

SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Saundersfoot Community Council.

This was a remote meeting held via the medium of Zoom on the 8th June 2020 at 6pm.

Members of the public were given the opportunity of joining the meeting by Emailing the Clerk and requesting the meeting details (Email: melaniepriestley.scc@gmail.com)

Present - Cllrs N Sefton (Chair), S Boughton Thomas (Vice Chair), P Baker (County Councillor), B Clevely, A Upham, M Wainwright, T Pearson, D Ludlow, M Saunders, P Beedles and M Williams BEM

The Clerk

2020/06 247 Due to restrictions imposed by Welsh Government during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Cllr Sefton proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council hold General Meetings and Committee Meetings by the use of video-conferencing, or tele-conferencing until restrictions are relaxed sufficiently to allow normal face-to-face meetings and that the Protocol for such meetings, as circulated, be adopted for the duration of the restrictions and should override Standing Orders where relevant; Cllr Williams BEM seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2020/06 248 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Hayes MBE

2020/06 249 Chairman's Report

As every one knows, current circumstances have made significant changes to the way in which we live our lives.

Since our March meeting, I have undertaken no official duties as Chairman. There were plans being developed for the 75th Anniversary of VE day, which had to be cancelled. I do know, however, that practically everyone did something on that day to celebrate the end of the war in Europe.

Since the March meeting I have had a few memorable experiences: I was on holiday in Lanzarote when Spain introduced their lockdown; I drove home on Sunday March 22nd and ran over an object on the M4 near Cardiff, which later that week led to my car being declared a total loss, due to a hole in the gearbox! Since when we have been without a car.

Still, during lockdown, I have been aware of many tremendous initiatives and voluntary activities which have been created by or involving Councillors. These include exceptional work done by our own Phil Baker creating Saundersfoot Connectors, following the creation of Saundersfoot Connect Facebook page and website in which he was also involved. This happened whilst I was in Lanzarote and was in full swing by the time I returned home.

Phil wears many hats and his position on the County Council allowed him to know early on, what was being planned by Pembrokeshire County Council and to realise the need for a more local support network, which he has run with endless energy and stamina. Many residents have benefitted greatly from Phil and his group. I cannot mention everyone's input, but I know there have been many contributions from Council members to the cause. Highlights would include Dean and Debbie's efforts throughout the village, from painting a rainbow on their house to filling planters by the roadside; Paula's production line for PPE, Michael's driving of a Tuk Tuk, with unintended consequences. I know there are many more.

Our renewed presence on Facebook has enabled us to provide valuable information to residents, although I admit I have not yet had a discussion with Phil and Dean. To date, I have taken on the task myself.

Other notable events include the installation of not one, but two webcams overlooking our wonderful beaches: Saundersfoot Connect have positioned one showing Saundersfoot main beach and harbour, Hean Castle Estate have one overlooking Coppet Hall beach. There is also the possibility of a further two web cameras being added.

Finally, we have had to resort to using ZOOM to run remote meetings and I would like to thank The Clerk and all Councillors for embracing this new technology.

Cllr Wainwright welcomed Cllr Saunders to Saundersfoot Community Council.

2020/06 250 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Boughton Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 259 and took no part in this item

2020/06 251 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 5th March 2020

Cllr Sefton proposed these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council held on 5th March 2020; Cllr Cleevely seconded the proposal with all Councillors in full agreement.

2020/06 252 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

None

2020/06 253 To receive County Councillor's Report

Awaited

2020/06 254 To Receive Any Reports from Committees

Cllr Williams BEM on behalf of the Sensory Garden Sub Committee

Cllr Williams BEM reported that:

- Grass cutting continues after the ceasing of such due restrictions imposed by the Welsh Government
- Flowering plants are being planted in the Sensory Garden, although there is a limited choice colour is being added to the garden
- Mr Chris Viggars' day spent in the garden carrying out various tasks was greatly noticed and will he will be asked to carry out an addition day the beginning of July 2020

2020/06 255 To Receive Reports from Council Representatives

None

Agenda Items

2020/06 256 To consider purchasing 6 'free standing' hand sanitiser units and alcohol hand wash to locate around the Village (Cllrs had received copies of quotations for this item via Email prior to the meeting)

Cllr Baker proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council purchase six free standing, hand sanitizer units (and gel) to be placed in various locations around Saundersfoot village, to support the reopening of the village businesses and to safeguard resident's safety at a cost of £1,513.23 (+ VAT)

to be paid for from reserves; Cllr Beedles seconded the proposal with all Cllr in full agreement. The manufacturer has offered to add branding to the units free of charge.

2020/06 257 Pedestrianisation in Cambrian Terrace and The Strand

Following discussion Cllr Baker proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council support and provide a budget up to £5,000 (from reserves) to enable the possibility of single lane pedestrianisation in Cambrian Terrace and The Strand providing additional outdoor space on footway and carriageway to assist businesses in observing the requirements imposed regarding social distancing; Cllr Sefton seconded the proposal with a majority vote in favour of the proposal.

Cllr Baker will liaise with Pembrokeshire County Council and report back to Saundersfoot Community Council when he has further information.

2020/06 258 Summer Watering increased hours

Cllr Williams BEM requested that this agenda item be postponed until the following meeting. All Cllrs agreed

2020/06 259 Grant Payment to the Regency Hall

Following discussion and acknowledgement that at present the current trading situation of the Saundersfoot Sports and Social Club is unknown to the Council Cllr Sefton proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council pay a donation to the Regency Hall in the sum of £1,075 on the 30th June 2020 with consideration in September, December, and March for a further £1,075 to be paid (ie total of £4,300 in 2020/2021) taking into account the trading status of the Saundersfoot Sports and Social Club; Cllr Williams BEM seconded the proposal with a majority vote in favour.

2020/06 260 New Years Day Swim

Following a recent meeting regarding the New Year's Day Swim (NYDS) 2021 Cllr Williams BEM reported that:-

1. Due to the numbers traditionally attending the swim it was agreed that, if social distancing rules were still in play at the end of the year, the NYDS 2021 would not be able to facilitate the requirements and the Swim would be cancelled.
2. The safety of the swimmers, spectators, volunteers and the public of Pembrokeshire is paramount. The decision as to whether the Swim would take place would be based purely on safety grounds, nothing else. (Information from the Welsh Ambulance Service is that there is a likely spike in November).
3. It was agreed that we would release a 'holding' statement ASAP in order to inform the public that we are considering all options as to whether the Swim will take place.
4. It was agreed that a final decision would be made at the end of August. A press release would then be provided on 1st September.
5. An alternative 'swim' was discussed, which could be managed via social media. A possible suggestion was an Ice Bath challenge in the safety of their own homes.

Date of next meeting - to discuss the Internal Auditors Report and Approve Accounts prior to onward submission to Grant Thornton.

23rd June 2020 6pm by the medium of Zoom