



**St Ishmael Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held in Ferryside Hall
on 20th July 2021.**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Batte, Cllr K Low, Cllr V M Jones, Cllr D Afzal, Cllr R Bloor and County Cllr M Stephens.

In the Chair: Cllr J Batte

1. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr J Greenwell, Cllr A Davies, Cllr P H Thomas, Cllr H Gibbon, Cllr J Price, Cllr A Dalton and Cllr P Stephens.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

County Cllr Mair Stephens declared an interest in Financial Assistance, item 7, in relation to a request for a donation from Ferryside PTA and left the room while the discussion took place.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd June 2021 – proposed by Cllr K Lowe and seconded by Cllr J Batte, all in agreement.

4. Matters Arising

1. Additional signatory for bank account – The Clerk informed the Council that Barclays Bank plc had confirmed that Cllr J Batte had been added as a signatory to the bank account.

2. Handyman – The Clerk confirmed that an advert for a new handyman had been placed on the Website, Facebook and the notice boards to recruit a new handyman. Cllr J Batte, Cllr A Dalton and the Clerk had met with two candidates and Piers Tillotson had been recruited to fill the post. Mr Tillotson would be employed on a rate of £15 per hour and it had been agreed he would work up to 12 hours per week up until September to catch up on the work required, the hours would revert to 6 hours thereafter. Mr Tillotson had provided the Clerk with copies of his public indemnity insurance and waste carrier's license. The Clerk and Chair confirmed that they were very pleased with the work carried out by the new handyman at the beach front amenity area and the three corners.

3. Fisherman Sculpture – The Clerk confirmed that Mr Simon Hedger had been to assess the exact work that was required on the Fisherman sculpture and was due to

return in July to carry out the work required. The Clerk informed the Council that the new handyman had weeded and cleaned the area around the statue in advance of the work being done and asked the Council who would be best placed to carry out the remaining work required to refresh the area, the wooden posts and rope needed to be replaced, flagstones needed work as they had become unstable and additional planting may be required. A discussion took place and Cllr R Bloor proposed that the new handyman be given this work, this was seconded by Cllr D Afzal. All in favour.

It was resolved that these tasks be added to the list of tasks for the new handyman.

4. Replacing Christmas lights in the Ferryside Carpark – The Clerk presented two Tenders based on the specification by Jones Associates:

RT Electrics £5514.25 plus VAT

Coast Electrical Contractors £3,800 plus VAT

A discussion took place and Cllr M Jones proposed accepting the Tender from Coast Electrical Contractors, this was seconded by Cllr D Afzal. All in agreement.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Coast Electrical Contractors to inform them of the decision and the work should proceed as soon as possible.

5. Electricity Bill – The Chair informed the Council that he and Cllr A Dalton had met with representatives of the All-Saints Church in Llansaint to discuss the matter of the two meters supplying the Church, one of which was being paid for by St Ishmael Community Council. The Chair explained that the meeting had been unsuccessful, and the representatives of the Church had been unwilling to consider an alternative arrangement.

Cllr J Batte also informed the Council of the negative comments received regarding the Community Council, it was suggested perhaps a proactive approach was necessary and that the recommendations of the Trilein Regeneration Report be reconsidered.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact SSE to establish what is powered by the meter paid for by the Community Council and contact Mr Gareth Rees as he may be able to provide some information on this matter.

6. Carningle – The Clerk informed the Council that the un-safe post outside Carningle had now been removed.

7. Defibrillator – The Clerk informed the Council that the Llansaint defibrillator had been moved outside the bus shelter by Mr Paul Hayhurst.

It was resolved to write a letter of thanks to Mr Hayhurst.

8. 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. County Cllr Mair Stephens asked that she be copied in on any further reminders.

It was decided to contact the RNLI for advice on information posters on the dangers of the Estuary to be shared on social media and with local businesses.

9. CiLCA qualification – The Clerk informed the Council that the first CiLCA webinar would take place on the 21st September.

10. New Community Council Website – The Clerk told the Council that One Voice Wales had been contacted regarding the delays with the new website. Mr Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, had intervened and unsuccessfully attempted to arrange a meeting with Daniel Hillier of Vision ICT. However, Mr Hillier had been in touch with the Clerk on 19th July to apologise for the delay, to inform the Clerk that the developers were now working on the site and to

agree that no part payment was required due to the delay. A bill for the full payment would be sent once the Website was live.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Mr Lyn Cadwallader again to raise concerns that this delay with the Welsh side of the bi-lingual website had occurred, it was felt that with the Welsh Language Act in place, Vision ICT should be able to meet the expectations of Welsh Councils.

11. Maes Y Ffynnon – The Clerk told the Council that contact had been made with the Planning Department regarding the gate from Maes Y Ffynnon opening both ways, including onto the highway. Gary Glennister, Planning Department, suggested contacting the Highways Department if the Council were concerned about safety concerns through obstruction of the highway.

The Clerk went on to read the letter from Mrs Sue Abbott, Calon Y Fferi Community Centre, to the Council. Mrs Abbott responded in detail to the Council's letter regarding the concerns of the residents of Maes Y Ffynnon in relation to the gate, antisocial behaviour and the trees that were along the boundary. Mrs Abbott also extended an invitation to the Community Council to visit the updated facilities and to discuss these matters further. Mrs Abbott also extended an invitation for up to two Community Council representatives to join their trustee group.

A discussion took place on the contents of the letter and the offers made were considered.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mrs Abbott accepting their invitation to look around the facilities and to sit and discuss common issues further, an invitation would be extended to all members of the Community Council. It was also resolved that a response would also be sent to Jayne Jones and Dylan Jones.

12. Woodland Trust – The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr J Batte and the Clerk had met with Sarah Kessell of the Wildlife Trust to discuss the best location of the trees to be planted in Ferryside. Sarah Kessell had suggested dotting the trees in different areas as they were small trees which would provide much needed shade to the Pale field and ascertaining if all the trees needed to be placed in one area. The Clerk had subsequently found out that the trees would have to be in the one six-digit grid reference area.

Sarah Kessell had also reiterated that the trees would need to be maintained carefully for the first five years and that extreme care would need to be taken when the grass was mown.

Cllr R Bloor expressed the concerns previously raised by the rugby club about planting in front of the car park and was concerned about the long-term maintenance in terms of leaf litter.

Cllr M Jones proposed that the trees be placed along the path line from the rugby club down the field, this was seconded by Cllr K Low. All in agreement with one abstention.

It was resolved that the Clerk apply for the trees on that basis.

13. Litter at Tommy Dodd – The Clerk informed the Council that 5 Facebook posts had been placed on the Council Facebook page regarding litter. Cllr J Price had provided 2 photographs of litter left in two separate incidents at Tommy Dodd in the week prior to the meeting. The second incident had been reported to the Enforcement Team as there were numerous McDonald's wrappers left with a receipt matching the litter. The Enforcement Team had responded to the Clerk saying that in previous experience McDonalds were not helpful in these matters. It had also been suggested that providing a bin in the area may help.

The Council expressed their disappointment at the response and said that a bin in a remote area like Tommy Dodd would not be possible.

It was resolved that the Clerk send the email from the Enforcement Team to County Cllr Mair Stephens and that she would investigate the matter further. The Clerk would also respond to the Enforcement Team providing the location of Tommy Dodd.

14. Lifeboat Update – The Clerk informed the Council that she had spoken to Mr Simon Lambert, Ferryside Lifeboat, he had confirmed that the lifeboat was not on the water due to a change in the paperwork which now needed to be updated with the full support of St John's Ambulance. He informed the Clerk that they were working very hard to resolve these issues and was hoping that the lifeboat would be back on the water in mid-July, this may be only daytime at first.

15. Llansaint planter – The Clerk informed the Council that Mrs Avis Evans had left a telephone message to say that she was annoyed that the old, broken planter remained in situ under the Llansaint road sign. The Clerk said that a quote had been given by the Men's Shed for a planter costing £200, the expense would be due to the high price of timber at the current time. Cllr D Afzal proposed that the quote be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr M Jones, all in agreement.

A previous quote from SLPW had been ascertained for a rectangular planter at £475 plus VAT, which had been thought to be too expensive.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact Mr Mark Harwood, The Men's Shed, to ask for a planter to be made as soon as possible and ask the handyman to remove any debris left from the old planter.

16. Audit 2020-21 – The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return had been posted via recorded delivery to Audit Wales.

17. MUGA lights – The Clerk confirmed that the MUGA lights had been replaced by RT Electrics and a bill had been received, as Keith Jones Associates were inspecting the work it was decided that it would be prudent to wait for the results of the inspection before authorising the payment.

18. Overgrown hedges on the Cliff – County Councillor Mair Stephens told the Council that she had made enquiries regarding the ownership of the area but had not yet had a response.

5. Planning

Three items of planning were presented:

PL/ 02152 Tanylan Farm, Kidwelly SA17 5HJ

Expansion of Existing Tourism Accommodation of 4 Glamping pods, associated outdoor swimming pool and ancillary parking area – no objections raised.

PL/02159 Bungalow at land off Heol Gwernmont

Lawful development of single family dwelling – no objections raised

PL/ 02227 Swn Y Coed, Ferryside SA17 5UB

Application for tree works subject to TPO to remove to near ground level 16 Ash, 10 sycamore and 1 Holly and recoppice a mature hazel on the embankment.

It was resolved to object to this planning application as the trees are subject to a Tree Preservation order and the Council did not feel that this complies with policy GP1 Sustainability and high quality design point f: "It retains, and where appropriate incorporates important local features (including buildings, amenity areas, spaces, trees, woodlands and hedgerows) and ensures the use of good quality hard and soft landscaping and embraces opportunities to enhance biodiversity and ecological connectivity."

6. Correspondence

1. Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting	One Voice Wales	Noted
2. Carmarthenshire Main Meeting Invite	One Voice Wales	Noted
3. Tenovus Cancer Care - Thank you	Tenovus Cancer Care	Noted
4. Planning Applications 21.06.2021 - 25.06.2021	CCC	Noted
5. Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations	Local Gov Partnerships	Noted
6. Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councils	CCC	Noted
7. Liaison Forum meeting 2	CCC	Noted
8. Hywel Dda Community Health Council 'Have you got a Dentist' Report	CCC	Noted
9. Neighbourhood Watch – scams	One Voice Wales	Noted
10. Climate Change Newsletter	One Voice Wales	Noted
11. PL/02152 - Planning application consultation	CCC	Noted
12. Volunteer Befrienders for RNID	RNID	Noted
13. Electoral Reform Newsletter June 2021	One Voice Wales	Noted
14. Achieving Racial Equality in Wales Digital Conference	Senedd Insight	Noted
15. Remote training sessions that are taking place in July	One Voice Wales	Noted
16. June 2021 Newsletter	One Voice Wales	Noted
17. The All Wales Public Service Graduate Programme	One Voice Wales	Noted
18. UKFS consultation goes live	One Voice Wales	Noted
19. Hywel Dda CHC July newsletter	Hywel Dda	Noted
20. Planning Applications 28.06.2021 - 02.07.2021	CCC	Noted
21. Monthly meeting	Dyfed Powys Police	Noted
22. Third Sector Commissioning Digital Conference	Local Government	Noted
23. OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE	One Voice Wales	Noted
24. Carmarthenshire Electoral Review.	CCC	The
Clerk informed the Council of the results of the electoral review and County Cllr Mair Stephens confirmed that St Ishmael would be represented by a County Councillor also representing the Kidwelly area after the 2022 County Council elections.		
25. Questionnaire - Involvement in Consultation Processes: Change in Nature of Provision (Language)	CCC	The
Clerk asked for advice on completing the Questionnaire and it was suggested that she liaise with Cllr A Davies regarding this matter.		
26. Planning Applications 05.07.2021 - 09.07.2021	CCC	Noted
27. "Caring for Someone" from Age UK	CCC Partners	Noted
28. Do you know a potential Goldies session leader	CCC Partners	Noted
29. CHC LEAFLETS	One Voice Wales	Noted
30. Wales CSA Summer Gathering 17 +	One Voice Wales	Noted
31. Ysgol y Fro Governing Body	Tanja Neumayer-James	
The Clerk asked the Council if they wished to put forward a representative of the Council to sit on the Governing Body of Ysgol Y Fro, after discussion they stated that they did not and the Clerk would respond accordingly.		
32. Carms Local Dev Plan	One Voice Wales	the
Clerk informed the Council of the delays to the Local Development Plan.		

33. All Wales Public Service Graduate Programme	One Voice Wales	Noted
34. Parking on the Ferryside foreshore	Paul Edwards	The
Clerk informed the Council of the concerns raised by Mr Edwards regarding parking on the foreshore, as this land was owned by the Yacht Club it was felt that parking was under their control.		
35. One Voice Wales' Innovative Practice Conference 22nd September 2021		
	One Voice Wales	Noted
36. Litter and dog fouling	One Voice Wales	Looking
for examples of good practice.		
37. Local Places for Nature: Breaking Barriers	One Voice Wales	Noted
38. Calon Y Fferi	Sue Abbott	
Discussed at item 4.11		

7. Financial Assistance

County Councillor M Stephens left the room during this discussion.

One item was re-presented to the Council by the Clerk in relation to the donation to Ferryside VCP School PTA. They had written previously 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.

It was resolved in the previous meeting 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. The Clerk confirmed that the donation made in 2019-20 had been for £1,100. The Clerk told the Council that if they wished to double this donation that the budget for donations would be used in full.

A proposal was made by Cllr M Jones to double this donation, in lieu of two years donations not made, and this was seconded by Cllr D Afzal.

It was resolved that a £2,200 donation be made from the Council's general reserves.

Cllr D Afzal was excused from the rest of the meeting.

8. Accounts

FSEG – Monthly electricity charge - £10.00
Julie Rees – Clerks salary for 42 hours (June) - £514.08
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Julie Rees – Clerks travelling expenses (June and July) - £68.04
Julie Rees – Clerks general expenses (June and July) - £160.85
Wrenvale – 3rd cut Rights of Way Tender - £180.00 £150.00 NET £30.00 VAT
Ferryside School PTA – donation - £2,200

The Clerk informed the Council that it been agreed with the Chair to pay the Clerk's salary for June and July as there was no meeting in August and because the Clerk had already worked most of the 42 hours required for July.

All in agreement, cheques duly signed.

9. Quarterly Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report to Council members. The Council carried out the quarterly monitoring of the Council's financial position.

The Clerk also informed the Council that the 2020-21 VAT payment of £2800.23 had been deposited into the bank account on the 18th June 2021.

10. PCSO Meeting Update

The Clerk informed the Council that herself and the Chaiman had met with PCSO Martin Dickenson to discuss several areas of concern.

The issue of speeding had been discussed at length especially in relation to Eva and Brigstocke Terrance and the Portway. The Clerk explained to the PCSO that despite numerous requests over 18 months, the Council had been unable to secure speed monitoring strips across the road in Eva and Brigstocke Terrace and this was causing some residents to feel very upset. The PCSO said he would chase up this matter and come back to the Clerk. The PCSO had explained that the Community Speed Watch Campaign would require 3-4 volunteers and there would now be a charge for the equipment. A safe place would have to be identified where the speed watch could be carried out. The Clerk had since ascertained that the cost would be in the region of £300. The Clerk confirmed to the Council that having emailed two of the residents who had recently raised concern over speeding, no interest had been shown in taking part in the Speed Watch Campaign. The Clerk went on to confirm that Go Safe had said that following manual speed surveys carried out on Eva / Brigstocke Terrace it had been agreed that some enforcement would be carried out during the school's campaign.

Various parking issues had also been discussed with the PCSO, he believed that double yellow lines would be necessary at the corner above the White Lion to ensure high sided vehicles could pass safely.

The issue of antisocial behaviour had also been raised with the PCSO and he had explained the way the Section 34 order worked, and the area covered by this. Cllr J Batte had requested that the area of Section 34 be extended beyond the hump bridge to include the caravan park as one complaint had already been received regarding groups of youths near the caravan park. The PCSO had agreed to request that the area be extended.

It was resolved in the matter of speeding that the Clerk would continue to request speeding strips via Go Safe.

11. Any other business

11.1 Cllr M Jones reported that the red bench near the cemetery was broken and vegetation surrounding it was overgrown.

11.2 Cllr J Batte raised the issue of a request for the bus shelter in Llansaint be painted. It was agreed that this would be assessed to see what priority this should be given.

11.3 Cllr R Bloor asked that the area near the Pump House be trashed as the trash was pushing over the fence to his property.

11.4 Cllr R Bloor again asked that the no fly tipping sign be replaced near the pump house, the Clerk confirmed that a request had been sent to the Council some months ago, but that this would be reported again.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.