

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

**7:30pm Monday 17th October 2022 held at Letterston Community Hall,
with members joining remotely by Zoom Meeting**

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

Apologies: None (full complement)

22/32 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 18th July 2022 were read and accepted as a true record **P RD S AS**

Matters Arising

- **19/06 Play Park Equipment:** BM thanked for erecting no dogs signs. SJ to chase Kompan about the defective artificial grass and junior walkway [ONGOING]
- **20/29 Storyboard:** In hand with HJ. [ONGOING]
- **21/04 Football Clubhouse:** PW has shared the final draft with a solicitor and should be ready to proceed in November. [ONGOING]
- **21/37 Village Flag:** Flag was on display for the Carnival and well received. RD suggested that we combine the unveiling with an event like the opening of the Community Garden. We will consider the possibility of 10:00 on 13th November. HJ will obtain artwork to be incorporated in the LCC letterhead. [ONGOING]
- **21/42 Queens Platinum Jubilee** Some minor bills still outstanding. [ONGOING]
- **21/49 New Legislation:** PW noted that we had reached a point where the Council could, under new legislation, achieve the status of being an “Eligible” Community Council, giving wider powers of administration, should the Council wish to do so. Certain criteria need to be met and further discussions will take place to decide how these criteria could be best achieved. [ONGOING]
- **21/72 Road Safety Issues:** Ongoing with SJ. [ONGOING]
- **21/77 Toilets:** PW has put surveyor on hold due to current financial position. [ONGOING]
- **21/88 Community Garden:** PW has 5 interested individuals, mostly interested in raised beds at the Square. The School are also interested in participating. RD will need to level off some of the ground at the Commons and has the equipment to make a well. [ONGOING]
- **21/97 Food Box:** AS reported that a roller-shutter unit was obtained at a cost of £40, but it was removed, possibly accidentally within hours of being deployed. AS will provide a photo for MB to place on village FB site. AS to be reimbursed for the unit. [ONGOING]
- **22/02 Mathry Road:** MB will enquire about possible planning enforcement. [ONGOING]
- **22/07 Ash Dieback:** Works have been carried out, including 1 tree removed. Further ash tree in poor condition outside telephone exchange to be reported. [ONGOING]
- **22/08 Playpark Wall:** A second tender for £3,350 has been received. P RD, S GT to proceed with this quote. [ONGOING]

- **22/12 Sycamore Trees:** PW reported that due to cost, a surveyor had not been appointed. He had consulted large scale maps and the boundary between the Commons and 121 St Davids Road appeared to be along the centre of the bank. It therefore seemed fair that the ownership and responsibility for removing the trees be shared. S Jones to contact householder and offer to split the cost of removal. RD will be able to attend to this when the ground is suitable. [ONGOING]
- **22/14 Fireworks:** RD has purchased the fireworks. Consideration needs to be given to options to postpone or cancel if the forecast is bad. HJ asked for volunteers on the night. [ONGOING]
- **22/15 Picnic Benches:** These can be obtained at a reasonable price, but BM cautioned that some groundworks were required first. RD will try to attend whilst the ground is soft. [ONGOING]
- **22/18 Carnival:** HJ thanked all those who helped in atrocious conditions. [CLOSE]
- **22/19 Events Committee:** It was resolved that the best approach would be to set up an ad-hoc committee as and when required, such as for the Coronation next year [CLOSE]
- **22/20 Dog Waste Bins:** SJ reported that no calls had been received since the notices had been placed on the bins and it was unlikely that anyone would want to carry out this thankless task. BM noted that the bin at the Commons had been periodically emptied. [CLOSE]
- **22/20 Play Park lighting:** RD has been approached by some of the children's families to ask if some lighting could be installed to improve safety and deter vandalism at the Playpark. SJ to approach householders for their views first. [ONGOING]
- **22/28 S Crabb meeting:** AA and PW both noted that despite a letter drop to each household, only 9 residents turned up for a consultation with our MP and only 2 Councillors, which it was felt reflected poorly on the Council. [CLOSE]
- **22/29 Tennis Courts:** HJ reported that as far as she was aware, the courts had been handed to the Community Council many years ago. There were now some issues with the fencing in poor conditions and some surface repairs required. GT asked if he could make some enquiries about costs and funding opportunities for revamping the courts and report to the next meeting. P GT, S PW that GT go ahead with this. [ONGOING]
- **22/30 Ateb Housing:** HJ has received queries from some residents at the Longstone development as to why Ateb maintains some of the hedges, but not all. SJ to write to Ateb. [ONGOING]
- **22/31 Endeavour Prize:** HJ has purchased a book voucher for £50 and prize to be given at same time as the flag event (21/31). HJ to be reimbursed.

22/33 Planning

22/0470/PA Variation of conditions for permission at Clovers Farm. No objections.

22/34 Finance

- TG Morris excavating footings for flagpoles and sign posts £380.
- Grasscutting
- One Voice Wales Membership and member training £442
- R Davies fireworks £1,023 & well equipment £123.46
- Zurich insurance £710.64
- PCC invoices £1,801.34

- PCC precept received £6,666
- HJ QPJ buglers and Endeavour Prize (22/31) £100
- Current account 17/10/2022 - £1,243, Savings £100

22/35 Correspondence

- Rev G Eynon suggesting Remembrance Service 13/11/22 be held at Memorial Hall after Cenotaph. All agreed to proceed as suggested.
- Launch of Trecwn Green Energy Hub project.
- Letter from PAVS concerning Warm Rooms initiative. P PW, S BM that we support the project, subject to WG funding support being available.

22/36 PCC Report

MB outlined that Welsh Government will be installing 20mph speed limits on all urban roads, except trunk roads from 2023. Consultation results had not been in favour but they were proceeding anyway.

WG are starting a consultation on a tourism tax to be administered by local authorities.

DCWW were due to commence a phosphate stripping works in the village soon, which should allow building projects to get back underway.

The PCC budget for the financial year was predicted to have a £26M shortfall, part of an overall £500M deficit across Wales and an extra £15 deficit for PCC next year. Some English authorities are in a worse place and UK government finances are not great at present. A full Council seminar is due to be held next week.

New Items

22/37 GoSafe: AA asked if the speed van can be requested for the A40 near the Harp Inn, particularly on Sunday lunchtime / afternoons.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 21st November, 7:30pm at Memorial Hall, with Zoom option.

Items for the next Agenda:

19/06 Playpark equipment

21/04 Football Clubhouse

21/72 Road Safety issues

21/97 Food box

22/12 Overhanging trees

19/46 Recycle bins

21/37 Village flag

21/77 Public toilets

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