

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

Monday 14th September 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), J Williams (JW), S Jones (Clerk) (SJ)

Apologies

Cllr M Bateman (PCC)

20/41 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 17th August 2020 were read and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- **18/30 A40 Crossing:** No further update as Welsh Government staff now dealing with Coronavirus [ON HOLD]
- **18/86 Commons Drains:** RD confirmed that the works had been completed, no bill yet received from Geraint Morris. RD was thanked for his efforts. [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:** Pat Rogers had been spoken to and is willing to assist with production of leaflets. Before this is done we have to establish if there is enough voluntary support in the village to run the scheme. Suggestions that this should be advertised on the Facebook page. [ONGOING]
- **20/20 Trecwn Bridge:** PW reported that he had discussed the matter with Cllr Sam Kurtz and they were hoping to jointly persuade the owners to carry out some maintenance on the bridge. [ONGOING]
- **20/21 Fireworks:** A discussion took place following which it was resolved that at the October meeting a decision will be taken whether to proceed. [ONGOING]
- **20/29 Storyboard:** HJ outlined an aspiration that a board similar to those in Scolton and Llangloffan be erected. HJ is putting out feelers for content and wanted clarification as to where the east boundary lies and any diverted footpaths. [ONGOING]
- **20/35 Gas Supply:** SJ had replied to Mens Sheds who are keen to assist in gauging interest in having a gas supply laid on, also superfast broadband. Resolved that we should advertise for interest and work with Mens Sheds. The broadband was on a tight timeline (30th September, but worth gauging interest as it would probably come around again. [ONGOING]
- **20/39 Japanese Knotweed:** After a discussion about powers to enforce cutting RD undertook to spray this when able.
- **20/41 Parking outside Village Store:** SJ has passed on [CLOSE]
- **20/42 Parking outside Butchers:** SJ has passed on. PW noted that this was one of the matters most often mentioned when speaking to people in the village. [CLOSE]
- **20/43 Pavement Nantyllyn / St Davids Road:** SJ has contacted PCC Head of Infrastructure who has asked relevant officers to report back. A request had also gone to the police for speed van to do checks.

- **20/44 Management of Commons.** PW pointed out that since 1974 the Council has been responsible for administering the Commons and could have placed enforceable by-laws in place. PW asked if there was a local historian he could consult regarding any documentation which may have been existing when powers regarding common land first came into being in 1899. SJ noted that Matthew Ragget had a copy of the original enclosure award which was consulted over the recent sale of land in St Davids Road. It was believed that the land was no longer Common land and was registered as a village green at a court hearing in the 1970's. PW noted in that case the Council had powers to create by-laws, he will do some more research and come back [ONGOING]

20/42 Planning

None received

20/43 Finance

- Grasscutting
- HJ £50 for school voucher
- £8,000 instalment from PCC

Current account 16/0/2020 - £16,060, Savings £19,602

20/44 Correspondence not already dealt with

- Letterston from Letterston Guides asking for financial assistance. Resolved to pay £500.
- PCC: Closing date for nominations for Appointment of Community Council Member of the Standards Committee 19th October. GH expressed an interest.
- Welsh Hearts regarding defibrillators. Noted that there were already two in the village.
- Letter from Volunteering Matters about supporting a scheme for volunteers to offer support for lifeline activations during daytime where no primary carer is on hand. This has been a role performed by St John's Ambulance who are struggling to maintain the service. Resolved that after Covid to advertise for volunteers.
- Letter from Mens Sheds as discussed in 20/35.

20/45 PCC Report

MB had forwarded a report:

New WG Covid rules in effect from today - face masks in shops and indoor spaces, maximum of 6 (excluding children) to meet indoors. Although Pembrokeshire cases are quite. Over past 7 days, 7 cases in Pembs, 31 in the Hywel Dda area. low, there is a possibility of local lockdowns in future, rather than a national lockdown.

Had recently dealt with two fly tipping issues in the village, issues with trees and footpaths and complaints about speeding traffic. MB has asked for a speed survey at the lower end of **Station?** Road and the Senedd are considering making 20mph the default speed limit for built up areas. MB has volunteered the village as a pilot area for this.

PCC Corporate Plan was agreed in Cabinet and will go to full Council in October.

A discussion is taking place about an interim replacement for the Chief Executive who is leaving at the end of November.

PCC officials are meeting with the Home Office and Police about the use of Penally Camp to house asylum seekers.

BH stated that she had taken refuse to the recycling centre and was asked to pay £69 and was not surprised that fly tipping was happening.

Any Other Business

20/46 Toilets: PW queried why only the disabled toilet at the Square was open. RD noted that the Community Council could only afford to pay to keep that part open when it was taken over from PCC to prevent it closing.

20/47 GH observed that there was considerable difficulty at present in obtaining Covid tests. It seemed that nationally there was an issue meeting the demand for tests, which was the responsibility of the UK Government.

20/48 JW asked if the vacancy for a council member could be discussed at the next meeting.

20/49 RD asked if the matter of speeding in Min y Llan could be pursued with a request for speed humps. He had witnessed vehicles travelling at may have been 30mph, which although legal was unsafe as the vehicles were passing parked cars each side where a child could easily step out. It was acknowledged that some of the offenders came from the street, but something needed to be done before a serious accident happened. SJ will make enquiries.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 19th October 2020 by Zoom meeting

Items for the next Agenda:

20/14 Tin Man Tuesday:	20/20 Trecwn Bridge	20/21 Fireworks
20/29 Storyboard	20/35 Gas & fibre broadband	20/39 Knotweed
20/43 Pavement St Davids Rd	20/44 Commons Management	20/48 Council Vacancy
20/49 Speed humps	Remembrance Sunday	Council precept