



**St Ishmael Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held remotely
on 9th February 2021.**

PRESENT:

Cllr V M Jones, Cllr J Batte, Cllr J Price, Cllr J Greenwell, Cllr A Davies, Cllr K Low, County Cllr M Stephens, Cllr P Stephens and Cllr H Gibbon.

In the Chair: Cllr V M Jones

1. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr P H Thomas, Cllr Ralph Bloor, Cllr Gloria Squires and Cllr A Dalton.

2. Declaration of Interests

The register of declarations of interest was made available to members. Cllr J Greenwell declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 – Planning PL/01164 in relation to Calon Y Fferi.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of January 2021 – proposed by Cllr A Davies and seconded by Cllr J Batte, all in agreement.

4. Matters Arising

LED MUGA Lights - The Clerk informed the Council that copies of the quotes as received from Keith Jones had been emailed to the members. They were as follows:

J3 Electrical Services Ltd	£4855.30 (0% VAT)
Dextra	£2880.00
DACA	£2650.00 plus VAT
Ansell	£5640.00

The Clerk also informed the Council that RT Electrics had come back with their advice regarding an alternative option to upgrade the lamps and controls to LED by re-using the existing square light fittings which is a cheaper option of £848 plus VAT. *It was resolved that the full specification should be sent to RT Electrics and a quote sought.*

Handyman – The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Andrew Jenkins had been informed he had been successful in securing the handyman role for a 6-month trial period and asked to provide a start date. Unfortunately, due to other work commitments and family illness, he had been unable to start his role yet, this would hopefully be resolved within a couple of weeks.

Tenders – The Clerk informed the Council that the Tenders were issued along with the letters to the unsuccessful parties. Wrenvale had been in touch to ask if the

chainsaw work could be carried out in February (prior to the nesting season). The next cut would be carried out in early May. No objections were raised.

Ferryside Working Group – The Clerk informed the Council that the working group had met again to prioritise the work previously identified and to find ways forward. The Clerk had been asked to compile a list of the most pressing matters outstanding with the County Council, which was presented to the Council Members. County Councillor M Stephens suggested that this should be raised in the One Voice Wales Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting on the 16th of February 2021. Councillor A Davies proposed that the Council request that County Councillor Mair Stephens arrange a meeting with the relevant parties within CCC to resolve these issues.

It was resolved that County Councillor M Stephens should arrange a meeting with the relevant parties within CCC.

Save our Signal Box Project – the Clerk informed the Council that Mr Martin, Chair, Ferryside Signal Box Preservation Trust, had been written to informing him that the Council supported the aims and objectives of the project as set out in his letter.

Planting Trees – The Clerk informed the Council that the Woodland Trust had been contacted regarding applying for 2 x coppices of trees. The application window was currently closed but would reopen in March / April for trees to be delivered in November 2021. The Clerk told the Council that the Woodland Trust would welcome an application from the Community Council. The Clerk had also been in touch with Mr Bruce Smith who previously wanted to donate trees, he remained keen to fundraise to provide 4 x apple trees (possibly 2 x bramley / 2 x cox) for the Pale Field. With the agreement of the Council, a plaque would be placed with the donated trees. *It was resolved that the Clerk would apply via the Woodland Trust for 2 coppices of trees and an area of land on the Pale field would be identified to plant the apple trees.*

Precept & Budget – The Clerk informed the Council that the Clerk and Chair had signed and submitted the relevant paperwork for CCC in lieu of the precept. The Clerk had issued a new budget to Council members based on the new precept for their approval. No objections were raised.

The Clerk went on to inform the Council that the 2019-20 VAT Payment of £1,806.10 has now been received from HMRC.

MOD Pendine – the Clerk informed the Council that an email had been sent to MOD Pendine asking if a meeting could be re-instated between the Community Council and themselves and regarding the sensors on houses being monitored. The Clerk read the response to the Council Members which made no reference to the reinstating of the meeting.

It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the MOD again requesting that the quarterly meeting held between 2012-2015 should be reinstated.

Llansaint Hall Refurbishment – Cllr A Davies updated the Council on the latest development on the refurbishment, which would be delayed, allowing more time for the work to be done.

Trees on the Cliff Path – The Clerk informed the Council that CCC had been contacted regarding writing to the residents of Caradog Court to make them aware in relation to the ownership of the land bordering the properties of Caradog Court and the Cliff Walk. The Clerk had been advised to contact the Authorities Arboricultural Officer Steve Edwards. No response had yet been received.

Concerns were raised that this may be more an issue of trespassing on County Council land. Furthermore, concerns were raised that some properties may be encroaching on County Council land.

Cllr A Davies proposed that the County Council be contacted to establish ownership of the area in question, this was seconded by Cllr J Price.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact CCC to establish the ownership of the land adjacent to the Cliff Path.

Grant funding for Hampers – The Clerk informed the Council that social media messages had been issued informing the Community of the hampers available to those in need, however, no one had been in touch since these messages had been issued, £430.00 of the Grant funding remains outstanding.

It was resolved that the Clerk would continue to advertise the grant via social media.

The Clerk also agreed to look at the terms and conditions of the grant to ascertain when the grant money needed to be used by and report back to the Council.

5. Planning

There were two items of planning:

PL/01164 – Add external door to Forum Hall – Calon Y Fferi, Carmarthen Road, Ferryside SA17 5TE

PL/01245 – Extension to provide ground floor garage with enlargement of exiting balcony area above – Springfield, Ferryside SA17 5TY

No objections were raised.

6. Correspondence

	Correspondence	From	Action
1	Another week - another scam...	One Voice Wales	Noted
2	Census 2021	Office of National Statistics	Noted
3	Local Development Order for Carmarthen Town Centre	CCC	Noted
4	WLGA coronavirus email update 12.01.2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
5	Local Development Order for Ammanford Town Centre	CCC	Noted
6	Planning Applications 11.01.2021 - 15.01.2021	CCC	Noted
7	Community & Town Councils Liaison Forum		Noted
8	NHS bodies maintain good governance during the COVID-19 crisis	One Voice Wales	Noted
9	Have your say on council's budget CTCh	CCC	Noted
10	Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing (MAFA) - Welsh Government funded	One Voice Wales	Noted

	project – FREE TRAINING AND SUPPORT		
11	HM Land Registry – Survey of Community and Town Councils in Wales	One Voice Wales	Noted
12	ADDITIONAL FREE PLACES AVAILABLE ON OUR CORE MODULES	One Voice Wales	Noted
13	Connecting with your local community - A Communications Guide for Welsh Community & Town Councillors and their Clerks	One Voice Wales	Noted
14	New Development Officer for Mid and West Wales	One Voice Wales	Noted
15	PRESS RELEASE – New Chair for One Voice Wales	One Voice Wales	Noted
16	County Lines and Exploitation sessions	Dyfed-Powys Police	Noted
17	Courier Frauds	One Voice Wales	Noted
18	Electoral Review of Carmarthenshire	Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales	Noted
19	Planning Applications 18.01.2021 - 22.01.2021	CCC	Noted
20	Your town, your future!	One Voice Wales	Noted
21	Support activity groups	CCC Partners	Noted
22	Project updates for the new year	CCC Partners	Noted
23	Latest Covid Vaccine Scam...	One Voice Wales	Noted
24	WLGA coronavirus email update 26.01.2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
25	February 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in February	One Voice Wales	Noted
26	Welcome to our Winter newsletter	One Voice Wales	Noted
27	Age Cymru Dyfed Book Club	CCC Partners	Noted
28	Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Week, Events and Activities Update	CCC Partners	Noted
29	WLGA coronavirus email update 29.01.2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
30	February 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in February	One Voice Wales	Noted
31	Planning Applications 25.01.2021 - 29.01.2021	CCC	Noted
32	Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting	One Voice Wales	Noted
33	Welsh Government - Keep Wales Safe Campaign	One Voice Wales	Noted
34	Guide for carers overseeing loved ones moving into care homes launched	CCC Partners	Noted
35	AWW-EGC Carers Service	CCC Partners	Noted

36	Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting – 16 th February 2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
37	Welsh Government - Keep Wales Safe Campaign	One Voice Wales	Noted
38	Guide for carers overseeing loved ones moving into care homes launched	CCC Partners	Noted
39	AWW-EGC Carers Service	CCC Partners	Noted
40	Planning Applications 01.02.2021 - 05.02.2021	CCC	Noted
41	Consultation – New draft Guidance Code of Conduct	One Voice Wales	Noted
42	Land Registry – Survey of Community and Town Councils in Wales	One Voice Wales	Noted

*Cllr J Price asked the Clerk to investigate if there was any information in item 33 “Keep Wales Safe Campaign” that may assist the Council in tackling the speeding issues within the Community.

7. Financial Assistance

Two requests for Financial Assistance had been received:

Cruse Bereavement Care – a donation of £100 was proposed by Cllr H Gibbon and seconded by Cllr J Price. All in agreement.

The Urdd – No Financial Statement was provided.

It was resolved that £100 donation would be issued to Cruse Bereavement Care, the Clerk would contact The Urdd to request a financial statement before a decision was reached on a donation.

8. Accounts

Mr Brian James – litter picking and bus shelter cleaning - £80.00
 FSEG – monthly electricity charge for MUGA - £10.00
 Julie Rees – Clerk’s January salary - £492.00
 Julie Rees – Clerk’s travelling expenses - £9.72
 Julie Rees – Clerk’s general expenses - £30.35
 Ferryside Village Stores – 1 x Here to Help hamper issued - £25.00
 Hayhurst Property Contracting Ltd - NET £400 VAT £80.00 GROSS £480.00
 Cllr V.M. Jones – Chairman’s Allowance - £200.00
 Peter Buckley – Park Inspections Nov to Jan - £45.00
 Cruse (Bereavement Care) – Financial Assistance Donation - £100.00

*The Clerk informed the Council that Mr B James had been contacted, he was currently able to carry out his duties. The Clerk informed the Council that Mr James had been informed that they would be hiring a handyman to carry out all Council duties.

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Mr James giving 30 days’ notice once the handyman started his duties.

All in agreement, cheques to be delivered to the signatories by the Clerk.

Cllr H Gibbon asked to be excused from the meeting.

9. Fisherman Sculpture

Following discussion at the Ferryside Working Group, the Clerk informed the Council that Mr Simon Hedger, the sculptor of the Fisherman Statue, had been contacted and been in touch, following a failed attempt to contact him previously. Cllr J Batte and the Clerk would be speaking with Mr Hedger on the 12th of February to ask if he had any advice regarding the restoration of the Statue.

If necessary, the Clerk would then contact local carpenters to carry out the work.

It was resolved that advice should be sought from Mr Hedger and any necessary quotes sought following these discussions.

10. Replacing of the Christmas Lights

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council their agreement at the end of 2020 to replace the Ferryside Christmas lights.

Cllr A Davies proposed contacting Mr K Jones, electrical engineer, to get a specification for replacing and installing the Christmas light. This was seconded by Cllr J Price. All in Agreement.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Mr Keith Jones and ask for a specification to be provided by the next meeting. The Clerk should also ask that RT Electrics be given the opportunity to Tender for the work.

11. Any other business

11.1 Cllr A Davies updated the Council on the twinning opportunity with Roqueford, Lot-et-Garonne. Cllr Davies had spoken to the relevant parties and a video conference would be arranged between the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Clerk in the near future.

11.2 Cllr J Batte raised concern regarding the 1904's and the flooding on the road. Cllr M Jones explained to the Council that the necessary area was being pumped out to access and clear the shingle that were causing the blockage. Cllr M Jones went on to thank County Cllr M Stephens for her help in trying to get the matter resolved.

11.3 Cllr M Jones asked the Council to consider the idea of planting a hedgerow between the Rugby Club Car Park and the Pale Field, leaving space for vehicle access. Cllr J Price suggested that planting laurel, a fast growing and evergreen plant may be an option. Cllr J Batte and the Clerk had been told by members of the Rugby Club that this may block the view of the play area from the beer garden.

11.4 Cllr M Jones informed the Council that an anonymous member of the public wished to donate a bench to replace the seat at the top end of Railway House. It was resolved that the Clerk would establish the ownership of the land, initially contacting the Yacht Club.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:41