

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

The Council held a meeting by remote means which took place at 7.15pm on 28th October 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, Rhian Watcyn Jones, Gill Wislocka, Vincent Wright
County Cllr	Mike James
Clerk	Sue Davies
Members of the public and press	1

A member of the public spoke on concerns with regard her recent experience with the ambulance service. She stated that she had to wait a number of hours for assistance during a medical emergency and feared that the service in rural areas was totally inadequate. She was thanked for her time, she then left the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs J Woods and 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
It was agreed that item 5.7 be discussed in confidential session.

4. To confirm the Minutes of 14-10-21 as a true record

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

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

5.1.1 To approve payments

S Davies	Salary and expenses HO	1,215.43
E Brown	Grass etc	990.00
J Hutchings	Prizes fancy dress	30.00
P Hutchings	Halloween treat bags and ironmongery	309.36
R Davies	Cllr allowance 20-21	120.00
Parish Online	Sub	108.00
Earth Anchors	Car park notice board	1,116.00
Cllrs	HMRC	30.00

RESOLUTION	
To approve payments as presented.	Carried

Chairman's signature

Date: 25-11-21

5.1.2 Bank reconciliation/Budget update
Noted

5.2 Savings account
Ongoing.

5.3 Year end accounts
The CC had two years of accounts still with the external auditor.

5.4 Draft budget
It was noted that quotes had yet to be received for the Grounds Maintenance Contract.
It was advised that PCC owned the football field and any proposed projects for the area were not a matter for the CC other than to consider grant funding if an application were to be received at a later date.
It was advised that there was not sufficient space for an outdoor table tennis table in the play area. The Memorial Hall had an indoor table.

RESOLUTION	
That an extra ordinary meeting be held on 2-12-21 to discuss the budget in detail.	Carried
ACTION	BY
Arrange meeting	Clerk

5.5 Length of meetings

RESOLUTION	
That the meeting start time revert to 7pm. SO would not be amended to require a resolution to continue after 10pm.	Carried

Cllrs were urged, in order to keep meetings to a sensible length, to be concise.

5.6 Citizen/Community led recovery
Nothing brought forward.

5.7 Clerk's annual salary review
To confidential session.

5.8 Clerk's leave request

RESOLUTION	
To approve the Clerk's leave request	Carried

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

Number	Address	Proposal	Agreed response
21/0316/PA	Gwesty Glanfa Teifi, Poppit Sands, Cardigan, SA43 3LN	Extension to hotel, Installation of gas tanks and works to car parking area	To express concern with regard for the provision of sufficient car parking To express concern that there appeared to be no provision for the safe storage of cycles To request lighting suitable to the location To express concern about the impact of noise in the adjacent SAC/SSSI

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

Green Meadow

Thanks were expressed to all who had put together the pre planning response at short notice.
CC M James advised that the developers had advised they would be willing to attend a meeting with residents.

Chairman's signature

Date: 25-11-21

RESOLUTION	
To pay for the cost of hall hire for such a meeting	Carried
RESOLUTION	
That an extra ordinary meeting be arranged on 6-01-22 in case any responses should be required following the Christmas and New Year period. The meeting would also cover any urgent business.	Carried
RESOLUTION	
That as it had not been possible to access some of the planning documents for the meeting due to issues with the PCC website the response would be delegated to the Clerk following consultation with Cllrs.	Carried

7. County Cllr's Report

CC M James advised that further signage was to be considered for the B4546 40mph limit between St Dogmaels and Poppit. The concerns of residents of Pilot Street with regard to the proposed development were noted and he confirmed that some of the land in question was owned by PCC. He had attended various village group meetings and also a meeting of Afon Teifi Fairways. He advised that following the 2022 elections there might be a review of Town and Community Council boundaries. Lack of numbers in local schools was a concern but it was no longer Welsh Govt policy to close small schools. He advised he was aware of the issue with non delivery of grey bags and confirmed that the Enhancing Pembrokeshire scheme would still be funded via second home tax.

8. Working Party Reports

To note any reports brought before the Council.

The Chairman advised that he had represented the Council at the Afon Teifi Fairways meeting. New buoys on the river were improving navigation and use of water crafts such as jet skis could be legislated at a later date although enforcement of any national legislation would have to be agreed.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

9.1 Playground

Update and to agree any actions

The Chairman had installed the bio-diversity information board for which he was thanked.

9.2 Noticeboards

Car Park

Payment had been approved subject to the delivery of the board in good condition. The Chairman, with assistance, would replace the existing board with the new board.

At Poppit

Residents thought somewhere in the area of the café would be most useful.

9.3 Bus shelters

It was noted that there might be some additional works during the renovation of the bus shelters (rotten supports etc.)

RESOLUTION	
To delegate approval of additional costs arising during the works to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman	Carried

9.4 Cutting schedule and bio-diversity

Final works for the schedule were due to be completed in October, weather permitting, after which a report on the first pilot year of the contract would be submitted to the Council.

9.5 Tree works

RESOLUTION	
To accept the quotes from the Tofts for the works at the Pinog and Alexandra Gardens	Carried

9.6 Poppit toilet block

It was noted that the drains were still clear and as the use of the block reduced with dwindling tourist numbers, complaints had reduced.

9.7 Acquisition/Provision of additional amenity land

It was advised that the land was no longer being advertised for sale.

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

10.1 20mph scheme

CC M James advised that PCC was aware of the condition of the speed bumps in Pilot Street and was reviewing the situation in light of the 20mph limit throughout the village.

Speedwatch

It was noted that training for the volunteers had been completed. Cllr R Davies agreed to act as a liaison between the police contact for the scheme and the volunteers.

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

It was noted that there were still issues with regard to vehicle access on the footpath to the straw bale house. PCC had advised that a bollard would be placed on the footpath to prevent this.

The concern about emergency access on the track behind Landview, Montrose and Grassmere parallel to 87/52 in St Dogmaels was noted.

10.3 Route to Poppit/Active Travel

Further to the improvements to walking and safety at the busy junction of Maeshyfyd and Feidr fawr making it safer for children to walk to school (and improving access to the Cenotaph).

RESOLUTION	
To advise PCC that St Dogmaels Community Council welcomed the improvements which keep pedestrians, particularly children walking to school, off the road at the junction. Previously, pedestrians who wished to navigate the junction, approaching from Pilot Street, had to either cross at the junction to use the footway on the opposite side or walk on the sloping grass adjacent the highway. The provision of a footway has greatly improved pedestrian safety.	Carried

11. Flooding and Impacts Committee

To note any impacts from the recent storms and agree any necessary actions.
Nothing brought forward.

12. Police

An initiative had been created whereby the Clerk now had a contact who would update the Council on general matters with regard to local policing.

13. Events / Digwyddiadau

13.1 Halloween – report

It was advised that all was in place for the CC stall at the Coach House between 6 and 8pm on 31-10-21.

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

The Clerk was working on the Order of Service with the Vicar. Cllrs acting as steward should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the service and bring hi-vis with them.

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

The tree had been ordered and would be installed prior to the Christmas market. It was agreed that due to rising COVID cases in the area a switch on event would not be held this year.

13.4 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Ideas

Scarecrow competition

Afternoon tea/tea dance for older residents

14. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Nothing forward

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

Emergency Services

Following concerns expressed by a resident:

RESOLUTION	
To look at costing and locations for additional defibrillators in the Moorings area and at Poppit including the possibility of grant funding.	Carried

RESOLUTION	
To write to the Senedd Members to express its concerns about wait times for emergency medical assistance such as a paramedic or ambulance.	Carried

RESOLUTION	
To confirm what provision of first responders there was in the area	Carried

16. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Exchange and matters to note for the next agenda.

The issues surrounding the impact on wait times of walk in attendance at the COVID vaccination centre at Cwm-Cou were noted. It was understood that the centre would now work an appointment only system.

It was noted that the rowing club had not requested a meeting with CC representatives.

Cllr R Watcyn Jones would attend the Rural Health and Care Wales seminar.

Concern was expressed that banking for organisations and groups with little money was becoming extremely difficult. The Clerk advised that the MP for Ceredigion was currently investigating this and she would update the Council on the outcome. It was suggested that such organisations might benefit from contacting PAVS.

It was queried when the police period of grace for the 20mph limit would end.

17. Date of Next Meeting – 25th November 2021

Items for inclusion on the next agenda need to reach the Clerk no later than 17th November 2021

RESOLUTION	
<i>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</i>	Carried

Clerk's annual salary review

RESOLUTION	
That the Clerk's salary be increased to LC22 that being by one spinal column point to reflect her Community Governance study success and a further spinal column point as an annual increment. That the rise be backdated to April 2021	Carried