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Minutes of the July 2020 meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held online on the 08/07/2020 at 19.00.

75/2020-2021 Present:

Councillors: M Rees (Chair), R Jones, S Herridge, W Evans, T Evans, E Davies, J Williams O.B.E, R Newell.

County Councillor A Davies.

Clerk

76/2020-2021 Apologies.

Councillors: J Youens, H Jones.

77/2020-2021 Declarations of personal interest.

None.

78/2020-2021 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

79/2020-2021 Policing and Road Safety Matters.

A sub-committee meeting was held online on 16/06/2020 **Minute 73/2020-2021** to discuss anonymous complaints with regards to the number of vehicles parked on the pavement within a short distance of the junction in Porthyrhyd and outside Porthyrhyd Post Office, Porthyrhyd Garage and Landeg Garage. Cllr J Williams made contact with Porthyrhyd Post Office and the landlord of Porthyrhyd Garage whilst Cllr S Herridge approached the tenant of Porthyrhyd Garage. It was reported electronically to the Council members on 19/06/2020 that successful meetings had been held with the above and the matter had been resolved. The Clerk requested to read an Email received from Cllr H Jones on 07/07/2020 regarding this matter "I feel there's a marked improvement since the last meeting. I find that cars parked for garage purposes have been parked off the pavement, ensuring there is ample room on the pavement for pedestrian purposes".

The Clerk had Emailed County Cllr A Davies for advice and guidance regarding the issue with Landeg Garage. It was reported that an enforcement notice was the only way forward but numerous Council members conveyed that the number of vehicles parked outside the business had reduced in the past few weeks and that the matter would be placed aside for the time being. **Resolved** to note.

80/2020-2021 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr A Davies reported that the County Council had performed their first virtual Licensing Committee on 07/07/2020 and that it was successful. The majority of the meeting was correspondence and choosing committee members but a member of the public had attended the meeting.

Full Council was held on 08/07/2020. There were numerous discussions on Liam Bowen's proposal that a group is formed to explore the education of BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) history in Wales as part of Welsh History and also a review

of the monuments and street names within the county. The work of the Group will report to full Council in October 2020. The group will be a will be cross party (Plaid x 3, Labour x 1, Independent x 1, New Independent x 1).

Second motion was regarding the Amman Valley railway being used as a cycle path. Unfortunately this has been reviewed by The Welsh Government and a feasibility study completed but not published. Amendment by PC asked for Welsh Government to publish the feasibility study in order for the City Bay Deal to consider. However, Welsh Government aim to connect the Amman Valley to the Swansea Bay area with buses and not a rail connection. The amendment was carried.

Third motion was regarding the Agency workers in Carmarthenshire Theatres. The 22 workers contracted at this time are all employed through an agency who have decided not to furlough them but to leave them on Universal Credit. This is totally unacceptable, but they are not employed by the Council although they work occasionally within the Theatres. They are technical staff, not performers. Ranstaad have been contacted but this of course is a matter for them and not the County Council. There is a review of Theatres currently taking place and Rob James was asked to withdraw his motion until the result of the review was published and known. Unfortunately, two of the four points within the motion had to be rejected.

Update on the following properties:-

a) 15 Cae Person: Contractors are bringing the workforce out of furlough, Awaiting a site meeting to look at works carried out so far and review completion date after the work has recommenced.

b) 18 Cae Person: Recently returned to Council ownership and will hopefully be completed by Mid July.

c) 7 Derwen Deg: Completion due by Mid August.

d) 4 Cwm Catti and 2 Hafan Deg: Contractor have now accepted the agreement to carry out the works. They are currently in the pre-construction information exchange stage, but they have provided us with the provisional start date of the 27/07/2020. However, these 2 properties will not be available for letting until the end of the calendar year. This is due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On site works are estimated to take approx 35% longer to complete, due to supply issues and having to work under social distancing guidelines. If supply chains improve or there is an easing of working restriction then these voids will potentially be turned around more quickly.

Cllr M Rees expressed her concern that the properties had been unoccupied for over 12 months but understood that both both Community Councillors and County Cllr A Davies had been working tirelessly to resolve the matter.

Road works: County Cllr A Davies requested an update on the resurfacing which was due to be done within the Ward. A reply is imminent. Pot holes have been repaired but total resurfacing is preferred. A complaint had been received on 08/07/2020 regarding the road in Mynyddcerrig and it has been passed to the Highways Department.

Ash Die Back: Clarification on trees that need marking but not considered to be unsafe has been requested. However, if the Council is required to cut down the trees, then the land owner will/may be charged for the work. All land owners identified have received notification that they have unsafe trees on their land and it is their responsibility to deal with the issue. The report has yet to be completed and a further survey will be completed within the next few weeks to further identify any other trees.

81/2020-2021 Chair's report.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that Llanddarog Church was open for private prayer. She also reminded all members to return the "Members Allowance" form to the Clerk ASAP. **Resolved** to thank the Chairman for her report.

82/2020-2021 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 10/06/2020 and 16/06/2020.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 20/06/2020 and for the Chair to sign the minutes on 12/07/2020.

Cllr S Herridge reported an error in the sub-committee minutes for 16/06/2020. **Minute 73/2020-2021** Cllr S Herridge was to approach the tenant of Porthyrhyd Garage instead of Cllr J Williams. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to correct the minutes prior to signing on 12/07/2020. This was due to social distancing rules of the Covid-19 pandemic.

83/2020-2021 Matters arising from the above minutes.

None.

84/2020-2021 Correspondence.

None.

85/2020-2021 Planning.

No planning applications were received prior to the agenda being delivered. The following planning application was received on 10/07/2020.

No objections to the following application.

Application Number	Application Type	Location	Description
W/40788	Non Material Ammendment	Aweldeg, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PP.	Non Material Ammendment to W/40164.

86/2020-2021 Payments

The below payments were certified in the June monthly meeting and **ratified** in the July Monthly meeting.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	26/06/2020	WCVA SIN 009450	21.30
Online	26/06/2020	J.G Evans June Payroll	328.93

Online	26/06/2020	Llanddarog Village Hall Inv - 100	60.00
Online	26/06/2020	HMRC PAYE – Period 3	82.20
Online	26/06/2020	J.G Evans Reimbursement Morgan & Morgan	105.60

It was suggested by Cllr J Williams that the value of the invoices received by the Council should not be printed on the agenda but sent electronically to each member prior to the monthly meeting. After a discussion by Council members it was decided to alter the format of the agenda despite the suggestion by the internal auditor. **Resolved** for the Clerk to change the format.

87/2020-2021 Receipts.

None.

88/2020-2021 Consider potential funding for the Eisteddfod 2021.

It was reported that the Eisteddfod would proceed in 2022 a year after it was planned due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The members decided to donate £250.00 in year 2020-2021 and £250.00 in year 2021-2022. **Resolved** to note.

89/2020-2021 To consider correspondence received from the following.

- a) **Provision of seating within Llanddarog Shelter** - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic suppliers have only recently returned to work and quotations will be received on the seating in due course. **Resolved** for clerk to chase suppliers.
- b) **Condition of Notice Boards in Llanddarog and Porthyrhyd** – Clerk had received one quotation but still awaiting others for comparison. Council members will need to discuss the material and design of the structure before proceeding. **Resolved** for Clerk to chase suppliers.
- c) **Maintenance of defibrillators in Llanddarog and Porthyrhyd** – The Clerk had received correspondence from a community member and Cllr R Jones had received a telephone call from the same member requesting that the Community Council take over the maintenance responsibilities of the defibrillator in Llanddarog. It was proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams to contact the secretary of Merched Y Wawr in Llanddarog to confirm the request in writing to ensure clarity on this issue. **Resolved** for Clerk to make contact.
- d) **Review of asset maintenance report** – After a review of the report carried out by the contractor, it was decided to get a breakdown of the repair cost for each individual item that required attention to enable a decision regarding the advisability of repair or replacement with recycled materials/items. **Resolved** for Clerk to contact contractor.
- e) **Llanddarog School Governing Body** – Cllr M Rees had received confirmation from Mr Terry Jones that in agreement with the Headmistress and the Community Council that he would remain as Llanddarog Community Council’s representative within Llanddarog School’s Governing Body for the forthcoming year, but would relinquish that role at the end of May 2021. The Clerk requested to read an Email received from Cllr H Jones on 07/07/2020 regarding this matter “In terms of a potential vacancy for a Community Council Member on

Llanddarog School Board of Governors, should there be a vacancy imminently or at a future date, I'd be interested in the role. I have experience of serving on a school governing body having served on the governing body of Llanarthne CP school before its closure. Furthermore, I feel that I have an awareness and understanding of many issues relevant to school governance since I provide simultaneous interpretation at a number of school governing bodies (secondary and primary), and much of my simultaneous translation work over past years have been for the local Education Authority, ERW (the education support consortium) and the Athrofa at UWTSD - the teacher training arm of the university. I have previously provided translation at governor training events and would naturally be happy to undertake any training relevant to the role. It was proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr S Herridge to accept the offer of representation by Cllr H Jones. **Resolved** to note.

90/2020-2021 To confirm the prepared External Audit report for 2019-2020.

The Clerk had received notice of instruction regarding the upcoming External Audit. The Clerk had finalised the report and received clarification from Cllr R Jones prior to presenting to the Council members for confirmation. The documents were presented electronically for all members to view and raise any concerns. It was proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr S Herridge to accept the documents prepared by the Clerk. **Resolved** for Clerk to get documents signed by the Chair and internal auditor on 12/07/2020 before sending completed documents to the external auditor. The Clerk thanked Cllr R Jones for all his assistance regarding this matter.

91/2020-2021 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr R Jones reported that the unauthorized signage outside The White Hart in Llanddarog was to be removed week commencing 12/07/2020.

Cllr E Davies raised a concern regarding trees overhanging the main B4310 carriageway from Llanddarog to Porthyrhyd. It was decided to investigate the matter and contact the owner of the property to resolve the matter.

Cllr R Newell reported that due to a blocked culvert on the outskirts of Mynyddcerrig there was a potential hazard to vehicles travelling on the carriageway. **Resolved** for County Cllr A Davies to report to the relevant department.

92/2020-2021 In camera 20.55.

Those who were not Community Council members or the Clerk departed the meeting – not to return. The exclusion is due to personnel / staffing matters being discussed.

93/2020-2021 Staff pay run July 2020.

Each member viewed a written report during the online meeting. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented.

94/2020-2021 Continued review of auto enrolment position

A letter from the Dyfed Pension Fund was forwarded to the Council members on 10/06/2020 with reference to the NEST scheme. It was discussed and decided by the members for the Clerk to request information and a financial breakdown from the NEST scheme prior to the September meeting.

95/2020-2021 The meeting finished at 21.07.

Chairman

Date
