592.1 Appointment of New Chairperson – The Clerk had requested nominations for the role before the meeting with 1 nomination being received. Cllr Davies proposed Cllr Lloyd be appointed, seconded by Cllr Wimhurst and all in favour. Cllr Lloyd accepted the role and Cllr Clarke will remain as Vice Chairperson.

592.2 Tree Evaluation Report – The Clerk presented the quotation received by Bobby Simmons to carry out the work as detailed on the report carried out by David Wiltshire, apart from 1 tree that is the responsibility of the school. Members agreed unanimously to accept the quote and asked if the trees by Babell Chapel could be trimmed at the same time. The Clerk will advise Bobby Simmons accordingly.

592.3 Footpaths below the Castle \_ Cllr Davies reported that he had met with Pathfinders who have prepared an extensive plan of works, to include improvement of steps, placing of railway sleepers and filling in of sunken ground etc. at a cost of £7091 + vat. The work will commence in March in order to utilise the grant. Remaining work will include two new interpretations boards and finger posts.

592.4 Path from Cwm Plysgog to Church Street – Cllr Davies reported that Pathfinders did not quote on this stretch of the path as it is owned by the Town Trust. Cllr Lloyd will liaise with the Town Trust.

592.5 Village Caretaker – The Clerk reported that clarification was sought from the Village Warden relating to the cutting of the oak branch next to MUGA. Members agreed that it was only a branch that needed trimming and therefore does not fall into the preservation order criteria. Members agreed that the contract should be renewed for a further year.

592.6 Cllr Stone joined the meeting at 19.30hrs.

592.7 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Stone reported that it had worked well in the Rhoshill area with a reasonable response and would like to extend it to the Cilgerran area. Cllr Davies suggested linking in with Camille from Rural Watch. Cllr Stone agreed to progress this further.

592.8 Audit – The Clerk reported that the Audit for year ending 31st March 2020 had been certified and completed and there was a fee to pay of £304.25. A new timetable has been received whereby the audit would need to be completed in full every three years with a basic return for the remaining 2 years. Cllr Davies thanked the Clerk.

592.9 McAfee Anti-Virus renewal for laptop is due and members agreed unanimously to arrange the cover.

**593 Correspondence.**

593.1 Pembs C/C – Community Delivery Project – The Clerk reported that following review of services, CCC would have to take full responsibility for the play area from 1st April 2021. Pembs C/C can provide a Service Level Agreement (SLA), to include public liability insurance for the equipment and regular safety inspections at cost of £615 for 2021/22. Cllr Davies proposed that the service be taken for 1 year and then re-evaluated, seconded by Cllr Clarke and all in favour. The Clerk will check whether the full insurance cover offered will be needed.

593.2 HM Land Registry & Welsh Government – Survey of Community & Town Councils in Wales – All public sector land to be registered by 2025. Cllr Davies asked if Parc Y Dre is registered. The Clerk confirmed to members that there is a copy of the Title.

593.3 Welsh Government – Appropriate sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government act 1972 – Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2021-22 is £8.41. Seen and noted.

593.4 Pembs C/C – Road closure for 1 day 12/1/2021- Class 111 (C3053) road at Abercych. Seen and noted.

593.5 Pembs C/C – LDP2 – New timetable for review due to Covid-19. Cllr Davies confirmed that there would be a delay of 9 months. Seen and noted.

593.6 Welsh Government – Covid-19 Volunteering Recovery Grant. See and noted.

593.7 Welsh Government – Public Consultation on the Strategy for an Ageing Society. Seen and noted.

593.8 Welsh Government- Census 2021 to be held on 21.3.2021. Seen and noted.

593.9 Pembs C/C – Preseli 3-19 school in Crymych. Decision letter can be viewed on website. Seen and noted.

593.10 Welsh Government – Postponement of Local Government by-elections from 1st March 2021- 6th May 2021. Seen and noted.

593.11 One Voice Wales – Local Councils asked to play leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021. Seen and noted.

593.12 Welsh Hearts - £200 grant available for defibrillators.

593.13 Audit Wales – A review on the future of Welsh towns. Survey to be completed.

593.14 PCNP – Experiences for all. Surveys to be completed online. Seen and noted.

593.15 Welsh Government – Requesting dates of virtual meetings for next few months so that that community health council representative can join in. The Clerk will send on dates.

593.16 Welsh Government – Digital Media Communication Guide for Welsh Community & Town Councillors and their Clerks. Seen and noted.

**594 Development Control.**

 **Planning Applications:**

594.1 Derllys, Bridell, Cardigan – Proposed extension to create a one bedroom annexe – 20/0720/PA. Conditionally Approved on 18.1.2021. Seen and noted.

594.2 Fforest Farm, Cilgerran, Cardigan – The erection of a purpose built dormitory to provide accommodation for events based tourism, with shared kitchen and amenities – 20/0538/PA. It was pointed out that elements of this application was in retrospect as certain work has already been carried out. The Clerk will point this out to planning department.

594.3 37, Heol Ty Newydd, Cilgerran – Tree felling – 20/0800/TF. No objections.

594.4 Crossroads junction with A487, Rhoshill – Translocation of the existing hedgerow – 20/0816/HG. No objections.

**595 Finance**

 Balance as at close of meeting 23/11/2020 Current Account £12,613.58

 Reserve Account £15,131.72

 Total £27,745.30

**Payments**

595.1 V Varney (Nov Salary) £316.68

595.2 Br Legion Cardigan (Wreath) £25.00

595.3 Ty Nelson (October) £442.50

595.4 Ty Nelson (Nov) 90.00

595.5 V Varney (Dec Salary) £316.68

595.6 Oxygen Therapy Donation £300.00

595.7 McAfee Protection £79.99

595.8 Penrallt GC (2 Trees) £91.90

 Total Payments £1,662.75

**Income**

595.9 Bank Interest £0.26

595.10 Pembs C/C (precept) £5,000.00

595.11 Lottery Grant £9,700.00

 Total Income £14,700.26

 Balance as at close of meeting 25/1/2021 Current Account £25,650.83

 Reserve Account £15,131.98

 Total £40,782.81

595.12 The above payments were proposed as correct by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Lloyd.

**596 County Councillor’s Report**

596.1 Cllr Davies reported that his role as Community and County Councillor has never been so busy. Due to Covid-19, there have been a lot of issues.

596.2 Dealing with Ceredigion County Council and authorities with a view of widening the A48 road at Troed-y-Rhiw following accident of the overturned lorry.

596.3 Llechryd Bridge is closed after recent floods and awaiting further survey work.

**597 Any Other Business**

597.1 Cllr Dellar asked if a structure could be erected near the shed by the Village Stores for shelter for school children awaiting the bus. Carry forward to next meeting.

 Date of next meeting: 22nd February 2021

 Meeting closed at 8.15pm

 Signed……………………………………………….. Date…………………….

 Chairperson

 Signed……………………………………………….. Date……………………..

 Clerk