

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held by remote means which took place at 7.00 pm on 24th November 2022 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Present:	
Chairman	Mike Kendall
Councillors:	Fraser Coates, Richard Davies , Jo Hutchings, Phil Hutchings, Jonathan Martin , Jane Roberts, Nigel Smith, Melrose Thomas, Rhian Watcyn Jones, Gill Wislocka, Vincent Wright
County Cllr	Mike James joined as indicated in the minutes.
Clerk	Sue Davies
Members of the public and press	0

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Apologies were accepted from:

Councillors:	Fraser Coates, Richard Davies, Jo Hutchings, Phil Hutchings, Jonathan Martin, Jane Roberts, Nigel Smith, Melrose Thomas, Rhian Watcyn Jones, Gill Wislocka, Vincent Wright
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2. Declarations of Interest on Matters Arising from the Agenda/Datgan Diddordeb ar faterion sy'n codi o'r Agenda

Cllr J Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in item 5.5 grant funding. She left the room during discussion and voting. Cllr M Kendall declared a personal interest in item 5.5 grant funding.

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

RESOLUTION	
The agenda be accepted as presented.	Carried

4. To confirm the Minutes of 27-10-22 as a true record

Proposed	Seconded	
Cllr J Hutchings	Cllr P Hutchings	Carried

5. Finance & Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

5.1.1 To approve payments

RESOLUTION	
That the national pay award be approved for the Clerk and backpay etc paid as per the presented information. That the Clerk add salary uplift be added to the February 23 agenda.	Carried

It was noted that work on clearance of brambles would be required in January. One of the quotes received for the work had been supplied in July 2022.

RESOLUTION	
That updated quotes be sought and the decision delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.	Carried

S E Davies	Salary gross and HO	1,990.61
P Hutchings	Christmas lights, Remembrance service	33.39
Penrallt Garden Centre	2021 Christmas tree	70.00
Jig So	Grant funding	Subject to approval

RESOLUTION	
That the payments be approved as presented	Carried

5.1.2 Bank reconciliation
To follow

5.1.3 Budget 23-24 including grounds maintenance contract

RESOLUTION	
That the grounds maintenance contract for 23-24 be awarded to Mr E Brown.	Carried

RESOLUTION	
To set the 23-24 precept at £40k (£5K less than 22-23) taking money out of reserves if required.	Carried

5.2 Removal unmetered electricity supply High Street
Ongoing.

5.3 News Bulletin / Communication with the Community / Citizen/Community Led Recovery

RESOLUTION	
That a New Year message be included, reports on the Christmas tree and the reduction in the precept.	Carried

5.4 Civility and Respect Pledge <https://www.slcc.co.uk/news-publications/civility-respect-pledge/>
It was noted that Clerks were being informed to consider, when seeking employment, if the Council has taken the pledge. If a Council refuses to take the pledge, then this may be seen as highlighting an issue. NALC, OVW and the SLCC shared the view that failing to take The Pledge red flagged a Council.

RESOLUTION	
January agenda item.	Carried

5.5 Grant funding
Jig-So Children's Centre

RESOLUTION	
To grant £750 to Jig-So Children's Centre.	Carried

5.6 Delegation

RESOLUTION	
To delegate authority to the Clerk to deal with any urgent matters, including planning applications (following consultation with members), until the meeting on January 26 th 2023. Where feasible an extra ordinary meeting will be called should the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman consider any matter to require this.	Carried

6. Planning / Ceisiadau Cynllunio

6.1 Applications

Planning Response: Support, no further comment

Application No:NP/22/0646/CLP

Proposal: The erection of an outbuilding Location: Fron Haul, Poppit, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, SA43 3LP

Application Type: Cert of Lawfulness Proposed Use

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](#)

6.2 Planning Enforcement

Recent training on planning enforcement had highlighted that great consideration was given to the impact of noncompliance with planning legislation and it was noted that this was best reported by those most closely affected.

CC M James joined the meeting.

CC M James advised that a new Head of Planning had been appointed at PCC and his offer or arranging a Zoom meeting with her to discuss the CCs role as a planning consultee was accepted.

7. County Cllr's Report

CC M James reported that he had dealt with various issues around the village and assisted several residents. He advised that although parking bays had been requested between Poppit and the Youth Hostel there was space to provide only one. He expressed concern at the sale of house at Parc Noi and hoped that PCC might use Enhancing Pembrokeshire funding to purchase some or all of the properties. The PCC budget consultation would open soon and he urged Cllrs to respond.

8. Committees and Working Parties

To note any reports brought before the Council.

Town and Community Council Toolkit Committee

An update on the Toolkit had been received and sent to Committee members. Any Cllr wishing to join the Committee should contact the Clerk.

9. Village Amenities / Mwynderau

9.1 Playground

Update and agree any actions

The contract for the repair of the surfaces and removal of the tunnel had been awarded. The work was weather dependent, and might take place in the new year.

9.2 Noticeboards

RESOLUTION	
That the owners of Crwst at Poppit be contacted to ascertain if the request to place a noticeboard on the building had been made to PCNP.	Carried

9.3 Bus shelters

To note that in removing the graffitied the paint had also come of and a coat of paint on the affected wall might be required.

RESOLUTION	
To seek quotes for quarterly cleaning of the bus shelter on Pilot St and by BV Rees. To seek quotes for replacing the broken pane in the bus shelter on Pilot Street.	Carried

9.4 Cutting schedule and bio-diversity Report – Cllr M Kendall

It was noted that due to the late leaf fall Mr Brown would be asked to do a final path clearance.

9.5 Poppit toilet block Update – Cllr J Hutchings

The next proposed meeting to discuss possible redevelopment of the site was in December.

9.6 Acquisition/Provision of additional amenity land

Nothing brought forward.

9.7 Defibrillators

Car park Glanteifion Poppit

RNLI had given permission for installation of the defibrillator at the station at Poppit. Details to be confirmed.

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

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

As part of which, to accept a report from the *St Dogmaels Footpath Association* / Llwylbrau Llandudoch and discuss any requests for lobbying or assistance.

10.1.2. Cardigan Bridge /Access/Footpath

Noting that Cardigan Town Council had resolved to support the proposal to open the riverside footpath between Cardigan and St Dogmaels and while noting the potential merits of the route there were concerns about the proposals to re-open PCC 87/23C CCC 78/23 river route between St Dogmaels and Cardigan:

RESOLUTION
Before offering its support to any project, St Dogmaels Community Council wished to see a feasibility study including the following indicative, but not an exclusive list: <ul style="list-style-type: none">any proposed works and total costs

- detail of ongoing maintenance costs to maintain the path should work take place, including the impact of any such maintenance on existing and future footpath budgets
- evidence that any proposals should not negatively impact river users
- evidence that any such proposals should not cause entrapments for trees and debris (see maintenance costs)
- that the study should contain a full environmental assessment due to the value of the habitats on the river, not least otter habitats
- evidence that works should not destabilise the banks
- that any such proposal and works would not detract from providing a safer pedestrian route along Brecon Terrace
- that any such proposals and works would not impact the provision of a safer route to Poppit, which is within Cardigan's Active Travel area
- that any such works would not run counter to Pembrokeshire County Council's Coastal Management Plan

St Dogmaels Community Council also noted that the path running beside the compound fencing at BV Rees (ex-Jewsons) is restricted in width by the fencing, and this should be addressed, with the landowner being required to provide the appropriate width (notwithstanding any erosion subject to any Highways legislation that might apply).

The Community Council was also concerned that the culvert which exits under the car park at BV Rees to the River Teifi should not, at any time, be restricted by ongoing works nor permanently.

10.2 Route to Poppit/Active Travel

The new feasibility study had been submitted to the Welsh Govt.

10.3 Village Regeneration Walks

It was suggested that the walks take place again in the new year to follow up on progress of issues raised and note any new items.

10.4 Parking

Nothing brought forward.

10.5 Bike racks

Ongoing.

11. Police

Clerk to follow up on a date for the proposed crime prevention talk.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

12.1 Remembrance Service – Sunday, November 13th 2022 Review

The excellent public attendance was noted and it was agreed that the service should follow the same format in 2023. The Clerks concerns were noted. It was agreed that all events should be carefully planned and tasks allocated. If there were insufficient persons to safely undertake the tasks at an event the Council should consider if the event should take place.

RESOLUTION	
Noting the personal matters that had affected the Clerk's leave in the week following the Service and agreed to reinstate two days of the leave.	Carried

RESOLUTION	
That the Memorial Hall Committee be respectfully requested to keep the area around the Memorial Boards clear and tidy. That the Memorial Hall be asked to work with the Community Council to make any necessary repairs to the Memorial Boards.	Carried

RESOLUTION	
That a regular check be made on the War Memorial to ensure it was clean and tidy and that any significant issues be reported to the Clerk.	Carried

12.2 Senior Citizens' Christmas meal - Update

It was noted that booking closed on 25th November. Due to the Post Office having to close due to Covid the Coach House had kindly agreed to take a booking list. It was now believed that there might be additional numbers to the 50 to 60 originally expected.

RESOLUTION	
That subject to the venue's capacity additional spaces be booked and the appropriate deposit paid. Additional funding for any extra places would be taken out of reserves.	Carried

12.3 Christmas Tree by Coach House – Update

RESOLUTION	
The delivery of the tree had been delayed but it would be installed and decorated when Cllr P Hutchings had the opportunity as he was currently unwell. The Chairman offered his help when Cllr P Hutchings was ready to do the work.	Carried

13. Meeting Reports / Adroddiad

Cllr Hutchings had attended the Afon Teifi Fairways meeting as the Council's representative. He asked that the Council write a letter of support for FLAG funding for a safety boat for the river.

RESOLUTION	
That the draft letter provided be accepted and sent.	Carried

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

Papur Gwyn ar Weinyddu a Diwygio Etholiadol / Electoral Administration and Reform White Paper <https://gov.wales/electoral-administration-and-reform-white-paper>

Noted.

15. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Exchange and matters to note for the next agenda.

The ongoing issue of strong and unpleasant smells from the river was noted. It was suggested that residents should keep a diary of these events.

It was noted that fencing required repair on the Cwm to the rear of the Abbey. CC M James advised it was a Highways issue and he would report it.

16. Date of Next Meeting – January 26th 2023

Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk no later than 17th January 2023.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.29 pm.