

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting

Monday 17th May 2021 held remotely by Zoom Meeting

Present: Cllrs R Davies (RD), P West (PW), H Johnson (HJ), B Homer (BH), S Millichip (SM), A Adams (AA), G Humphrey (GH), J Williams, S Millichip (SM), M Bateman (PCC)(MB), S Jones (Clerk) (SJ)

Apologies

2/01 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 19th April 2021 were read and accepted as a true record, subject to JW apologies being recorded. **P HJ S BM**

Matters Arising

- **18/30 A40 Crossing:** No further update SJ will try to revive the matter [ONGOING]
- **19/06 Play Park Equipment:** AA mentioned that he had received reports recently of youths trying to vandalise the equipment. GT mentioned that CCTV from the Football Club covers the area. [ONGOING]
- **19/29 Memorial Bench:** SJ has spoken to the PCC Officer who has asked for photos of the site. [ONGOING]
- **19/46 Recycle Bins:** to be ordered [ONGOING]
- **19/60 Community Consultation:** SJ suggested that the Community Forum need to be contacted to get previous works restarted. MB is in consultation with one of the PAVS organisers. [ONGOING]
- **19/70 Youth Involvement:** MB mentioned that PAVS and Planed had been in touch with some community councils. Some of the town councils have representatives without voting rights. MB offered to contact one of the youth representatives from the Community Forum. [ONGOING]
- **20/20 Trecwn Bridge:** PW has only had one response back - from SWTRA who will reply in due course. No one from PCC had replied. PW suggested that a letter should go in from the Community Council on headed paper. PW will send the text to SJ [ONGOING]
- **20/21 Fireworks:** On hold until Coronavirus restrictions are over [ON HOLD]
- **20/29 Storyboard:** HM has had an outline quote of circa £1,000 RD suggested this could be sited by the bus stop on the Commons. A discussion took place regarding a map of local footpaths. [ONGOING]
- **20/35 Gas Supply / Superfast Broadband:** AA reported that Zero C Holdings (Court Meadow II) Ateb have also reported that they will not be installing any gas boilers in new housing. MB commented that the pricing was beyond the reach of PCC without grant support. PCC are examining retrofits to replace existing boilers by 2030. Vaneus has reported that DCMS were not paying the full amount for eligible properties. AA has asked S Crabb to seek clarification on funding from DCMS. With gas boilers not being available beyond 2025, it seemed that cross-funding would not be possible and the project appeared to be dead in the water. PW expressed sincere thanks for all AA's efforts, often pushing against a brick wall, which several years ago may have had a better chance. AA will wait for Letterston to become one of PCC's priority areas for Broadband. [CLOSE]
- **20/43 Pavement Nantffynon / St Davids Road:** SJ has asked GoSafe about the suggested alternative van venue. Pothole also reported. Site visit to include **20/83** to be arranged when restrictions are eased. [ONGOING]

- **20/44 Management of Commons.** PW stated that certain concerns with the lease to the Football Club that need to be addressed. PW suggested that he can produce an audit to be considered before speaking to the Football Club. GH queried whether any developments should be put to the village. PW will be reviewing what role the Community Council will be playing. [ONGOING]
- **20/61 Hedge St Davids Road:** SJ has passed to PCC. [CLOSE]
- **20/63 Trees on Commons: These have been cleared,** RD was thanked for his efforts. [CLOSE]
- **20/64 Bus Stop:** Works not yet completed, pavement will be resurfaced when done. [ONGOING]
- **20/71: Station Yard.** SJ has sent the reply. [CLOSE]
- **20/80 Commons Car Park:** The car park had been tidied up but some barriers and cones yet to be removed. BM will remove if they are not collected [ONGOING]
- **20/83 Station Road:** PCC Street engineer to be asked for site visit when regulations allow. [ONGOING]
- **20/88 Bus Shelter:** RD and BM had cut down the ash tree behind the bus shelter. Both were thanked for their efforts. The roof is yet to be repaired and RD cautioned that the price may increase due to a sudden rise in the cost of timber [ONGOING]
- **20/90 Pavements Min y Llan:** Had been reported to PCC who were sending staff to assess [CLOSE]
- **20/91 Driveway Min y Llan:** SJ reported that there had been a breakdown in communication and discussions had taken place direct between PCC and the tenant and this was not a matter for the Community Council. [CLOSE]
- **20/101 Property St Davids Road:** SJ has spoken to PCC Public Protection who have no powers regarding mobile caravans [CLOSE]
- **20/103 Parking St Davids Road:** It was reported that street legal cars were now on the road to allow cars being worked on to be parked off the road. Without some sort of time-constrained parking restrictions, very little could be done. PCC to be asked for assistance, Trading Standards? [ONGOING]
- **20/112 Dogs:** Email sent to dogcontrol@pembrokeshire.gov.uk BM will have some more signs made up. GT commented that the dog mess on the Commons has never been so bad. It was noted that the dog bins were back in operation. PW asked whether a community campaign could be run. [ONGOING]

21/02 Planning

20/0550/PA Newbridge Farm. Noted that there was an error that the consultation was out of date before it was received. AA noted that the Ecological report was out of date, a licensed bat specialist would need to be on site when works carried out, bat friendly timbers be used and flood-proof sewage arrangements.

21/03 Finance

- RD Bill for a woodchipper
- Bill for scissors lift
- First PCC payment of £8,000 received.
- Current account 17/05/2021 - £23,434, Savings £19,603

21/04 Correspondence

- Football Club seeking assistance to run a facility to provide post match refreshments following the closure of the Jubilee Hotel. To be discussed alongside 20/44 before speaking to the club.
- Request to put flyer for EU resettlement scheme on website - agreed.
- PCC consultation on federation of Puncteston and Llanyllwydog schools. Not within LCC remit.

21/05 PCC Report

MB reported that Hywel Dda have published a consultation about the new hospital and expressed concerns that it appeared to be done 'under the radar' on social media only and misleadingly entitled 'Building a better future after Covid-19', when what they were really seeking was views on a site for a new hospital between Narberth and St Clears. MB has contacted Hywel Dda to request a return to face-to-face consultation meetings, but this was not likely to happen. A seminar had also been requested. MB encouraged all to reply and offered to provide paper copies if required.

MB also noted that the Western Cleddau was the 2nd most polluted river in Wales for phosphates. Under the phosphate regulations it was going to be difficult to meet NRW planning restrictions for new builds in the western Cleddau catchment. This could affect future developments in the county. MB is due to attend a seminar on this and hoped to update the next meeting further.

The new PCC Chief Executive is due to start in September, with some informal online meetings before that.

BH queried if the investigation into the payout to the previous Chief Exec had been concluded. MB believes the report to be with the Audit Office and expects it to be published in the next few months.

Any Other Business

- **21/06 Fallen Tree:** HJ reported that a small tree in the playpark had come down in a storm and thanked JW for a swift response in horrible weather to clear it.
- **21/07 One Voice Wales:** PW noted that each community council is required to have a nomination to represent their council on One Voice Wales. **P** HJ, **S** BH that PW take the role. PW accepted the nomination
- **21/08 Grass Cutting:** BH asked that the grass be cut by the bus shelter on the crossroads as visibility was starting to become impaired.
- **21/09 Moles:** GT mentioned moles on the commons. RD had already reported it.
- **21/10 Antisocial Behaviour:** SM reported that some youths were meeting up in the lane from Nantyffynon onto St Davids Road after school (Ysgol Bro Gwaun) and some spray painting had taken place. Some persons believed to have been selling cigarettes to minors at the Commons. Police were aware and had been conducting patrols. MB will mention it to the YBG Headteacher and AA will keep an eye on the situation also.
[ONGOING]
- **21/11 Speeding:** SM has received a complaint about the speed of cars coming into the village on St Davids Rd from Mathry direction at what is described as dangerous speeds until the slow down for the bend by Nantyffynnon. The worst time appears to be between 7:30am and 8:15am in the mornings. GoSafe to be informed.

- **21/12 Grey Water on Pavement:** BM has had a complaint that there is often smelly water believed to be grey waste coming from a caravan on a property on St Davids Rd. There are also properties with hedges impinging on the pavement. SJ to report to PCC
- **21/13 Commons Wall:** RD reported that a wall at the end of the Commons was in need of repair. RD will ask a contractor. All agreed

Date of Next Meeting:

7:30pm Monday 21st June 2021 by Zoom meeting

Items for the next Agenda:

20/20 Trecwn Bridge	20/43 Nantyffynon - St Davids Rd	20/44 Commons Management
20/64 Bus Stop	20/80 Commons Car Park	20/83 Station Road pavement
20/88 Bus Shelter	20/90 Pavements Min y Llan	20/103 Parking St Davids Rd
20/111 Football Club	20/112 Dogs	21/04 Football Club
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