



**St Ishmael Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held in Ferryside Hall
on 22nd June 2021.**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Batte, Cllr J Price, Cllr A Dalton, Cllr K Low, Cllr P Stephens, Cllr P H Thomas, County Cllr M Stephens and Cllr H Gibbon.

In the Chair: Cllr J Batte

1. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr Ralph Bloor (due to ill health), Cllr J Greenwell, Cllr A Davies, Cllr V M Jones and Cllr D Afzal.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

Cllr J Price and Cllr P H Thomas although declaring an interest in Matters Arising relating to Maes Y Ffynnon, had been contacted by and would be speaking on behalf of other residents.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of the annual meeting held on the 25th May 2021 – proposed by Cllr J Price and seconded by Cllr K Low, all in agreement.

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4. Matters Arising

Additional signatory for bank account – The Clerk confirmed that Barclays had been contacted and the forms to add the Chair as a bank signatory had been completed.

Handyman – The Clerk informed the Council that a meeting had been held with the handyman, Cllr J Batte and Cllr A Dalton on the 5th June to discuss the role of the handyman and to try and resolve any areas of concern. Subsequently the Clerk had spoken to Mr Jenkins, and he sent his sincere apologies to the Council but due to a change in circumstances he did not feel he had the time to fulfil the role. A discussion took place on the options.

It was resolved that the Clerk would re-advertise the role immediately and that a *temporary handyman would be employed asap in consultation with the Chair and*

Vice-Chair. If necessary, a job share would be put in place on a temporary basis to catch up on the work.

Litter Collection Service – The Clerk reminder the Council of the three quotes 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 had been in discussions with CCC and they would be prepared to offer a rubbish collection for £25 per week in order to help the Community Council.

It was resolved that this would be considered once a handyman was appointed, an interim solution would be put in place in the meantime.

Grant funding for Hampers – The Clerk informed the Council that feedback had been given to Community Foundation Wales as per the terms of the grant.

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

Replacing Christmas lights in the Ferryside Carpark – The Clerk informed the Council that the Tender had been sent, to be returned by the 9th July.

Electricity Bill – The Clerk informed the Council that no one had been able to give her any further information on why the Council had agreed to pay for lighting the All Saints Church at Christmas. The Clerk went on to explain that a recent bill based on an actual reading had been for £25 for Feb – May 2021, although there had been no usage during this time, the Council were paying a daily standing charge.

A discussion took place on this matter and many Councillors felt strongly that this was a waste of public resources that could not continue.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Church again and explain the situation and ask that they reconsider our previous.

Meeting with Steve Pillnar – The Clerk informed the Council that a meeting had taken place between Cllr J Batte, Cllr A Dalton and Steve Pillnar, Highways Dept, CCC. Several longstanding issues had been raised with Mr Pillnar including setting up a Community Speed Watch initiative to address the speeding on Eva and Brigstocke Terrace and the Portway, a double gully being installed on the Porthill within the next 6 months, blocking of drains outside Carniglie to be resolved within 6 months, the encroachment of the shed built behind Brigstocke Terrace, overgrown trees and hedges from Cwm Mill to the crossroads to be resolved within a week, cutting back of the verges to widen the pavements near the park in Ferryside, the blocked storm drains on Broadlay Hill to be cleared regularly, to establish ownership of the old telegraph pole outside Carniglie, possible solutions to the parking on the corner near the White Lion and the vehicle passing point above, the small sink hole outside Calon Y Fferi, highway gullies being silted, weeds in the Ferryside car park, removal and replacement of the bike rack in the Ferryside car park, overflow of the recycling bin and cleaning of the bus shelter.

A discussion took place on the matters raised in relation to speeding.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact PCSO Martin Dickenson to arrange a possible public meeting when regulations allow to explain the benefits of the Community Speed Watch initiative and to tackle the problems with parking.

Dangers of the Tywi Estuary – The Clerk informed the Council that no response had been received on the request to know the timeline on the safety review being undertaken on the coastal safety equipment.

CiLCA qualification – The Clerk informed the Council that a list of course dates should be available within the next week.

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.

New Community Council Website – The Clerk informed the Council of her concern that despite numerous reminders, there had been no further progress on the Website. County Cllr M Stephens suggested that the Clerk raise this with One Voice Wales.

It was resolved that the Clerk raise the issue with One Voice Wales to help resolve the matter expediently.

Lock on the Portacabin – The Clerk confirmed that the lock had been cut off the Portacabin in the presence of Cllr J Batte, Cllr A Dalton and the Carmarthen Stars Club Secretary. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the Portacabin and photographs of its contents were taken. A new digital lock was placed on the Portacabin, and the Community Council were given the digital code to access the cabin. Huw Powell of the Ferryside Rugby Club was informed of the action taken.

Permission to access Faircroft – The Clerk informed the Council that permission had been granted by the Council and the Rugby Club, via Cllr P Thomas, in relation to the request to take equipment onto the Pale Field and store a skip in the Rugby Club car park.

Maes Y Ffynnon – The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mrs Sue Abbott on the 10th June, however, Mrs Abbott had been in touch to say that it had not been received until the day of the meeting. Mrs Abbott had informed the Clerk that a response would be sent within a week. The Clerk had also sought confirmation from Gary Glenister, Planning Dept, if disability access was necessary via the gate in question. Mr Glenister had confirmed that disability access would be required to the complex but not via the gate in question. Cllr J Price asked if the Clerk could ascertain if it were acceptable that the gate could be opened outwards into the highway, possibly causing an obstruction.

Defibrillators – The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Network Rail requesting a defibrillator be placed in the Ferryside train station. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr Paul Hayhurst regarding a quote for moving the Llansaint defibrillator to the outside of the bus shelter. Mr Hayhurst had assessed the work and was willing to move the defibrillator free of charge but had asked for confirmation of where it should be placed.

It was resolved that the Clerk inform Mr Hayhurst to place the defibrillator in the most visible position on the front of the bus shelter.

The Clerk also informed the Council that Mr Glyn Jones had asked if more defibrillator training may be in order.

It was resolved that this should be arranged at an appropriate time in consultation with Mr Jones.

BT Consultation – The Clerk confirmed that an interest had been registered in adopting the Ferryside telephone box for £1.00.

Maintenance in St Ishmael – The Clerk had informed CCC of the issues raised and this had also been discussed with Steve Pillnar in a recent meeting. The Cliff Path had already been cleaned and the privet hedge cut back, Mr Pillnar had confirmed that the weeds in Ferryside car park would be treated, and the old cycle stand would

be taken away and replaced. A location away from the information board would be explored.

Briardale – The Clerk had been in touch with Caroline Ferguson who had confirmed that the matter remained with solicitors. Ms Ferguson also said that they were attempting to separate the Public Right Of Way issue from the wider legal claim submitted to the authority to progress the re-opening of the footpath.

Glass around the bottle bank – CCC had been informed of this issue and the glass had been cleared.

5. Planning

PL/01992 - Retention of detached domestic outbuilding - 4 Maes Yr Eglwys, Llansaint, Kidwelly, SA17 5JE - emailed prior to the meeting - no objections raised.

PL/01880 – Tyr Pwll, Ferryside – Awaiting decision (not consultation) on non-material amendments (correcting the original submitted drawing – reduce fenestration, reducing openings, add in two windows). Originally planning W/08649 conversion and extension of outbuilding to form 2 dwellings. No objections raised.

PL/01881 – Removal of existing stables and sheds that are 185m² already removed prior to purchase. Removal of all hard standing. Former working farmyard two layers of concrete has been removed. One layer remaining. Build garage workshop and storage area. Maximise the property and make the garden as large as possible - Tyr Pwll, Ferryside, SA17 5UB. No objections raised.

6. Correspondence

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| 1. A Cyber Security Awareness Webinar | Public Sector Executive | Noted |
| 2. Befriending Group Support | CCC Partners | Noted |
| 3. CETMA's May Newsletter | CCC Partners | Noted |
| 4. Powering Up Public Transport | Public Secor Executive | Noted |
| 5. Cuckooing Information | Dyfed Powys Police | Noted |
| 6. The Evolution of Public Sector Leadership Skills | Public Sector Executive | Noted |
| 7. Wildlife on your Ward profile | CCC Biodiversity | Noted |
| 8. Remote training sessions | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 9. Request to extend contract | Carmarthen Stars | The Clerk |
| informed the Council that a request had been received that the contract be extended until the 31 st Oct 2021, the Council agreed that the Contract should be extended. | | |
| 10. Crime Panel Annual Report for 2020-2021 | Dyfed Powys Police | |
| Noted | | |
| 11. Summer of Fun | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 12. Futureproofing Your Workforce into a Digital Age | Public Sector Executive | Noted |
| 13. EU Settlement Scheme application deadline (30-June) | Settled Charity | Noted |
| 14. Query about a SID | Dr Laura Thomas | The Clerk |
| read out a letter from Dr Thomas regarding her concerns in relation to speeding on the Portway. Dr Thomas was particularly concerned while walking her children to school / bus stop, due to the lack of pavements she | | |

was concerned that there would be an accident. Dr Thomas asked if consideration could be given to installing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and that the road was cleaned more regularly to make it less slippery. The Clerk had already forwarded the Go safe Community Concern form to Dr Thomas and had raised the issues with CCC.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact PCSO Martin Dickenson regarding the Community Speed watch Campaign and the possibility of arranging a meeting with him to discuss these matters further.

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| 15. Compulsory Purchase Orders | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 16. Planning Applications 24.05.2021 - 28.05.2021 | CCC | Noted |
| 17. Local Places for Nature | CCC | Noted |
| 18. Versus Arthritis - save the date 15.7.21 | CCC | Noted |
| 19. Public Health Wales: National survey of volunteers | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 20. PLANNING AID WALES/ONE VOICE WALES ONLINE EVENT Wednesday 23rd June | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 21. One Voice Wales & Improvement Cymru | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 22. Carers Week Programme | CCC Partners | Noted |
| 23. Drive change through understanding future skillset needs | Public Sector Executive | Noted |
| 24. Actif Communities | CCC | Noted |
| 25. Cloud Productivity & Finance | CloudyIT | Noted |
| 26. Wales Nature Week 29 May - 6 June | One Voice Wales | Noted |
| 27. Covid Response sent by Clerk. | One Voice Wales | Feedback |
| 28. Supporting the Modern Apprentice | Public Sector Executive | Noted |
| 29. Planning Applications 31.05.2021 - 04.06.2021 | CCC | Noted |
| 30. PL/01881 - Planning application consultation | CCC | Noted |
| 31. Whatsapp Scam... | CCC | Noted |
| 32. Llansaint Planters and Noticeboard | Mrs Avis Evans | The Clerk |
| informed the Council that in an email and subsequent conversation with Mrs Evans, she had raised the issue of placing a list of Councillors in the Noticeboards and also felt that the planter under the Llansaint sign on the main route though the village should be replaced. | | |
| It was resolve that a list of Councillors would be placed in the Noticeboard in Llansaint and Ferryside with contact details for the Clerk. Consideration would be given on the best way to mark the main route into the village. | | |
| 33. Community Action Fund | CCC | Noted |
| 34. Concerns re speeding | Nicola Gillespie | The Clerk |
| spoke to the Council regarding concerns raised by Mrs Gillespie in relation to speeding on Brigstocke Terrace. Mrs Gillespie's cat had sadly been killed on the road by a speeding car, making her more aware of the number of instances of speeding along the road. Mrs Gillespie feels very strongly that speed bumps should be installed to stop cars speeding along the road. The Clerk had already sent the Go Safe Community Concern form to Mrs Gillespie and this issue had been raised with Mr Steve Pillnar of the Highways Dept. | | |

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35. Deafblind awareness session	CCC Partners	Noted
36. Hywel Dda CHC JUNE newsletter	Hywel Dda	Noted
37. Community Play - Free Seminar 28 June 21	One Voice Wales	Noted
38. Mobile Phone Upgrade Scams	One Voice Wales	Noted
39. Free Activity Group in Llanelli	CCC Partners	Noted
40. Planning Applications 07.06.2021 - 11.06.2021		
	CCC	Noted
41. Places of Worship Information	Dyfed Powys Police	Noted
42. BT Consultation - Draft Response	CCC	Noted
43. Men2Men National Mens Health Week	CCC	Noted
44. Loneliness Awareness Week	CCC Partners	Noted
45. DVLA Scam Alert	CCC Partners	Noted
46. Calon Tân – Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Magazine		
	Calon Tan	Noted
47. Skype Meeting	Dyfed Powys Police	Noted
48. Programme for Government	One Voice Wales	Noted
49. Ysgol Glanyfferi Playground	Laura Davies, PTA	Financial
Assistance requested		
50. Audit 2021	Derryck Evans	
Clerk update the Council on the details of this correspondence and timelines for the completion of previous years audits.		
51. Achieving Racial Equality in Wales Digital Conference		
	Senedd Insight	Noted
52. Liaison Forum meeting	CCC	Noted
53. Waste collection strategy	CCC	Noted
54. Housing and Regeneration Masterplan consultation		
	CCC	Noted
55. News update regarding significant changes to e-PIMS		
	One Voice Wales	Noted
56. WG Consultation on Power to Trade	One Voice Wales	Noted
57. PLANNING AID WALES	One Voice Wales	Noted
58. JUNE & JULY 2021 - Remote training sessions		
	One Voice Wales	Noted
59. Planning Applications 14.06.2021 - 18.06.2021		
	CCC	Noted
60. Introduction Rachel Carter Local Places for Nature Officer		
	One Voice Wales	Noted
61. Housing and Regeneration Masterplan consultation		
	CCC	Noted
62. long covid tracker	CCC Partners	Noted
63. Memorial Bench	Dawn Thomas	The Clerk
informed the Council that an enquiry had been received from Mrs Thomas, a Palliative Care Play Specialist for Hywel Dda, regarding the placing of a memorial bench for a 10 year old girl from Carmarthenshire who had tragically passed away in 2020. The parents were very keen to get a bench installed somewhere beautiful where they could sit and remember their daughter, unfortunately they had so far been unable to get agreement to do so.		

A discussion took place on allowing this and the best location for a bench to be placed.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact Mrs Thomas to grant permission and suggest a bench be placed on the amenity area overlooking the Estuary and Llansteffan Castle, in place of the red bench currently there.

7. Financial Assistance

One item was presented to the Council by the Clerk.

Ferryside VCP School PTA had written to the CC asking for a donation towards play equipment for the school playground, which was estimated to cost £20,000, which would not only benefit the children at the school, but it was hoped this would help attract new pupils.

A discussion took place on the donations previously made to the school to support swimming lessons, which had not been made in 2020-21 year due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

It was resolved that the Clerk would establish the donation made in 2019-20 for the swimming lessons and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

8. Accounts

Brian James - Bus shelter cleaning and litter picking (May 2021) - £80.00
FSEG – Monthly electricity charge - £10.00
Julie Rees – Clerks salary for 42 hours - £514.08
Julie Rees – Clerks travelling expenses - £37.44
Julie Rees – Clerks general expenses - £206.17
Wrenvale – 2nd cut Rights of Way Tender - £180.00 £150.00 NET £30.00 VAT
Ferryside Village Stores – 3x barrel planters and 24 plants - £177.00
Peter Buckley – 6 x play park inspections between Mar-May 2021 - £90.00
SWALEC – All Saint Church, Llansaint electricity meter - £25.24
Ferryside Social and Welfare Association – rental of office space between 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 - £600.00

The Clerk confirmed that this would be the final payment for Mr B James as he had been given notice of the termination of his contract on the 1st May 2021.

All in agreement, cheques duly signed.

9. Approval of Accounts 2020-21

The Clerk presented the annual return and governance statements within the Annual Return to the Council and advised of the findings of the Internal Audit. Following further consideration, the Annual Return was approved for presentation to the Wales Audit Office and to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

It was to be noted that question 8 on the governance statement could not be fully fulfilled until details of the previous three years Audits were known.

It was resolved that the Clerk and the Chair should sign the Annual Return and it should be submitted along with all the supporting information required.

10. Antisocial behaviour in Ferryside

The Clerk informed the Council that discussions had taken place with the Neighbourhood Policing Team regarding the antisocial behaviour that had occurred in Ferryside over the last few weekends.

The Clerk informed the Council that dispersal orders were in place across the area, giving police the powers to move anyone believed to be causing a nuisance, harassment, or distress, out of the area. Officers were also patrolling the rail network in Carmarthenshire. The NPT had asked the Clerk to remind anyone witnessing antisocial behaviour to call 101 as soon as possible, this message had been shared on the CC Facebook page.

Thanks, were also expressed to those residents who had helped to clear the litter left behind following these instances of antisocial behaviour.

A discussion took place on this and any ways of reminding local young people to respect their communities, and not to leave litter for others to clean up.

It was resolved that the Community Council's Facebook page should be used to encourage young people to leave areas as they found them.

11. Woodland Trust – location of trees to be planted

The Clerk informed the Council that the applications for the Woodland Trust were now open, a copse of trees would be 30 trees, the species were silver birch, rowan and wild cherry, and the area the size of a tennis court would be required. The location for planting had to be provided when submitting the application and the Clerk asked for clarification on where the trees would be planted.

A discussion took place on which areas would be most suitable. It was agreed that the copse of trees for Llansaint would be placed on the land adjacent to the Village Hall.

The Clerk was asked to seek clarification if all 30 trees needed to be planted together and County Cllr Mair Stephens agreed to ascertain if the CC could adopt the area of land next to the Pump House, with the objective of planting trees in this area.

It was resolved to contact local resident Sarah Kessell to seek advice on the best locations for the trees given the limited land owned by the Community Council.

12. Any other business

12.1 Cllr Alicia Dalton raised concern over the overgrown hedges on the cliff on the hand side of the road from the Arch near Royston Court. County Cllr M Stephens agreed to establish ownership of the land.

12.2 Cllr A Dalton raised concerns about the Lifeboat being out of action and was worried about the potential safety implications. It was resolved that the Clerk ascertain what the situation was and when the lifeboat would be back on the water.

12.3 Cllr J Price raised concerns regarding the verge from Cwm Mill to the Bridge being very overgrown. The Clerk informed Cllr Price that the verges were not being cut by CCC due to biodiversity unless there was a health and safety issue.

12.4 Cllr J Batte raised concerns regarding the hedgerow up to Ferryside Cemetery.

12.5 Cllr H Gibbon raised concerns regarding the collection of rubbish from Heol Gwernmont. Bags were put out on a Tuesday night, but bags were not collected until a Thursday, this was causing bags to be blown into the road and litter being blown around. It was resolved that the Clerk establish why this was happening.

12.6 Cllr H Gibbon informed that the Japanese knotweed encroaching into the butterfly garden had been sprayed.

12.7 Cllr P Thomas informed the Council that the verges near the junctions throughout Ferryside needed to be cut back as they were causing problems with visibility.

12.8 Cllr P Thomas asked the Council to consider writing to congratulate Mr Dale Thomas for being appointed Mental Skills Coach by the WRU and to Mr Daniel Jones for being appointed a physio for the WRU. It was resolved that letters of congratulations would be sent on behalf of the Community Council.

12.9 County Cllr M Stephens asked the Council to ensure that the people of Llansaint be invited to any public meeting with the PCSO.

12.10 County Cllr M Stephens informed the Community Council of the Liaison Committee meeting on the 2nd July and the One Voice Wales Meeting on the 7th July.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.