

# MINUTES

## Letterston Community Council Meeting

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 held remotely by Zoom Meeting

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

#### Apologies

P West, J Williams

#### 20/66 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> October 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]
- **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:** This has been placed on website but requires a champion to pursue. [CLOSE]
- **20/20 Trecwn Bridge:** No update yet received from the company's finance committee [ONGOING]
- **20/21 Fireworks:** Suggested that a display be put on to celebrate when all Coronavirus restrictions are over [ON HOLD]
- **20/29 Storyboard:** HJ reported that the supplier has not yet provided a quote. [ONGOING]
- **20/35 Gas Supply / Superfast Broadband:** RD reported that a quote had been received from Western Utilities of £6,000 plus per house which was unrealistic, so other avenues were being considered. SJ reported that Ateb were happy to support in seeking a supply, but no reply yet received from PCC. [ONGOING]
- **20/43 Pavement Nantyllyn / St Davids Road:** SJ has asked for progress and has combined with issues of speeding in Min y Llan. [ONGOING]
- **20/44 Management of Commons.** PW not present. No bill yet received for bushwhacking of hedges at the Commons. [ONGOING]
- **20/48 Councillor Vacancy.** SJ reported that the vacancy had been advertised on the website since the last meeting, with only one applicant, Andy Adams. **P** GT, **S** GH and carried. SJ to inform applicant. [CLOSE]
- **20/51 Remembrance Sunday:** HJ reported that 36 turned up, not all had been invited. SJ to write to Revd Eynon to thank him and the bugler and Rhyswen for the sound system. The service had been filmed and posted on Facebook Live. HJ suggested that this should be on the September Agenda each year for the Community Council to take more of an active role. Donation of £100 to be paid. [ONGOING]
- **20/52 Precept:** **P** GT, **S** BH and carried that the precept be kept as it is.
- **20/57 Deeds:** SJ has written to Eaton, Evans & Morris and is trying to locate a list of items held at the Pembrokeshire Archives. [ONGOING]

- **20/58 Website:** SJ has created a trial site and invited comments. Resolved to go ahead and advertise on stationary. A typo in the Home Page was identified [ONGOING]
- **20/59 Moles** SJ confirmed these had been attended to and bill paid. [CLOSE]
- **20/61 Overgrown hedge:** BM believes that the hedge is associated with the BT Exchange [ONGOING]
- **20/62 Street Lights:** RD stated that the lamps had been attended to [CLOSE].
- **20/63 Trees on Commons:** RD will attend when weather is suitable to access them [ONGOING]
- **20/64 Bus Stop:** SJ has written to suggest taking area behind pavement instead of restricting the road [CLOSE]
- **20/65 Endeavour Type Prize:** Resolved to discuss further at next meeting [ON HOLD]

## **20/67 Planning**

20/0570/PA change of use for ground floor from public house to flat and office accommodation. Disappointment was expressed that the pub was being lost. MB cautioned that in other places communities have taken over the running of pubs, but they have increased the use of the premises by holding community events. In Letterston, this would not be appropriate as they would take away services already offered by the Friday Venue and the Community Hall.

HJ proposed that an objection be raised on the grounds that there was insufficient car parking space associated with the premises.

## **20/68 Finance**

- Grasscutting
- Geraint Morris - Commons drains (18/86) £425.
- £919.51 to RD for pipes for the Commons drains (18/86)
- Moles on Commons £40 (20/59)

Current account 16/11/2020 - £10,476, Savings £19,602

## **20/69 Correspondence** not already dealt with

- Letter from Planning listing amenities in the Village to give a weighted score of 29. Agreed this was still correct and would not be affected by the closure of the Jubilee Hotel.
- Gas and Broadband correspondence as per (20/35).

## **20/70 PCC Report**

MB stated that new rules were in force since the lockdown which are more restrictive than previously regarding household visits and meeting in pubs and cafes.

Infection rates are still low, but not as much so as some north Wales counties.

The full Council will be discussing the draft budget in December, the outcome of which would depend on the Welsh Government settlement. The funding gap had been projected to be £8.8M, but following Covid, it was more likely to be £18.4M. MB urged the Council as a body and as individuals to respond to the consultation which would follow the budget.

PAVS are holding a Window Wonderland campaign over Christmas, which it was hoped would raise spirits. There would be an associated Social Media campaign.

MB had also received an email about development activity behind a property in Station Road, but had no other details at present.

The Penally situation was still an ongoing issue.

### **Any Other Business**

**20/71: Station Road.** SJ to enquire with PCC Planning regarding activity at the old Station Yard

**20/72:** GH noted that following a successful hip operation, he hoped to be more mobile and involved in future.

**20/73 New signs to village:** RD noted that new signs had been placed at the southern approach to the village at a wasteful amount of expense in the current climate. These comments had also been made when we were consulted in November 2019 (19/50)

**20/74 Christmas Trees:** BM stated that the trees are arriving on 2nd December. He and RD will arrange for mounting and lighting. SJ to get key to toilet from DANFO in case the fuse blows.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

7:30pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by Zoom meeting

### **Items for the next Agenda:**

<b>20/14 Tin Man Tuesday:</b>	<b>20/20 Trecwn Bridge</b>	<b>20/21 Fireworks</b>
<b>20/29 Storyboard</b>	<b>20/35 Gas &amp; fibre broadband</b>	<b>20/43 St Davids Rd</b>
<b>20/44 Commons Management</b>	<b>20/48 Council Vacancy</b>	<b>20/49 Speed humps</b>
<b>20/51 Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>20/52 Council precept</b>	<b>20/57 Deeds</b>
<b>20/58 Website</b>	<b>20/59 Moles</b>	<b>20/61 Hedge</b>
<b>20/63 Commons Trees</b>	<b>20/64 Bus Stop</b>	<b>20/62 Street lights</b>
	<b>20/65 Endeavour type prize fund</b>	