



**St Ishmael Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held remotely
on 16th March 2021.**

PRESENT:

Cllr V M Jones, Cllr J Batte, Cllr J Price, Cllr J Greenwell, Cllr A Davies, Cllr K Low, Cllr P Stephens and Cllr A Dalton

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 (due to ill health), Cllr Gloria Squires, County Cllr M Stephens and Cllr H Gibbon

2. Declaration of Interests

The register of declarations of interest was made available to members.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of February 2021 – proposed by Cllr J Batte and seconded by Cllr K Low, all in agreement.

4. Matters Arising

LED MUGA Lights - The Clerk informed the Council that RT Electrics had been sent the specification provided by Keith Jones, electrical engineer, and had given a quote of £2,599.00 plus VAT to carry out the work. The previous quotes provided by Keith Jones, electrical engineer, were as follows:

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

It was proposed by Cllr A Davies that we accept the quote by RT Electrics, ask Keith Jones to contact them to oversee the work and carry out an inspection once the work was completed. This was seconded by Cllr J Greenwell, all in agreement.

It was therefore resolved that the Clerk would inform Mr K Jones of the Community Council's decision and ask him to oversee the work carried out by RT Electrics and carry out an inspection at the end.

Handyman – The Clerk explained that Mr A Jenkins was currently only available one day of the week to carry out Council work, it had therefore been agreed with Mr Jenkins that the work on the bank in the Pale field should be completed before any handyman work was undertaken.

It was resolved that once the work on the Pale Field had been completed, handyman duties should be started.

Ferryside Working Group – The Clerk presented the Council with some information provided by Go Safe, after they had attended the area and carried out a manual speed survey. An hour on Eva Terrace resulted in 50 vehicles passing, 22 of which were over the threshold. Go Safe were going to look at carrying out further surveys with handheld cameras during school campaigns. The Clerk went on to inform the Council that a response had been received regarding the parking near the White Lion restricting access to the Porthill. Allison Roberts, Senior Technician, had informed the Clerk that this would be investigated once lockdown restrictions were lifted but that if double yellow lines were necessary, this process could take up to two years.

The Clerk went on to say that they were hoping to have a progress report from County Cllr M Stephens regarding a meeting that was to be arranged between the Community Council and CCC, but unfortunately County Cllr Stephens had been unable to attend to provide an update.

It was resolved that the Clerk would email County Councillor Mair Stephens for a progress report.

Planting Trees – The Clerk informed the Council that she had been in touch with the Woodland Trust, and they had confirmed that the application window for applying for trees would be open between late spring until October.

The Cliff Path – The Clerk had received confirmation from CCC that the area of land between the Cliff Path and the Caradog Court boundary alongside the footpath was owned by CCC and comes under the responsibility of the Waste and Environmental Services Department.

Cllr A Davies proposed that the Clerk contact the County Council with the concerns of the Community Council regarding this area of land and ask them to investigate the matter.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact CCC asking them to investigate the potential issues on the area of land in question.

Grant funding for Hampers – The Clerk confirmed that Grant conditions stated that the money should be spend within a year of the offer letter, 15th May 2020, unless otherwise agreed with the Community Foundation Wales. Any distribution of an underspend should also be discussed with Community Foundation Wales.

The Clerk also reported that an additional 2 hampers had been issued bringing the total spent to £1630, leaving £370 outstanding to be spent.

It was resolved that the Clerk keep advertising the scheme on social media etc and contact any previous recipients. The Community Council were happy to contribute towards any slight overspend that may occur.

Fisherman Sculpture – The Clerk updated the Council on the conversation Cllr J Batte and herself had with Mr Simon Hedger the original sculptor of the Fisherman Statue. Mr Hedger had confirmed that the statue could be restored and felt that it was in very good condition given its age.

It was therefore resolved that the Clerk ask One Voice Wales for advice on Tendering given the unique nature of the work and if necessary, to issue a Tender for restoring the fisherman statue.

Replacing Christmas lights – The Clerk presented the full specification from Keith Jones, electrical engineer, for replacing the festoon lights around the Ferryside Car Park.

Cllr M Jones raised concern that the lights appeared to loop in the drawings and that could cause problems for vehicle access into the car park. Otherwise, the Community Council were satisfied with the specification.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact Keith Jones, electrical engineer, and ensure that the lights do not loop, and to ask him to ask for Tenders, including RT Electrics, based on the specification. The Clerk should also inform Mr Jones that they wanted him to oversee the work and carry out an inspection once the work had been completed.

Bench at access to the Tommy Dodd Walk – The Clerk confirmed that the Yacht Club had confirmed ownership of the area of land beyond Railway House, where the bench is located. The Yacht Club were happy for the bench to be replaced. The Clerk had been asked to get a quote for two benches, as one bench in the park would also need to be replaced. The following quotes had been obtained:

Glasdon UK £913.80 excluding VAT

SLPW £798.00 excluding VAT

Cllr J Batte proposed that the Clerk order the two benches from SLPW and that the Chairman informs the anonymous donor who can contribute towards the Railway House Bench. This was seconded by Cllr J Price, all in agreement.

It was resolved that the Clerk would order the 2 x benches from Second Life Products Wales (SLPW).

Rights of Way – The Clerk provided some information from CCC in relation to landowners and the rights of way which stated that if the landowner were to obstruct the Community Council in carrying out their duties in clearing Rights of Way, CCC could instigate enforcement proceedings for obstruction.

It was resolved that the information be noted but no further action be taken at this time.

5. Planning

There was one item of planning presented by the Clerk:

PL / 01323 – 1 Glan Tywi Uchaf, Ferryside – proposed side extension.

No objections were raised.

The Clerk also brought to the attention of the Council the Appeal regarding the renewal of expired planning permission raised by Jo Lewis, 14 Heol Gwernmont, Llansaint. The Appeal had later been withdrawn.

6. Correspondence

	Correspondence	From	Action
1	Eden Project Virtual Community Camp March 2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
2	Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire	CCC	Noted
3	Using Borrow Box	CCC partners	Noted
4	Three Rivers - Review of 2020 Season	Welsh Government	Noted
5	REMINDER - February 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in February	One Voice Wales	Noted

6	men2men ZOOM Presentation Thu 25th February	CCC partners	Noted
7	Dog Theft Awareness	Dyfed Powys Police	Noted
8	Planning Applications 08.02.2021 - 12.02.2021	CCC	Noted
9	WLGA coronavirus email update 12.02.2021	Welsh Government	Noted
10	Education Programme for those living with long-term illness.	CCC partners	Noted
11	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils	Welsh Government	Noted
12	My Constructive Conversations course in March	One Voice Wales	Noted
13	Future Wales: the national plan 2040 - Newsletter Issue 016 - February 2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
14	Carmarthenshire Main Meeting	One Voice Wales	Noted
15	Carmarthen Area Committee meeting	One Voice Wales	Noted
16	Welsh Government - Keep Wales Safe campaign	Welsh Government	Noted
17	Elections Newsletter	One Voice Wales	Noted
18	February Facebook Phishing campaign	One Voice Wales	Noted
19	COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL POSTER / LEAFLET	Hywel Dda	Noted
20	MARCH 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in February	One Voice Wales	Noted
21	Receipt for Donation	Cruse West Wales	Noted
22	Carers Resilience and Wellbeing – facilitator training	CCC partners	Noted
23	Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales	One Voice Wales	Noted
24	Planning Applications 15.02.2021 - 19.02.2021	CCC	Noted
25	WLGA coronavirus email update 19.02.2021	Welsh Government	Noted
26	Information – Zoom meetings for Veterans	Dyfed Powys Police	Noted
27	Keep Wales Safe - Rugby match day messaging	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
28	New version of Age Cymru's Factsheet 24w: Direct payments for social care services in Wales	CCC partners	Noted
29	Zoom session with Age Cymru	CCC partners	Noted
30	Versus Arthritis - Save the date	CCC partners	Noted
31	Planning Appeal consultation - W/38150 - AP-7145	CCC	Noted
32	Community Council Social Media Pages & Website Audit (Carmarthenshire Children & Families Services)	CCC	Noted

33	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2021	OVW	Noted
34	Article ... low interest rates	OVW	Noted
35	Webinar Invitation	OVW	Noted
36	Planning Applications 22.02.2021 - 26.02.2021	CCC	Noted
37	Llansaint Roads	Jodi Afzal	The Clerk read the letter from Ms Afzal to the Council detailing the state of the roads in Llansaint during adverse weather. <i>It was resolved that the Clerk contact CCC again asking that this matter be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee.</i>
38	Gate access to field	Trish Weeden	The Clerk presented an email from Mrs P Weeden who had originally contacted the Community Council in 2018 regarding access to the Pale Field from her son's property in Faircroft, Carmarthen Road. <i>It was resolved that the Community Council stand by the original agreement to allow access to Mrs Weeden and her son, this access would be given to them and not to the property.</i>

39	<i>Tir Coed Online</i>	CCC Partners	Noted
40	Carers Speak Up	CCC Partners	Noted
41	Carers Information Service Telephone Support	CCC Partners	Noted
42	Keep Wales Safe - Mental Health	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
43	Versus Arthritis - Save the date	Versus Arthritis	Noted
44	WG Electoral Newsletter - February	OVW	Noted
45	Census 2021	Welsh Government	Noted
46	Calon Tân: Rhifyn Gwanwyn 2021 / Spring 2021 Edition	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue	Noted
47	Planning Applications 01.03.2021 - 05.03.2021	CCC	Noted
48	Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector	OVW	Noted
49	Welsh Parish and Town Councils £250 grant Available	Cymru Hearts	Noted
50	Keep Wales Safe - Supporting Families	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
51	Welsh language Goldies Live	CCC Partners	Noted
52	Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act – commencement, implementation and guidance	OVW	Noted
53	REMINDER - MARCH 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in March	OVW	Noted
54	Carers Wales Virtual Wellbeing Day	CCC Partners	Noted
55	CYBER SECURITY GUIDE	OVW	Noted
56	Planning Applications 08.03.2021 - 12.03.2021	CCC	Noted
57	W/38150 - Appeal Decision	CCC	Noted
58	Resignation Letter	Cllr G Squires	The Clerk read a resignation letter from Cllr G Squires. The Chairman and other members expressed their sincere thanks to Cllr Squires for her dedication and hard work. <i>It was resolved that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to Cllr Squires.</i>

Cllr A Davies brought two items of correspondence to the attention of the Council and asked that the Clerk bring the Council up to date on these matters in the next meeting:

- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report
- Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector

7. Financial Assistance

One request for Financial Assistance had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council's Chair's Appeal 2020-21.

Cllr Jackie Price proposed donating £50, this was seconded by Cllr J Greenwell. All in agreement.

It was resolved that £50.00 would be donated.

8. Accounts

Mr Brian James – litter picking and bus shelter cleaning Feb - £80.00

FSEG – monthly electricity charge for MUGA - £10.00

Julie Rees – Clerk's February salary - £480.10 (inc a 0.10p underpayment from July 2020)

Julie Rees – Clerk's travelling expenses - £9.72

Julie Rees – Clerk's general expenses - £25.30

Ferryside Village Stores – 2 x Here to Help hamper issued - £60.00

SSE SWALEC – All Saints Church, Llansaint - £3.49

One Voice Wales – Code of Conduct Training - £207.18

Peter Buckley – Park Inspections Feb - £15.00

CCC Chair's Appeal – Financial Assistance Donation - £50.00

The Clerk informed the Council that Mr B James had not yet been contacted giving 30-days' notice as the handyman had not yet officially started his duties.

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

The Clerk also informed the Council that SSE had written to the Council informing them of a rise in prices of electricity would mean paying an additional £10.39 a year from April 2021.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Mrs Gloria Squires to ask when a meeting would be held with All Saints Church to resolve the matter of two meters.

Cllr A Davies asked that the Clerk and Chairman discuss the Clerk's hours and decide if a contracted number of hours may now be more appropriate.

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

9. Emails to Councillors

The Clerk explaining that when she had started her role in December 2019 all emailed correspondence had been shared with the members as agreed, the Clerk went on to ask the Councillors which emails they wished to continue receiving.

It was resolved that the Clerk only now needed to share urgent emails with the Councillors and would make them aware of all other correspondence during the Community Council Meeting.

10. Replacement and Emptying of Litter Bins

Cllr M Jones raised concern again that the bins on the beach front in Ferryside were insufficient for litter generated especially when holidaymakers were in the area. In the summer of 2020, a large bin had been moved from the carpark to be placed near the Yacht Club, but this bin had since been removed by CCC.

It was resolved that the Clerk should contact County Cllr Mair Stephens to ask if the bin could be returned as soon as possible.

11. Any other business

11.1 Cllr J Batte expressed his sadness and concern regarding the recent body found in the search for Ms Susan Smith who went missing while walking on the beach in St Ishmael. Cllr Batte was keen to respond appropriately to the tragedy by raising awareness of the dangers posed by the Tywi Estuary. Cllr A Davies echoed these sentiments and proposed contacting CCC to try to arrange a co—ordinated response with local organisations to raise safety awareness. All in agreement.

11.2 Cllr A Davies asked the Clerk for an update on the Website, the Clerk confirmed that the website development was underway and had recently received a link to provide comment on the work so far. This had been forwarded to the Chair and Vice-Chair for comment.

11.3 Cllr A Davies suggested that if the work on the planters in Llansaint could not be carried out within the next month by the handyman that the work be put out for Tender.

11.4 Cllr A Davies confirmed that Llansaint Welfare Hall refurbishment had been awarded a £35,000 boost as part of the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme. Work would commence in spring 2021.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:02