budget training on 28-09-21

A first draft budget would be available at October meeting and information about any proposed projects was requested.

5.2 Savings account

The Clerk advised that in order to hold a Unity savings account a current account would need to be opened. Charges would apply to a current account. She would provide further information.

ACTION:	BY:
Provide further information	Clerk

5.3 Year end accounts

It was noted that two years of external audit were outstanding neither of which had been returned from the external auditors in time for the meeting.

5.4 Citizen/Community led recovery

Cllr J Hutchings was thanked for the report on the meeting she had attended. Items for the next meeting agenda were requested.

5.5 Quotations for work on bus shelters

RESOLUTION	
To accept the quotations from Mr J Warren for the refurbishment of the bus shelters at The Moorings and by the BV Rees Garage.	Carried

5.6 Housing

Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation 17 Nov 21

RESOLUTION	
To support the rise in Council Tax on second homes to 100%.	Carried

It was noted that a recent meeting in the village had been with Plaid Cymry and had been considered a fact-finding mission with regard to housing provision.

5.7 Clerk's leave request

RESOLUTION	
To approve the Clerk's leave request.	Carried

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

Number	Address	Proposal	Agreed response
21/0471/PA	Maesemrallt, Longdown Bank, ST DOGMAELS, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, SA43 3DU	Loft Conversion with Front dormers	Support

RESOLUTION	
TO hold an extra ordinary meeting on 14 th Oct 2021 at 7.15 pm to discuss the pre-planning consultation for the site known as Green Meadow, Pilot Street and any other outstanding applications at the time of the meeting	Carried
ACTION	BY
Arrange meeting	Clerk

Planning documents can be found

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

[Search Planning Applications – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#)

7. County Cllr's Report

Deferred.

8. Working Party Reports

To note any reports brought before the Council.

Chairman's signature

Date: 18-10-21

The Clerk advised she would chase for a response on the Landslip report sent to PCC.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

9.1 Playground

Nothing brought forward.

9.2 Noticeboards

Car Park

The board had been ordered.

At Poppit

The cost of a planning application for the board in the car park was noted. It was queried if a site more suitable for resident's use might be found.

ACTION	
Consult with residents	Cllr N Smith

Policy on use of notice boards

RESOLUTION	
That Council documents, local events and adverts by local businesses be given priority on Council notice boards. Events and advertising from outside the community would be allowed, space permitting. Cllrs observing anything inappropriate, such as false information, should remove the item from the board and inform the Clerk.	Carried

9.3 Bus shelters

RESOLUTION	
To approach Abbaty 900 in order to progress a project for a mural of local life on the bus shelter by BV Rees subject to the refurbishment works being completed.	Carried
ACTION	BY
Contact Abbaty 900	Clerk

9.4 Cutting schedule and bio-diversity

The Clerk advised that information has been sent to contractors inviting quotations for the grounds maintenance contract for 22-23. The only alternation to the contract information had been the additional of a small area for cutting by the Mill pond which was, according to the lease, the Council's responsibility.

RESOLUTION	
To approach PCC with regard to the cutting schedule at Maes y Dre	Carried

9.5 Tree works – Ash dieback

RESOLUTION	
To approve the schedule of works and obtain quotes	Carried

9.6 Request to store rowing club boats on Pinog beach

RESOLUTION	
To decline the request with regret on the grounds that given the space available and size of boats they would constitute an obstruction to the Dwr Cymru wayleave across the beach and, the land being registered village green, under s.12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 it would be an offence to interrupt use of the green as a place for exercise and recreation.	Carried

9.7 Poppit toilet block

The ongoing complaints of flooding by the block had been reported to PCC. It was understood that the drains had been unblocked and the water cleared. It was noted that the placement of the outside tap and drains would mean that the issues would only arise again.

9.8 Road safety, Cyppin

RESOLUTION	
Contact PCC Highways for advice on the matter.	Carried

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

10.1 20mph scheme

It was advised that consultation as taking place with selected village residents re a national advert for the roll out of the scheme across Wales.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group had received training and was now working in the village.

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

It was noted that annual cutting was underway. Any issues with blocked paths should be reported either to PCC or via the Clerk, providing an accurate location.

10.3 Route to Poppit

It was advised that the Active Travel consultation website had been updated and it was understood that clear instructions were now available.

10.4 Parking Glanteifion hill

It was agreed that while parking in this area was causing issues, particularly for pedestrians, any parking restrictions could well move parking onto The Moorings. The advert for sale of a piece of land adjacent the river was noted. It was agreed if the land was still available the Community Council would discuss possible purchase to provide riverside amenities and parking.

ACTION	BY
October agenda item	Clerk

11. Flooding and Impacts Committee

Nothing forward

12. Police

Report on PACT Meeting

It was advised that some aspects of the meeting had been interesting and Cllr R Watcyn Jones felt more would be gained once familiar with the format. She was thanked for attending.

RESOLUTION	
That Cllr R Watcyn Jones represent the Council at future meetings.	Carried

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

13.1 Village in bloom

It was advised that a list of winners would be sent to Cllrs and published.

RESOLUTION	
To discuss the format for continuation in 2022.	Carried

13.2 Recognition of volunteers (event subject to relaxation of COVID regs)

RESOLUTION	
That with regret the Council would not now hold such an event given the time elapsed.	Carried

13.3 Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2021 – report from Chairman

The event was attended by some Cllrs and members of the public. The Chairman was thanked for organizing the raising of the flag.

RESOLUTION	
That due to the damage done to flags during the winter, once the Merchant Navy Day flag was taken down the pole would be left empty until the Welsh flag was raised in time for St David's Day.	Carried

13.4 Remembrance Sunday, 14th November 2021 – report from Clerk

It was reported that arrangements were ongoing with the Vicar. Cllrs agreed to fill various roles during the service.

ACTION	BY
Continue preparations. Order wreath	Clerk

13.5 Halloween Trail

It was advised that last years FB Halloween Trail (with properties willing to take part being added to a dedicated FB page) had been very well supported. Cllr J Woods, who had set up the FB page agreed to do so again but the trail would not be run by the Council. It was noted that the Premier would, with regret, not be able to sort out treat bags due to the amount of work involved.

RESOLUTION	
That the Community Council take on provision of goody bags from a stall in the village (location to be confirmed). Any Cllrs wishing to be involved in the arrangements or event should contact the Clerk. Final arrangements to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-	Carried

Chairman	
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13.6 Scarecrow Competition

Various options were discussed and a popular suggestion was a competition to celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee.

ACTION	BY
Agenda item in new year	Clerk

13.7 Christmas Events – Tree at Coach House, lights switch on

RESOLUTION	
It was agreed, if the Coach House agreed, to place a tree and lights on the site. Further discussion would take place with the CH about any switch on event.	Carried

ACTION	BY
Contact Coach House	Clerk/Cllr M Thomas

13.8 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Various options were put forward including contributing to a party for the school children.

ACTION	BY
Ongoing agenda item	Clerk

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

The Clerk had attended a Welsh Govt focus group on proposals for elections. If carried the changes would include online registration for election whilst still retaining the hard copy option, only the requirement to have a witnessed signature, not a proposer and seconder.

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

Proposed changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales <https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/communitiesandcorporate> closing date 3rd November

RESOLUTION	
That any decline in Welsh representation in Parliament was detrimental. That St Dogmaels had a greater affinity to Ceredigion as a parliamentary Constituency than South Pems.	Carried

Visit Pembrokeshire - Launch of the new Pembrokeshire Brand. Invitation to the launch of the new Pembrokeshire brand on Thursday October 14th, 2021, 10.30-14.30 at Llys-y-Frân Country Park.

Noted.

Cyhoeddi arolwg o'r trefniadau etholiadol ar gyfer Sir Benfro / Review of electoral arrangements for Pembrokeshire (published) – no direct impact on St Dogmaels. Noted.

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Exchange and matters to note for the next agenda.

It was queried if the unused recycling bays in the High St car par could be repurposed for parking. It was noted that this had been promised by PCC pre the first Covid lockdown.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 28th October 2021

It was also agreed to hold an Extra Ordinary meeting on 18 Oct 2021 to deal with the pre planning consultation for Greenmeadow and any urgent planning items. 7.15pm start

Concern was expressed at the length of the current meeting following a 7.30pm start. It was agreed to trial a 7.15pm start. Subject to confirmation in SO it might be that at 9.30pm the Chairman could call for a resolution to adjourn remaining agenda items at a given time.

RESOLUTION	
Length of meetings to be an agenda item for October.	Carried

Items for inclusion on the next agenda need to reach the Clerk no later than 20 October 2021

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.24pm