



**St Ishmael Community Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held in Ferryside Hall  
on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr V M Jones, Cllr J Batte, Cllr J Price, Cllr A Dalton, Cllr K Low, Cllr P Stephens, Cllr P H Thomas, and in attendance Mrs D Afzal.

**In the Chair: Cllr J Batte**

Cllr J Batte thanked the outgoing Chair, Cllr M Jones, for his hard work on behalf of the Council during a difficult time.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

RESOLVED that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr Ralph Bloor (due to ill health), County Cllr M Stephens, Cllr H Gibbon, Cllr J Greenwell and Cllr A Davies.

Cllr J Price informed the Council that Cllr R Bloor continued to give his apologies after a serious illness and was intending to return to the Council once recuperated. The Community Council agreed to continue to accept Cllr Bloor's apologies and wished him a speedy recovery.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

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

Cllr J Price and Cllr P H Thomas declared an interest in Agenda item 10, but they would be speaking on behalf of other residents.

**3. Co-option of Member**

The Chair explained that the co-option process had been followed and a vote was taken to elect Mrs Dawn Afzal as the new Community Councillor. All in Agreement. The Chair welcomed Cllr D Afzal to the Council.

**4. Minutes**

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 2021 – proposed by Cllr J Price and seconded by Cllr M Jones, all in agreement.

**5. Matters Arising**

**LED MUGA Lights** – The Clerk informed the Council that RT Electrics were awaiting parts before the work could be undertaken on the MUGA.

**Handyman** – The Clerk informed the Council of the work undertaken by the handyman including the 3 planters in Llansaint, spraying weeds, fixing one of the red

benches and removing part of a tree that had fallen on the Pale field. The Clerk went on to explain that the planters had been purchased from Ferryside Village Stores as the Men's Shed had failed to provide a quote for the work.

*It was resolved that the Clerk ask the Handyman to work on the three corners in Ferryside next.*

**Litter Collection Service** – The Clerk presented three quotes to the Council for litter collection services:

CCC – collection of 2/ 3 bags of rubbish would cost £55 per week

CWM Environmental - 240 Eurobin £13.95 plus VAT per lift per bin. Plus £4.45 per bag (minimum order of 20 bags)

Cheaperwaste – 240 litre general waste bin at £10.52 plus VAT per collection, 0.14p per day rental and duty of care waste transfer at £76.00 plus VAT per annum.

The Clerk also informed the Council that CWM Environmental and Cheaperwaste did not collect faeces as part of these collections.

Cllr P Thomas suggested contacting BIFA.

*It was resolved that the Clerk go back to CCC and try to negotiate a better price as they would dispose of all litter.*

**The Cliff Path** – reminders had been sent to CCC regarding the Council's concerns about the land adjacent to the Cliff Path and Caradog Court, but no response had been received.

**Grant funding for Hampers** – The Clerk informed the Council that the remaining £85 of the £2000 grant funding had now been spent. The Council expressed their thanks to Ferryside Stores and Mrs Gloria Squires for making the project a success.

*It was resolved that the necessary paperwork be completed by the Clerk and submitted to Community Foundation Wales.*

**Fisherman Sculpture** – The Clerk informed the Council that the sculptor, Simon Hedger, had confirmed that restoration work on the Fisherman Statue would commence in mid-June.

**Replacing Christmas lights in the Ferryside Carpark** – The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Keith Jones, Electrical Engineer, had advised the Council to re-tender the work during the summer period when the electrical companies would not be as busy.

*It was resolved that the Clerk re-tender the work to all the original companies and any other suitable companies.*

**New Benches** – The Clerk informed the Council that the two new benches had been placed, by Paul Hayhurst, one in front of the MUGA and one on the entrance to the Tommy Dodd walk. The donation of £340 towards the latter bench had been banked by the Clerk.

**Electricity Bill** – The Clerk informed the Council that Rev Williams Lambert had been in touch to say that the Church were unable to go ahead with the plan to have one meter for the All-Saints Church, Llansaint and apologised for the misunderstanding. The Clerk went on to inform the Council that having spoken to Utility Aid, the options available to reduce costs were very limited if the Council wished to continue paying by cheque.

*It was resolved that the Clerk seek to find out why the Council had agreed to pay for the Church to be lit up and to possibly consider making an annual donation towards the lights.*

**Litter bins** – The Clerk informed the Council that County Cllr Mair Stephens had asked for a location for the additional bin on the foreshore in Ferryside.

*It was resolved that the Clerk reply asking that the large litter bin be placed near the life buoy outside the Yacht Club.*

**Meeting with CCC** – The Clerk told the Council that County Cllr Mair Stephens had spoken to Steve Pillner, Highways Dept, who was willing to meet with representatives of the Community Council to discuss ongoing issues.

*It was resolved that the Clerk contact Steve Pillner to arrange a meeting.*

**Dangers of the Tywi Estuary** – The Clerk updated the Council that an online meeting had taken place between Ben Kathrens, Cllr M Jones, Cllr J Batte and the Clerk. In the meeting Mr Kathrens agreed to supply the Community Council with 10 signs that could be placed by the Community Council, warning of the dangers of the Estuary. Since the meeting Mr Kathrens had informed the Clerk that there was an ongoing H&S review of the equipment / signage being carried out by the outdoor recreation manager, and it would be prudent to wait for the results of this review before taking any further action. The Council expressed their disappointment that this may lead to delays in action being taken.

*It was resolved that the Clerk contact Ben Kathrens and ask for a timeline of the review and a timetable for any actions to be taken. The Clerk should also stress that the Community Council would not want delays when the holiday season was already starting.*

**Termination of Employment** – The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mr Brian James terminating his employment with 30 days' notice. The last £80 cheque would be due in June, as Mr James was being paid in arrears.

**Internet Access** – The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Open Reach following the letter from a concerned resident, Mr J Black, who was moving within Ferryside and had been informed by BT that there is no fibre to copper lines left in the cabinet at the Ferry Cabin, and he could only be offered a phone line with 1Mb of broadband. Open Reach were informed that the CC were very concerned regarding this matter and asked that the box is upgraded urgently.

**Full Fibre Broadband** – The Clerk had a meeting with Cllr J Greenwell to discuss options for attracting full fibre broadband into the area, an email had been sent to Kidwelly Town Council to ask if they were interested in liaising over this issue. No response had been received.

**CiLCA qualification** – The Clerk informed the Council that the bursary had been applied for and SLCC had responded to say that the application had been accepted, they were currently in the process of arranging more training in Wales before issuing the promotional codes to book onto the training. The Clerk also informed the Council that on discussing the course with SLCC, they had confirmed that they recommend 200 hours is spent on the course over the year, which roughly equates to 16 hours per month. The Council had already agreed to reimburse the Clerk for the additional hours, but the additional number of hours potentially required was noted.

**Remuneration Payment** – The Clerk thanked the Councillors who had already confirmed that they did not wish to receive the remuneration payment and reminded anyone else that an email confirmation was required for those not wishing to be paid.

**Building Materials stored and shed built on the Cliff Path** – The Clerk informed the Council that a reminder had again been sent to CCC.

**Gate at playpark** – The Clerk confirmed that the gate in the playpark had finally been replaced with a hydraulic gate following an inspection and agreement last summer.

**New Community Council Website** – the Clerk informed the Council that on reviewing the Community Council website development in March 2021, concerns had been raised that the website had been in English only. Development of the Welsh part had been very slow, and the Clerk had contacted Vision ICT for an update on a number of occasions. The Clerk had received a bill from Vision ICT for part of the cost but expressed the view that this should not be paid until Vision ICT were able to demonstrate the bi-lingual website was underway.

*It was resolved that the bill would not be paid at this time, and the Clerk would advise Vision ICT according.*

**Access to the Porthill** – The Clerk informed the Community Council that Allison Roberts from Traffic Management had confirmed that monitoring of the corner next to the White Lion and the passing point above the White Lion was ongoing. If double yellow lines were deemed necessary, the process could take between 12 – 18 months.

**Filing Cabinets** – The Clerk informed the Council that the filing cabinets and paperwork that had been kept in the home of County Councillor Mair Stephens had now been placed in the Community Council Office at Ferryside Hall.

**Lock on the Portacabin** – The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr M Jones had been informed that the lock placed on the Portacabin by Carmarthen Stars had been removed and a new lock had been placed on there. The Clerk had been unable to ascertain who had cut off the lock and replaced it, meaning that neither the Carmarthen Stars of the Community Council were able to access the portacabin. The Council expressed their concern that this had happened.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would liaise with the Carmarthen Stars to remove the new lock and replace it with their own lock, this should be done while accompanied by a member of the Community Council. A photograph of the equipment in the portacabin would then be taken before the lock would be replaced.*

## 6. Planning

There was one new item of planning:

PL/01788 - Trefforis Fawr, Ferryside SA17 5YG – replacement above earth banked nutrient store to comply with Environmental Permitting Regulations and SSAFO, and proposed Welsh Agricultural Pollution Regs.

No objections were raised.

## 7. Correspondence

1. Alzheimer's Society quarterly update	CCC Partners	Noted
2. Maes Y Ffynnon	Jane Jones / Dylan Jones	
It was noted that this item would be discussed at Agenda Item 10.		
3. APRIL / MAY 2021 - Remote training	One Voice Wales	Noted
4. Annual return issues	Wales Audit	Noted
5. Electricity Meter	Rev W Lambert	Noted
6. SP Llanelli	CCC Partners	Noted
7. Today the Day groups	CCC Partners	Noted
8. Live Webinar: Your Town, Your Future	Wales Audit	Noted
9. Volunteers Day	CCC Partners	Noted
10. Rule of 6 - Outdoor hospitality	Keep Wales Safe	Noted

11. 6 May 2021 polls - Volunteers Needed	One Voice Wales	Noted
12. Planning Applications 19.04.2021 - 23.04.2021	CCC	Noted
13. Blachere Illuminations help councils go green	One Voice Wales	Noted
14. 'Introduction to Corporate Landlord' Reminder	One Voice Wales	Noted
15. Keep Wales Safe - updated messaging	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
16. Telephone Scams poster	One Voice Wales	Noted
17. Skype Meeting	Dyfed Powys Poilce	Noted
18. Get Help Stay Safe Leaflet	One Voice Wales	Noted
19. Precept Remittance Advice	CCC	Noted
20. Electoral Reform Newsletter April 2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
21. MAY 2021 - Remote training sessions	One Voice Wales	Noted
22. Passwords - A gentle reminder	One Voice Wales	Noted
23. Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting	One Voice Wales	Noted
24. Planning Applications 26.04.2021 - 30.04.2021	CCC	Noted
25. Easing of restrictions and myth busting	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
26. BT Consultation	BT	
It was noted that this item would be dealt with at Agenda Item 12.		
27. Age Cymru LIFT Exercise Class	CCC Partners	Noted
28. Arts Care	CCC Partners	Noted
29. Covid Recovery - enabling key community leadership and partnerships	One Voice Wales	Noted
30. Planning Applications 03.05.2021 - 07.05.2021	CCC	Noted
31. Shed behind Brigstock Terrace	Jane Judge	
Ms Judge had raised concerns regarding the shed and building equipment being kept behind 3 Brigstock Terrace, infringing on the Cliff Path. The Clerk had already forwarded these concerns to CCC.		
<i>It was resolved that this issue be raised in the meeting with Mr Steve Pillner, CCC. The Clerk would write to Ms Judge to inform her of the action being taken.</i>		
32. Faircroft	Phillipa Arundel	
Permission was requested to bring a tipper truck and micro dumper onto the pale field to create an access point behind Faircroft. Permission was granted by the Community Council, on the condition that any damage caused would be rectified. Cllr P Thomas agreed to speak to the Rugby Club to gain permission for a skip to be placed on the rugby club car park.		
<i>It was resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr P Thomas to inform Ms Arundel once permission had been agreed by the Rugby Club.</i>		
33. HEALTHY WORKPLACES & CIVILITY IN PUBLIC LIFE	One Voice Wales	Noted
34. Free COVID-19 tests for carers and support services	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
35. Census 2021 Thank you	ONS	Noted
36. Get There Together Press Launch	CCC Partners	Noted
37. COVID recovery - enabling key community leadership and partnerships	One Voice Wales	Noted
38. Uno i ddatrys yr argyfwng ail gartrefi.	Cyngor Tref Nefyn	Noted
39. Goldies Cymru & Goldies Live	CCC Partners	Noted
40. Emergency Road Closure - Heol Gwermont, Llansaint	CCC	Noted
41. World Refill Day 2021	OVW	Noted
42. Back to Community Life and One Voice Wales event 19th May 3pm	OVW	Noted
43. Strategic Asset Management Leadership	OVW	Noted

44. New Guidance 17th May	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
45. Planning Applications 10.05.2021 - 14.05.2021	CCC	Noted
46. Public Sector Learning & Development challenges	PSE	Noted
47. PLANNING AID WALES	OVW	Noted
48. What opportunities has the post-pandemic landscape created?	PSE	Noted
49. Today's The Day	CCC Partners	Noted
50. Government's Levelling Up Agenda	PSE	Noted
51. Learning lessons from the community-led response to COVID-19 in Wales Survey	OVW	Noted
52. Actif 60+ Programme	Actif Communities	Noted
53. We have three craft projects coming up and are undersubscribed	CCC Partners	Noted
54. With us not against us - 3 million doses – testing	Keep Wales Safe	Noted
55. Planning Applications 17.05.2021 - 21.05.2021	CCC	Noted
56. Building a healthier future questionnaire	Hywel Dda	
The Clerk made available copies of the questionnaire to be completed by the members on a voluntary basis.		
57. CCC Remittance Advice	CCC	
It was noted that the 1/3 of the precept payment amounting to £11,348.34 had been received.		

## 8. Financial Assistance

One item of financial assistance was presented from Tenovus Cancer Care.

*It was resolved that a £50.00 donation be made. All in agreement.*

## 9. Accounts

Brian James – bus shelter cleaning and litter picking - £80.00  
 FSEG – monthly electricity charge - £10.00  
 Julie Rees – Clerk's salary - £514.08 (42 hrs based on new pay increment of £12.24)  
 Julie Rees – Travelling expenses - £19.44  
 Julie Rees – General expenses - £27.59  
 Nigel Sheldon, Wrenvale – Rights of Way tender - £180 VAT £30 NET £150  
 Jerry Widdas – supply and installation of hydraulic gate - £1944.00  
 Hayhurst Property Contracting Ltd – Concrete bases and fitting of two benches - £480 VAT £80 NET £400  
 Zurich Municipal – Insurance - £826.72  
 Ferryside Village Store – 3 x hampers - £85.00  
 Tenovus Cancer Care – donation - £50.00

*All in agreement, cheques duly signed.*

## 10. Maes Y Ffynnon – concerns raised by residents

The Clerk summarised a second letter received from Jane Jones and Dylan Jones on behalf of the residents of Maes Y Ffynnon, the letter raised concerns over the

opening of the gate between Maes Y Ffynnon and Calon Y Fferi, which had previously been locked, and the felling of trees in front of Maes Y Ffynnon.

The Clerk informed the Council that the planning application came in front of the Community Council in October 2016, it was decided at that meeting that the CC would object on several issues including the proposed gate at Maes Y Ffynnon. This letter was sent to the CCC Planning Department on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The Clerk had recently been in touch with Gary Glenister, Planning Department, to ascertain if the planning permission for the gate had been granted. Gary Glenister confirmed that the gate was part of the original planning permission for the old Education Centre. At the time it was approved it was marked as "Additional Pedestrian Access for Maes Y Ffynnon" and was seen as a positive addition to cater for the potential pedestrian desire line so people would not have to walk onto the main road and therefore encourage pedestrian access.

In relation to the felling of the trees, the map provided by Gary Glenister to show the Planning granted, the plan states that the trees were "to be retained".

A discussion took place regarding this issue and the concerns of the residents, who had already noted an incident of anti-social behaviour.

It was proposed by Cllr J Price that the Clerk write to Calon Y Fferi explaining the concerns of the residents and asking if they would keep the residents informed of any future changes and if they would consider putting measures in place to combat anti-social behaviour. This was seconded by Cllr A Dalton. All in agreement.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Calon Y Fferi as proposed and also ask them about the trees that should have been retained. Along side this, the Clerk was asked to get advice on the necessity to provide disability access via the gates.*

## **11. Defibrillators**

The Clerk informed the Council that since writing to the Caravan Parks some months ago regarding access to defibrillators, no response had been received.

A discussion took place on how the Community Council could progress this matter. Cllr M Jones proposed that the Council write to organisation such as Network Rail to ask if they would be willing to place a defibrillator at the train station.

*It was resolved that the Clerk write to Network Rail.*

Cllr D Afzal registered her concerns that the defibrillator in Llansaint was in the bus shelter and that the seasonal tourists in the area may find it difficult to find in an emergency. A discussion took place on why the defibrillator had been placed in the bus shelter. It seems to have been placed there to protect it from the elements.

Cllr P Thomas proposed that the defibrillator be moved outside of the bus shelter, and this was seconded by Cllr D Afzal.

Cllr M Jones proposed that a sign be placed on the bus shelter to direct people to the defibrillator inside, Cllr A Dalton seconded this proposal.

Three Councillors abstained from the vote, therefore the Chairman voted to move the defibrillator to the outside of the bus shelter.

*It was resolved that the Clerk find out the cost and the practicalities of moving the defibrillator.*

## **12. BT Consultation**

The Clerk informed the Council that BT were giving communities the opportunity to “adopt” red telephone kiosks at a cost of £1 each and remove the telephony service at each of the adopted kiosks. The CCC Planning Division were collating the information on behalf of BT.

A discussion took place, and it was decided that the kiosk be adopted for the community.

*It was resolve that the Clerk contact the Planning Division to inform them that the Community Council wished to adopt the kiosk PCO PCO1 Ferryside located at SA17 5SG.*

## **13. Maintenance of St Ishmael – weeding, grass cutting**

The Clerk informed the Council that concerns had been raised regarding the poor appearance of the area and the following issues were identified to raise with CCC:

- Weeding of kerbsides and Ferryside Car Park
- Bike rack to be removed from Ferryside car park as this was broken and potentially dangerous.
- Hedgerows outside Calon Y Fferi, the Pale Field and Bethania Chapel need to be cut.
- The Cliff Path needs weeding, and the privet hedge needs to be cut.

*It was resolved that the Clerk raise these issues with CCC.*

## **14. Any other business**

14.1 Cllr J Price asked if the Clerk could ask for an update on the Brairdale footpath.

14.2 Cllr A Dalton informed the Council of the issue of Japanese Knotweed encroaching into the Butterfly Garden in Llansaint and was advised that this was the responsibility of the owners.

14.3 Cllr P Thomas asked that the Clerk inform CCC of the glass in the Ferryside car park around the Bottle Banks.

14.4 Cllr P Thomas asked that the Clerk contact the Highways Dept regarding the ongoing and dangerous situation with the overhanging trees from Iscoed bungalow towards the Crossroads.

14.5 Cllr P Stephens asked the Clerk to notify CCC of the small sink hole in the centre of the road near Calon Y Fferi / Maes Y Ffynnon.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.