

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

7:30pm Monday 18th November 2024 at Letterston Memorial Hall, with a remote Zoom link available

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

Apologies: Cllrs L Avery, A Davies-Bowen

24/52 Letterston Youth Club. Steve Davis and Liz Griffiths of PCC Youth Services addressed the meeting, advising that Letterston Youth Club was in danger of a funding cut due to the current dire financial climate. No specific request was made, the reason for the address was to prepare people for what may come in the new financial year.

24/53 Resignation: A letter of resignation from Cllr L Avery was read out. **P** HJ, **S** BM that the clerk write to LA to ask her to reconsider. [ONGOING]

24/54 Declarations of Interest: AS and GT declared an interest for the item - Football Club Lease (24/49).

24/55 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 18th October 2024 were read and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- **23/20&71 Road Safety Issues:** The line painting at Craig Las internal junction has not been carried out. It was noted that there had been reports of 'near misses' at the junction. [ONGOING]
- **21/88 Community Garden:** A letter from the group requesting further funding support was read out. **P** AS, **S** HJ to invite representatives to the next meeting with an outline of their business plan for the next two years, All in favour. [ONGOING]
- **22/12 Trees:** RD noted that this was unlikely to take place until the Spring. [ON HOLD]
- **23/06 Ground Haverfordwest Road:** SJ has commenced registration. [ONGOING]
- **23/27 Toilets:** [MATTER ONGOING]
- **24/13 Fireworks:** All felt that there had been an excellent display and well attended. Thanks to all involved for their help. Takings were £974.81, covering the costs for the first time. It was noted that many locals had failed to contribute. [CLOSE]
- **24/14 Memorial Parade:** This went very well. Donation to Royal British Legion to be made. Letter of thanks to be sent to G Eynon and Iwan Evans the bugler. [ONGOING]
- **24/23 School Prize:** HJ reimbursed. [CLOSE].
- **24/26 Battery Scooters:** These are still an occasional problem mostly down to young adults. [ONGOING].
- **24/27 Maintenance:** **P** GT, **S** RD that LCC adopt a policy to use local contractors wherever possible. All were in favour. [CLOSE]
- **24/33 Requests for funding:** Urdd to be paid when bank details known. [ONGOING]
- **24/35 Audit:** No further developments to note. [ONGOING]

- **24/37 Tree on Commons:** Plans in hand to remove this over the coming weekend as access over grass was not required. [ONGOING]
- **24/38 Dog Mess:** It was noted that the problem is ongoing on the Commons and on streets like Min y Llan. [ONGOING]
- **24/39 Defibrillators:** New pads ordered and expected 19/11/2024 and SJ to attend with GH to keep them at the St Davids Road defibrillator. [ONGOING]
- **24/40 Hedge:** A request had been made to wait and allow owners to act, but nothing had happened, so SJ to write to owners and PCC [ONGOING]
- **24/41 School Sign:** Car park sign fixed and RD thanked for this. A temporary repair had been carried out to the St Davids Road sign, but the brackets are loose and the sign slides down the post and turns in the wind. PCC to be notified. [ONGOING]
- **24/46 20mph Reversal:** No developments received as yet. [ONGOING]
- **24/49 Football Club Lease:** GT and AS left the room whilst this was discussed. The request is for a minimum extension of 49 years , ideally 99 years. P HJ, S BM BH to contact One Voice Wales for advice on legality of extending a current lease. [ONGOING]
- **24/50 Hedge St Davids Road:** SJ to write to the occupier. [ONGOING]

24/56 Planning

24/0205PA Court Rise, variation of conditions conditionally approved.

24/57 Finance

BH confirmed that the Finance Sub Committee had met immediately prior to this meeting and report that the following payments made and balance as follows:

- 28/10/24 - HJ reimbursement of School Prize (24/23) - £50
- 01/11/24 - Grasscutting - £500
- 06/11/24 - Receipt of Fireworks cash 2024 + £974.81
- 06/11/24 - Receipt of Fireworks cash 2021 + £208
- 17/11/24 - Defib Warehouse (24/39) - £154.80

18/11/2024 - *Treasurer's Account:* £5,584, *Savings:* £8

Payments to come:

- Grasscutting Dec £500
- Approved payment to S Jones to reimburse for Zoom payments Feb 2020 - Nov 2024 - £862.22. Alternatives to Zoom to be sought.

A breakdown of expenditure and income was provided. For the 2025-26 precept **P** RD **S** HJ - set at £28,000. **P** GT, **S** SM that in view of potential extra spending for matters including audit and Youth Club that it be set at £30,000. RD withdrew his proposal. All were in favour. SJ to notify PCC.

24/58 Correspondence

- **Surface Dressing 2025:** It was noted that Hillcrest - Llanfawr was the only road within the community.

- **LDP2 Consultation:** An offer was made to provide a printed copy of the consultation. SJ had taken up the offer and provided a copy to the meeting.
- **Community Garden:** Request for funding as per 21/88 above.
- **NALC Model Financial Regulations:** Updated version received.
- **Resignation:** L Avery as per 24/53 above.

24/59 PCC Report

MB had to leave the meeting prior to this item.

24/60 New Items

- **24/61 Christmas Tree:** RD asked if a tree was required for this year. **P** BM, **S** HJ yes please. RD will arrange and give notice for others to assist. GT will advise members of the date / time for the carol service. [ONGOING]
- **24/62 Traffic Lights:** GH enquired if any progress had been made since the update given in April. SJ to check. [ONGOING]

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 20th January 2025, 7:30pm at Memorial Hall, with remote option.

Items for the next Agenda:

21/88 Community Garden	22/12 Trees	23/06 Ground by Bus Stop
23/20 Road safety issues	23/27 Toilets	24/14 Remembrance Parade
24/26 Battery Scooters	24/35 Audit	24/37 Tree on Commons
24/38 Dog mess football pitch	24/39 Defibrillators	24/40 / 24/50 Hedges
24/41 School sign	24/49 Football Club lease	24/52 Youth Club
24/53 Resignation	24/61 Christmas arrangements	24/62 Traffic Lights

Signed _____

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