

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

Monday 17th August 2020 held remotely by Zoom Meeting

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

Apologies

B Morgan, G Thomas, J Williams.

20/32 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 20th July 2020 were read and accepted as a true record subject to a couple of minor amendments.

Matters Arising

- **17/03 Property St Davids Road:** Sale had been completed on 10th August and a total of £12,500 deposited into the savings account. A covenant had been agreed that an extra £10,000 was to be paid if planning permission was obtained. [CLOSE]
- **17/16 Hedgebank:** RD reported that the grass on the bank had taken well and had been cut. Gate to be investigated in due course. Machine invoice not received, RD stated it may be lumped with the bill for digging the drain. [CLOSE]
- **18/30 A40 Crossing:** No further update as Welsh Government staff now dealing with Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **18/86 Commons Drains:** PW outlined that building a manhole had been discussed with Geraint Morris who will take a look. [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]
- **20/14 Tin Man Tuesday:** SJ to contact Pat Rogers in Wolfscastle [ONGOING]
- **20/16 Hedges:** Letters have been delivered [CLOSE]
- **20/20 Trecwn Bridge:** PW reported that discussions had taken place and he was due to discuss the matter with Cllr Sam Kurtz. [ONGOING]
- **20/21 Fireworks:** RD confirmed that the fireworks have been ordered and paid for (£824.10), to be refunded. Date and time agreed for Thursday 5th November at 7:30pm, subject to gatherings being allowed by then. PW suggested that a Covid risk assessment should be carried out. [ONGOING]
- **20/25 Playpark:** RD, PW & SJ had attended and placed Covid signs at entrances each side [CLOSE]
- **20/28 School Presentation:** HJ had provided a £50 voucher and the presentation was due to be held in September. Resolved HJ be refunded. [CLOSE]
- **20/29 Storyboard:** HJ outlined an aspiration that a board similar to those in Scolton and Llanglofan be erected. HJ is working on a story and RD will forward a map. **P** BH, **S** PW that the project go ahead.[ONGOING]

20/33 Planning

None received

20/34 Finance

- Grasscutting
- Thomas Turf £1,140
- Fireworks International £824.10 (As per **20/24**)
- Eaton Evans & Morris £15,000 lincome ess £10 office expenses, £660 fees and £1,800 FB Mason leaving £12,530 (As per **17/03**)

Current account 17/08/2020 - £9,367, Savings £19,602

20/35 Correspondence not already dealt with

- DAPS asking for support in highlighting the services they offer.
- PCC: Appointment of Community Council Member of the Standards Committee. MB will send GH further information about the role.
- PCNPA: Local Development Plan Inspector's report.
- Letter from Mens Sheds asking whether the possibility of introducing gas to the village had been explored in the past. RD stated that it had twice in the last 20 years and the last time some years ago the supplier had wanted around £300 per household. There had been little interest, well below the number needed to proceed. SJ will inform writer.

20/36 PCC Report

MB outlined a consultation on equalities report and urged members to respond, either individually or as a council.

Welsh Government had performed a u-turn over exam grades, choosing to go with predicted grades, instead of a discredited algorithm.

Guidance was expected for reopening Community Halls during the week.

MB mentioned that she has been out and about in the village but was not able to meet people like she normally would, so she had produced a newsletter. This had created some feedback. GH passed on compliments he had received from various residents, praising the work that MB put into the community.

Any Other Business

20/37 Toilets: PW Asked how often the grass by the public toilets on the Square is cut and the inspection regime for the toilets, mentioning that someone had witnessed a hosepipe attached to the tap to supply a caravan. SJ confirmed that the toilets should be inspected and cleaned daily and the grass was the responsibility of Welsh Government who cut it in line with their verge cutting.

20/38 Llyr Williams: LW mentioned that this would be his last meeting before he is due to go to university and he would have to resign his post. He thanked everyone for the welcome he had received as a young councillor over the past 3 years. RD thanked LW for all his work and all wished him well for the future.

20/39 HJ mentioned that there was knotweed in Feidr Fan, but did not know who owned the land. Enquiries will be made who owns the land, failing which we may have to do a land registry check.

20/40 GH mentioned that some residents in the lower part of the village felt disenfranchised from the work of the Council and suggested that a newsletter be prepared. MB mentioned that prior to lockdown Community work had been progressing with meetings at the Venue and the Hall involving PAVS (**19/60**). This included producing a newsletter and hopefully this would be relaunched soon.

20/41 SJ to notify parking services of complaints about cars parking outside the village stores instead of the new car park at the rear, making it difficult sometimes for pedestrians to cross the road.

20/42 SJ to notify parking services of complaints about cars parking inconsiderably outside the post office and butchers.

20/43 SJ to notify highways that the footpath St Davids road past Nantyffynon was impassable with a pram due to the overgrown weeds and it was not safe for pedestrians to use the road due to the speed of vehicles, particularly on a Sunday afternoon. SJ to request visits from speed van. MB mentioned that small works grants were available and it may be worth exploring the possibility of a pavement being installed on the lower part of St Davids Road.

20/44 Management of Commons. PW asked that this go on the agenda for next month.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14th September 2020 by Zoom meeting (1 week early, SJ away)

Items for the next Agenda:

18/86 Commons Drains	20/14 Tin Man Tuesday:	20/20 Trecwn Bridge
20/21 Fireworks	20/29 Storyboard	20/39 Knotweed
20/41 Parking Village Shop	20/42 Parking Butchers	20/43 Pavement St Davids Rd
20/44 Commons Management		