



**St Ishmael Community Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held remotely  
on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr V M Jones, Cllr J Batte, Cllr J Price, Cllr J Greenwell and Cllr A Davies.

**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 K Low, Cllr P Stephens, County Cllr M Stephens, Cllr Alicia Dalton and Cllr H Gibbon

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council correspondence from Cllr R Bloor explaining a period of very poor health, he hoped to attend a Community Council Meeting once fully recovered.

**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 16th March 2021 – proposed by Cllr J Batte and seconded by Cllr J Price, all in agreement.

**4. Matters Arising**

**LED MUGA Lights** – The Clerk told the Council that Mr Keith Jones had been in touch with RT Electrics regarding the replacing of the MUGA lights, Mr Jones had informed the Clerk that the parts had been ordered and the work would take place in due course.

*It was resolved that once the lights had been installed the Council would need to discuss their management.*

**Handyman** – The Clerk informed the Council that the work on the bank at the pale field had now been completed and the handyman had sought some advice on the planters for Llansaint and litter collections.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would get a quote from the Men's Shed, or planters should be sourced locally. A budget of £300 was agreed. It was also resolved that the Clerk would investigate prices of litter collections.*

**The Cliff Path** – The Clerk informed the Council that an email had been issued to CCC regarding their concerns in relation to the land adjacent to the Cliff Path, but no response had been received. The Clerk went on to say that a phone call had been taken by the Clerk on a withheld number, the person claimed to be speaking on

behalf of the residents of Caradog Court and indicated feelings of being “hounded” by the Community Council. The Clerk was reminded that it is the policy of the Council not to speak to anonymous callers.

*It was resolved that the Clerk should send a reminder to CCC asking for a response.*

**Grant funding for Hampers** – The Clerk informed the Council that a further 7 hampers, amounting to £285, had been issued. The total spend was now £1915, leaving £85 to be spend over the next month.

*It was resolved that the Clerk spend the remaining funds.*

**Fisherman Sculpture** – The Clerk informed the Community Council that advice had been sought from One Voice Wales regarding the renovation of the sculpture by the original artist. Alun Harries, OVW, had advised that considering the uniqueness of the sculpture, the original artists footprint and availability, he was satisfied that the Council’s Financial Regulations allowed for the work to be carried out without a need to proceed to Tender.

*It was resolved by the Council to proceed in this manner and that the work be commissioned by Mr Simon Hedger at the quoted price of £1,175.00.*

**Replacing Christmas lights in the Ferryside Carpark** – The Clerk presented two Tenders:

IWEC Electrical Services £4988 plus VAT

RT Electrics £4795 plus VAT

A discussion took place in relation to the excessive cost involved in replacing the Christmas lights. Cllr J Batte proposed that the lights were not replaced due to the prohibitive cost involved, this was seconded by Cllr J Price. All in agreement.

*It was resolved that the Christmas lights would not be replaced at the present time.*

**New Benches** – The Clerk informed the Council that two benches had been ordered from Single Life Products Wales, the benches had been delivered and a quote of £480 had been provided by Paul Hayhurst for replacing the benches. The Chair informed the Council that a £340 donation had been received from an anonymous doner as a contribution towards the bench near the walk to Tommy Dodd.

*It was resolved that the work should be carried out by Paul Hayhurst and the Clerk would pay the cash donation into the bank account.*

**Resignation of Cllr Gloria Squires** – The Clerk updated the Council that an advert had been placed on the Website and Notice Boards to ascertain if an election needed to be held. Once the time had expired, and if no election were to be called, it was agreed that the Clerk would advertise the post via co-option.

**Electricity Bill** – The Clerk had received correspondence from Rev William Lambert on behalf of All Saints Church, Llansaint. Rev Lambert gave permission for Utility Aid to ascertain prices based on both the Church and Community Council electricity meters, in the hope that this would be more economical for both parties.

**Clerk’s Hours** – the Clerk informed the Council that in consultation with the Chairman had agreed to work 42 hours per month.

*It was resolved that the Clerk’s contract would be amended to reflect the agreed 42 hours per month, if however, the Clerk’s hours exceeded this, the Council should be informed.*

**Litter bins** – The Clerk informed the Council that County Cllr Mair Stephens had been emailed regarding the replacement of the litter bins on the Ferryside beach front, but no response had been received.

**Dangers of the Tywi Estuary** – The Clerk told the Council that CCC had been contacted to discuss safety matters in relation to the Tywi Estuary, the Clerk read the response from Ben Kathrens, Coastal Protection Manager, which stated that as the land was not owned by the County Council, it was not incumbent to participate in any partnership to raise safety standards within the area. The Community Council were very disappointed with this response.

*It was resolved that the Clerk contact Ben Kathrens to arrange a meeting between CCC and the Community Council to discuss the matter further.*

**5. Planning**

There were no new items of planning presented by the Clerk.

It was noted that PL/01542 had been emailed to the Councillors during the previous week as the consultation period ended on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, no objections were raised.

PL/01542 – retention of detached domestic outbuilding – 4 Maes Yr Eglwys, Llansaint.

**6. Correspondence**

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| 1. Star Leaf  | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 2. JOINT ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT                             | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 3. Planning Applications 15.03.2021 - 19.03.2021                | CCC                   | Noted |
| 4. Countryside Code refresh 2021 – Final wording                | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 5. APRIL 2021 - Remote training sessions                        | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 6. Hywel Dda CHC March Newsletter                               | Hywel Dda HB          | Noted |
| 7. Recreation Plan - 2nd consultation                           | Port of Milford Haven | Noted |
| 8. Dyfed Powys Police monthly meeting                           | DP Police             | Noted |
| 9. Digital Connectivity Survey                                  | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 10. Still time to complete the Census                           | ONS                   | Noted |
| 11. Planning application consultation PL/01542                  | CCC                   | Noted |
| 12. Keep Wales Safe – Vaccine Information                       | Keep Wales Safe       | Noted |
| 13. Scam Awareness - Tesco Scam calls                           | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 14. Policy Announcement: Compulsory Purchase                    | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 15. Consultation: Local authority power to trade                | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 16. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021             | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 17. Welsh Government Use Your Views Toolkit and QFC's resources | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 18. Climate Change Newsletter - Mawrth/March 21                 | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 19. NATURAL RESOURCES WALES: Appointment of Three Board Members | One Voice Wales       | Noted |
| 20. Planning Applications 22.03.2021 - 26.03.2021               | CCC                   | Noted |

21. Stay Local restrictions lifted	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
22. Audit Notice 2021	Wales Audit	Noted
23. Round 2 - Carers Support Innovation Fund 2021/22	CCC Partners	Noted
24. Remote training sessions that are taking place in April	One Voice Wales	Noted
25. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – C2120, FROM FERRYSIDE	CCC	Noted
26. Ferryside Farm Caravan Park informed the Community Council of the concerns raised in Mr Bizzell-Browning's letter, the Clerk had forwarded the letter to CCC and asked that the concerns be addressed.	Nik Bizzell-Browning	The Clerk
27. Trees informed the Council that concerns had been raised by Mr A Dark, via Mr Smith, regarding the planting of trees and a hedgerow on the pale field. The concerned were duly noted.	Bruce Smith	The Clerk
28. Planning Applications 29.03.2021 - 02.04.2021	CCC	Noted
29. WG Electoral Newsletter – March	One Voice Wales	Noted
30. Community Asset Transfer: research with the third sector, local authorities and community and town councils	One Voice Wales	Noted
31. Miracle Design & Play - Playground Inspection and Maintenance	One Voice Wales	Noted
32. Blachere Summer Range	One Voice Wales	Noted
33. Change to Keep Wales Safe messaging	One Voice Wales	Noted
34. Age Cymru Dyfed Befriending Life Link Groups	CCC Partners	Noted
35. Upcoming deadline: 2021 State of Sector Survey	One Voice Wales	Noted
36. Carmarthenshire Nature Notes	CCC	Noted
37. APRIL 2021 - Remote training sessions	One Voice Wales	Noted
38. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh	One Voice Wales	Noted
39. Jayne Jones read a letter received raising concerns regarding the gate between Maes Y Ffynnon and the Education Centre, the Clerk informed the Council that an email had been sent to the CCC Planning Department to ascertain if planning permission had been applied for and granted.	Education Centre	The Clerk
40. Planning Applications 05.04.2021 - 09.04.2021	CCC	Noted
41. Zurich Town and Parish policy is due for renewal (due for renewal 20 <sup>th</sup> June)	Zurich	Noted
42. Telephone lines in Ferryside	R John Black	Noted
43. Emergency Road Closure - U2212, Ferryside.	CCC	Noted
44. ReConnecting April sessions	CCC Partners	Noted
45. Llanelli Mind Project	CCC Partners	Noted
46. 2021/2022 Child Burial Fees 2021/2022	CCC	Noted
47. Section 106	CCC	Noted
48. Keep Wales Safe Campaign-Vaccination update and updated diary marker	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
49. Welsh Government Race Equality Action Plan – consultation	One Voice Wales	Noted

50. Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councillors	CCC	Noted
51. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – C2120, FROM FERRYSIDE	CCC	Noted
52. Consultation Published: Updated River Basin Management Plans	One Voice Wales	Noted
53. 'Introduction to Corporate Landlord' *FREE for Welsh Public Sector	One Voice Wales	Noted
54. Planning Applications 12.04.2021 - 16.04.2021	CCC	Noted
55. Nomination of Minor Authority Representation	CCC	Noted

## 7. Financial Assistance

No items of Financial Assistance had been received

## 8. Accounts

Brian James – bus shelter cleaning and litter picking - £80.00\*

FSEG – monthly electricity charge - £10.00

Julie Rees – Clerk’s salary - £528.00

Julie Rees – Travelling expenses (less 0.07p) - £9.65

Julie Rees – General expenses - £53.09

One Voice Wales – Annual Membership 2021/22 - £312

CCC – Ferryside Playing Fields Annual License Fee - £2.00

CCC – Ferryside Playing Fields Annual Lease - £590

CCC – Footway Lighting 01/04/21 – 31/03/22 - £1,121.33 VAT £186.89 NET £934.44

SLPW – 2 x black moulded benches - £891.60 VAT £148.60 NET £743.00

Keith Jones – Ferryside Christmas lights survey, scope of work and tendering - £360.00 VAT £60.00 NET £300.00

Ferryside Village Stores – 7 x hampers - £285.00

\*Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr B James to terminate his employment and to express the Council’s thanks for his hard work over the years.

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

## 9. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The Clerk updated the Council on the changes being introduced which included the “power of competence” from May 2022, to exercise the “power of competence” the Clerk would need to undertake a relevant professional qualification. The Clerk went on to tell the Council that from May 2021 electronic publication of key information would need to be published within 7 days of the Community Council meetings.

A discussion took place on how the Council would like to proceed. It was proposed by Cllr A Davies that the Clerk undertake the CiLCA qualification, and the Council would pay the Clerk for the additional hours required. This was seconded by Cllr J Greenwell.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would apply for a Bursary to undertake a CiLCA qualification, should the bursary not be awarded the Council would meet the costs of the Course. It was also resolved that draft minutes would be published within 7 days of the meeting from May 2021.*

## **10. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

The Clerk informed the Council that the Panel continues to mandate a payment of £150 as a contribution to costs and expenses for members of Community Councils. Members of the Council may decline to receive part, or all, of the payment if they wish. This must be done in writing.

*It was resolved that any Councillor not wishing to receive this payment would inform the Clerk in writing.*

## **11. Town and Community Council Annual Report**

The Clerk presented the updated Community Council Annual Report to the Council.

*It was resolved that nothing further needed to be added and the Report should be submitted.*

## **12. Litter**

The Clerk told the Council of concerns being raised regarding litter in the area and a discussion took place on the best ways to tackle this. It was agreed that this was an ongoing problem that would need to be kept under review.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would speak to the handyman about ensuring that litter picking was done in the areas maintained by the Community Council.*

## **13. Any other business**

13.1 Cllr A Davies updated the Council on the progress being made on the renovation work at Llansaint Hall.

13.2 Cllr J Batte raised the issue of weeding required in the MUGA.

13.3 Cllr J Batte raised concern regarding the building equipment and materials being stored on the Cliff Path.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.