

SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Saundersfoot Community Council held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at The Regency Hall, Saundersfoot at 5.30pm.

Present - Cllrs M Williams BEM (Chair), S John (Vice Chair), P Baker (County Councillor), B Cleevely, T Pearson, A Mattick, N Sefton, and A Upham

In attendance – The Clerk

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs S Boughton-Thomas, P Beedles, D Ludlow and R Hayes MBE
- 2. To discuss the purchase of Christmas Lights to be placed within the Sensory Garden**

An Email from Cllr Boughton Thomas was read out regarding the recent meeting of the Grounds Sub-committee.

Cllr John raised concerns that the time of the meeting had been changed (due to weather conditions) and when he arrived the meeting had ended.

Cllr Mattick enquired as to why, when agreed in the November 2017 meeting (Minute 12j) and the formation of a Christmas Lights 2018 onwards group, had the discussions with the Chamber for Tourism and the Harbour not continued regarding the coordination of lights within the village. It was established that no further meeting had been arranged and talks had not continued.

It was agreed that Christmas lighting around the village from 2019 onwards would be discussed in the Christmas Lights group with a report being brought to full Council for any considerations to be approval by all Councillors.

Cllr Baker confirmed that the donation cheque, in the sum of £3,750.00 towards the upkeep of the lights around the village, had been gratefully received by the Chamber for Tourism.

Cllr Williams BEM stated that all lights within the Sensory Garden are the property and responsibility of the Council.

It was established that the budget remaining for Christmas Lights equated to £1,600.00

Clarity was requested as to what Christmas lights had been decided upon. Cllr Williams BEM explained that the lights had already arrived at his home and that they include various connection parts, two waterproof connection boxes, strings of white lights and a family of deers that light up in white light. The supplier, a regular supplier to the Council, had shipped the order in good faith prior to payment.

Cllr Baker proposed that payment, in the sum of £1,600.00 plus VAT, be made for the lights received by Cllr Williams BEM but moving forward all Council's spending regarding lights for the village be discussed by the Christmas Lights group and reported to full Council for any purchase to be voted on by full Council; Cllr Sefton seconded the proposal with a majority vote in favour. 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

The Clerk to advise the Insurance company of the additional lights and adjust the Asset Register accordingly.

Discussion took place regarding health and safety issues while working above 2 metres from the ground. The Clerk to seek further information and draft a policy and risk assessment for such.

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- 3. Councillors are to consider 'The Proposal' put forward by Legal Representatives, with regards to the potential re drafting of existing leases for buildings sited on Community**

Council Land ie. The Saundersfoot Bowling Club; The Regency Hall; The Saundersfoot Sports and Social Club.

Cllr Williams BEM gave a brief report of the meeting held with the representatives of the Regency Hall, Sports and Social Club, the Council and the legal representatives of all parties. (The Clerks report sent to all Councillors prior to this meeting). He also reiterated the fact that a public meeting had been held in December 2017 to establish the views of the public, with the majority of persons present in favour of the Council supporting the Regency Hall and the Sports and Social Club.

Cllr Cleevely questioned whether the Regency Hall Trustees had agreed to their lease with the Council changing. It was confirmed that they would not alter this lease as it is a 99 year 'rolling Lease' which can only be renegotiated if the Regency Hall falls into disrepair, but they would give due consideration to the changing of the sub lease they hold with the Sports and Social Club. (Various other bodies have to be consulted and agree to the terms of any new Leases).

Cllr Ludlow arrived.

Councillors doubted the long term viability of the Sports and Social Club.

Discussion took place over the hypothetical amount of money that the Council could pay out in rent over the next 25 years.

The Clerk left the meeting due to a prior commitment. Cllr John took notes.

The following minutes are taken from Cllr John's notes.

Cllr Cleevely proposed that the Clerk contact the Council's Solicitor to ascertain the cost of drafting a new lease between the Saundersfoot Community Council and the Regency Hall for the land on which the Sports and Social Club is situated with no rent increases for the period of the Lease, and what the minimum term of the Lease would be; Cllr John seconded the proposal.

Cllr Ludlow abstained from the vote. All other Councillors voted in favour of the proposal.

Meeting closed 19.05