

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

Monday 20th July 2020 held remotely by Zoom Meeting

Present: Cllrs R Davies (*Chair*)(RD), P West (*Vice Chair*)(PW), B Morgan (BM), B Homer (BH), G Humphrey (GH), H Johnson (HJ), S Millichip (SM), J Williams (JW), Cllr M Bateman (PCC) (MB), S Jones (Clerk) (SJ)

Apologies

G Thomas, L Williams. PW also recorded apologies for being unable to attend the site meeting at the Commons on 13th July.

20/22 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 15th June 2020 were read and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- **17/16 Hedgebank:** RD reported that the bank had been turfed over and was complimented for such a good job. HJ queried whether a get may be fitted to stop vehicles going onto the grass. RD Will investigate. SJ reported that an invoice had been received for the turf of £1,140. Resolved that this be paid. No invoice yet received for the machine. [ONGOING]
- **18/30 A40 Crossing:** No further update as Welsh Government staff now dealing with Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **18/86 Commons Drains:** RD outlined that a site visit was held on 13th July to show the problem area where a bend in the drain behind Hyfrydle was blocking up and causing flooding during heavy rain. He estimated that replacing the faulty section could cost £2,000 - £3,000 but if nothing was done we would soon be paying more for drain jetting. Someone would need to build up a manhole. BM offered to ask Geraint Morris if he could do that. RD stated that whilst a machine was being used, it would be as well to tidy up the car park and the area around the Christmas tree, which would also entail getting a load of chippings. **P** BM, **S** HJ to go ahead with all works. [ONGOING]
- **19/06 Play Park Equipment:** On hold due to Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **19/29 Memorial Bench:** Works on hold due to Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **19/46: Recycle Bins:** On hold due to Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **19/60 Community Consultation:** No further meetings due to Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **19/70 Youth Involvement:** On hold due to Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **20/09** SJ has sent out to those Councillors who had not yet replied [CLOSE]
- **20/14 Tin Man Tuesday:** MB outlined the scheme in Wolfscastle which was in its 4th week where tins were left out for collection on a Tuesday and forwarded to the Fishguard foodbank. 90 items were collected last week The members expressed an interest in exploring what can be done in Letterston. SJ to contact Pat Rogers in Wolfscastle to establish if leaflets can be produced. The members offered to distribute them in the village. Volunteers would then be required for weekly collection. [ONGOING]
- **20/15 Pavements:** SJ had forwarded to members a plan showing that the pavements are owned by PCC who have now referred to their Area Maintenance to inspect [CLOSE]
- **20/16 Hedges:** SJ reported that he has printed the letters ready to deliver [ONGOING]

- **20/17 Speeding / antisocial behaviour:** SJ reported that both matters had been reported to PCSO Miles [CLOSE]
- **20/20 Trecwn Bridge:** PW had circulated correspondence with Valley Management regarding the apparent lack of maintenance to the Trecwn branch line bridge over the A40. He had received a reply that was not satisfactory and was asked by members to pursue the matter. [ONGOING]
- **20/21 Fireworks:** It was agreed that even if social distancing is still in force, there was plenty of room at the Commons. RD will order fireworks. HJ reminded the need to ensure school car park is available and local media are aware of the correct time (7:30pm) [ONGOING]

20/23 Planning

None received

20/24 Finance

- Grasscutting
- Insurance - £689.68
- Public Loans Works Board £1,829.56

Current account 20/07/2020 - £10,940, Savings £7,071

20/25 Correspondence (not already dealt with)

- Questionnaire from Memorial Hall regarding unlocking. Agreed SJ to respond that the aspiration was to return to physical meetings at the Hall in September, with Zomm facilities for members not yet able to venture out.
- Risk assessment documents for the playpark at the Commons. Signs will probably need to be produced SJ and PW to attend.
- Resilience Network Pembrokeshire. Letter querying whether there was any land which could be acquired for a community Land Trust for initiatives such as allotments. It was noted that land previously used for allotments at Min y Llan and Station Road had fallen into disuse, so there was unlikely to be sufficient interest in new land.

20/26 PCC Report

MB first replied to the query about salary and benefits for senior PCC staff. The terms and conditions are set in line with welsh standards and the car allowance is on the proviso that the vehicle can be used for emergencies such as severe weather. SJ confirmed that the CEO and directors cars were extensively used by trained drivers during the Beast from the East. BH expressed dissatisfaction with the situation and MB outlined that this may well be pursued when Cabinet will be demanding £300K of savings from costs for senior staff.

Full Council held a virtual meeting last Thursday which had connection and etiquette difficulties, not helped by numerous members not having attended training. For the foreseeable future this was going to have to be how business was conducted.

The shielding scheme was due to be paused in August, but could be reintroduced if we have a resurgence of the virus. The support scheme had been popular and has worked well helping individuals' self-reliance. 85 community groups had registered and many are keen to keep up the momentum. PCC were looking at ways to empower groups to maintain equitable access across the board.

This was the last week for schools before the summer break. There was to be a gradual restart in September leading up to the 14th when all pupils were expected to be back.

The county was being reopened to tourism with 95% occupancy bookings. Staff had been redeployed into Meet & Greet teams for 8 weeks. Numerous hospitality businesses were unable to open with only outside catering, but this should improve when businesses are allowed to operate indoors.

GH enquired when health services are returning to normal. MB outlined that there was pressure to get services back to address backlogs, including cancer patients who had been avoiding hospitals.

BH noted that he had witnessed a lack of social distancing among holidaymakers in the village and that supermarkets had removed their one way systems. The wearing of masks was also discussed.

Any Other Business

20/27 Engagement: PW stated that he had heard from residents that many felt disenfranchised from the Community Council and that the noticeboard was not being kept current. PW offered to take responsibility for the noticeboard. Offer accepted.

17/03 Property St Davids Road: SJ to enquire if all still going ahead as it has gone quiet.

20/28 Noted that the end of year for Year 6 is Friday. GJ will ask regarding names for the prizes. MB has asked about vouchers and trophies but not heard back. HJ will obtain a voucher.

20/29 HJ asked if a storyboard including a map of footpaths can be put on the next agenda.

20/30 Noted that a 16th party had taken place at Min y Llan and the pavilion on the Commons and continued until late. Social distancing had been zero.

20/31 BH asked if an individual could conduct outdoor dance classes at the Commons. All were in favour. HJ advised that government guidelines are sought for outdoor activities on the Commons as the land belongs to LCC. There may be risk assessments/other things to consider before permission given.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 17th August 2020 by Zoom meeting,

Items for the next Agenda:

17/03 Land St Davids Rd
20/14 Tin Man Tuesday:
20/21 Fireworks
20/29 Storyboard

17/16 Hedgebank
20/16 Hedges
20/25 Playpark

18/86 Commons Drains
20/20 Trecwn Bridge
20/28 School prizegiving