

# MINUTES

## Letterston Community Council Meeting

**7:30pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 held remotely by Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** Cllrs R Davies (RD)(Chair), P West (PW), H Johnson (HJ), A Adams (AA), G Thomas (GT), B Homer (BH), G Humphrey (GH), S Millichip (SM), M Bateman (PCC)(MB(JW), S Jones (Clerk) (SJ)

**Apologies** B Morgan, J Williams

The meeting was preceded with a briefing from PW and a discussion about the possible implications of the parts of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (**21/49**) pertaining to community councils.

### **21/71 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were read and accepted as a true record **P GH S PW**

### **Matters Arising**

- **21/04 Football Clubhouse:** PW has prepared a draft lease which will be circulated prior to the next meeting. [ONGOING]
- **21/72 Road Safety Matters:** The previous minutes 20/43, 20/83, 20/103 have been amalgamated into one item. RD, AA & SJ met with C Williams and S Benger on 30th November. The pavement at the bottom end of St Davids Road was found to be partly already in place and the works can be carried out, subject to grant funding being secured by LCC. Min y Llan was unlikely to receive speed humps because of the extra noise and pollution they cause. A 20mph speed limit would not be imposed because 20mph speed limits on all restricted roads are starting to be rolled out across Wales. The junction from the new estate behind 73 St Davids Rd was examined and it was likely that improvements may be made. Driveways in Spring Gardens not within Traffic remit, SJ to write to PCC Housing Maintenance. Restricted parking at the top of St Davids Road was thought to be an appropriate measure. Pavements from Parc Maen Hir along Station Road were likely to be follow from the new development - Longstone Court Part 2.
- **18/30 A40 Crossing:** In the 30th November visit, C Williams of PCC assessed the site as ideal for 4 way traffic light control and is happy to confer with the lead officer from SWTRA. [ONGOING AS PART OF 21/72]
- **19/06 Play Park Equipment:** SJ to chase company for a date for a site visit [ONGOING]
- **19/29 Memorial Bench:** Compliments received regarding the siting of a bench for Remembrance Sunday, which has since been moved. SJ requested to source another bench for placing next to the Cenotaph [ONGOING]
- **19/46 Recycle Bins:** SJ to chase [ONGOING]
- **20/20 Trecwn Bridge:** A reply had been received from SWTRA / WG that they had no concerns regarding the latest inspection. B HJ, **S** AA The matter can be closed, as a further inspection will be due in May. [CLOSED]
- **20/112 Dog Fouling:** Signs have been erected. [CLOSE]
- **21/14 Derelict Cottage:** SJ to chase with PCC. [ONGOING]
- **21/37 Village Flag:** Design to be agreed at next meeting. [ONGOING]
- **21/42 Queens Platinum Jubilee** A meeting to discuss, involving community representatives to be arranged for 24th January. [ONGOING]

- **21/51: School Carol Service:** GT commented that the event was well attended and went very well. [CLOSE]
- **21/60 Parking Hyfrydle:** Letter delivered and problem appears to have ceased. [CLOSE]
- **21/61 Parking Spring Gardens:** Incorporated into **21/72** [CLOSE]
- **20/35 Broadband:** AA has arranged a Zoom meeting on 17/11/21 with another company that will be running cable through the village to Fishguard. [CLOSE]
- **21/63 Hedge Station Road:** SJ to write to Preseli Lettings. [CLOSE]
- **21/69 Waste Bags** SJ delivered the AHP bags [CLOSE]
- **21/73 Feidr Joseph:** AA reported that he had discussions with PCC Footpaths Officer regarding the very poor drainage in the lane. It was noted that the lane was below the level of the adjoining fields so very difficult to drain. AA suggested that if road scalping is offered to the community, we consider for surfacing the worst stretches. [CLOSE]
- **21/74 Defibrillators:** AA reported that the two units in the community were in need of servicing and he was happy to take a course to do this. The costs for repairs and replacements will be met by LCC. AA may be asked to look after other units outside the community and would consider how this could be done at no cost to him. [ONGOING]

## **21/75 Planning**

No new matters received

## **21/76 Finance**

- Final precept payment of £8,000 received
- Grasscutting
- Current account - £21,660, Savings £5,000

## **21/77 Correspondence**

- PCC regarding 2022 / 23 precept. Following a discussion it was agreed that to ask for a reduction to £20,000, due to the great hardships felt by many in the community since the pandemic.
- PCC offering the toilets on the Square to LCC on a 125 year lease. Some members felt that LCC already had ownership. SJ to invite Dave Astins to attend the next meeting.

## **21/78 PCC Report**

MB reported that the budget settlement from WG had been better than anticipated and had reduced the expected budget deficit, but some WG decisions had impacts which would eat into it and the budget would still be challenging. A consultation was out on a Draft Wellbeing Assessment. Letterston was next in line for phosphorus stripping implemented at the sewage works. Until this was done, no new housing would be allowed. AA queried if this was the reason why the LDP2 was on hold? MB confirmed that this was one of a number of reasons. MB was also seeking a grant from a fund to mitigate against Winter Pressures to publish a new community newsletter, which she hoped could go out more regularly and invited any suggestions for content.

BH questioned the Audit Report into unlawful payments by PCC and noted her disgruntlement. MB stated that she has been pushing for better accountability and performance management.

## **Any Other Business**

- **21/79 Moles** GT noted moles on the Football pitch. SJ to contact contractor.
- **21/80 Salt bins** RD asked that SJ request PCC to refill the salt bins.

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022, at Memorial Hall, with option to include Zoom meeting.

## **Items for the next Agenda:**

**19/06** Playpark equipment

**20/112** Dog fouling

**21/31** Commons bins

**21/42** Queens Jubilee

**21/74** Defibrilators

**21/81** General Maintenance

**19/29** Memorial benches

**21/04** Football Clubhouse

**21/37** Village flag

**21/70** Public toilets

**21/79** Moles

**19/46** Recycle bins

**21/14** Derelict Cottage

**21/40** New legislation

**21/72** Road Safety issues

**21/80** Salt bins