

Good afternoon, Sue,

I trust you are keeping well.

I kindly ask you to share the following information with the Community Councillors in advance of your meeting on 14th September.

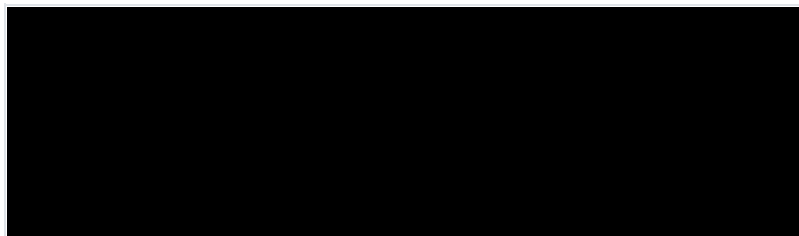
I write with reference to the Community Council's continued support of our previous requests in relation to the income from the car park at Poppit Sands.

We have just completed our third Sunday of collecting voluntary donations at the car park, and we are delighted at the amount we have managed to raise for the Club. As you are aware, being a volunteer run charity, we are solely dependent on donations, sponsors, grant applications and fundraising events to raise money in order to give our members the best possible provision. We extend our sincere thanks to you for your support.

To this end, we would like to ask for the Community Council's support again for 2024. As a Club, **our coaches, assistants, members and their families are frequent users of the car park from early Spring to late Autumn and invest a significant sum of money in parking fees and season tickets, as this is the home of Poppit Sands SLSC.**

We have been honoured to play our part in the community during 2023. We provided a taster lifesaving session for *Adoption West Wales* in July, where 15 families were given an insight into the skills involved, and also had an opportunity to learn about the work of the *RNLI*. We have also provided ocean safety cover for the *DO Lectures* Early Morning swims and the *Tresaith to Aberporth Charity swim* in August.

As you know, we were successful in our bid to host the National Championships at Poppit at the end of July. We are delighted to report that it was a resounding success, with our Governing Body SLSA Wales expressing a desire to return for future events. Here's what the Western Telegraph had to say : [Poppit Surf Lifesaving Club ranked second best in Wales | Western Telegraph](#)



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Finally, to put things into perspective, it may be useful for me to share the cost of competition entry fees with you. In order to remain as inclusive as possible, we subsidise entry fees for our members. The maximum any competitor aged 18 and under will pay is £15 for individual events. Master members pay for their individual events. The Club also covers the cost of pair and team entry fees in full. Here is a breakdown of competition entry fees per category, with the total amount payable by the Club for 2023 Ocean Championships highlighted in green :

Welsh Championships Fees

	Members	Club	Total
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Nippers	£675	£761	£1,436
Youth	£330	£434	£764
Open	£30	£94	£124
Masters	£430	£144	£574
	£1,465	£1,433	£2,898

In addition, please find attached a summary of the costs associated with Club equipment, along with running costs. We currently have 154 active members, which has a knock-on effect of requiring more kit, which then has implications on storage space at the Clubhouse.....but that's another ongoing story!

To confirm, we would like to seek a mandate from St.Dogmaels Community Council for your support in making the funds from the car park charges available to Poppit Sands Surf Lifesaving Club, for 3 days in 2024. We sincerely appreciate your support to date.

Many thanks for your time, as always.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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