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The monthly meeting of the Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 6:30pm, The Chairman, Cllr Robin Young presided.

Present: Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Damon Watmough, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Gethin Davies. County Councillor Clive Davies and Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)

Due to rising numbers of covid cases in the area the meeting was held electronically.

1. Apologies/Personal matters
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(2)
Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Lewis and Cllr Anne McCreary

2. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business listed below
Datgelu diddordeb personol ac ariannol dan eitemau busnes sydd wedi eu rhestru isod
3. Confirmation and signing of previous minutes
Cadarnhau a llofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf

(3)
Cllr Aled Thomas proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and approved unanimously.

4. Financial business
Busnes Ariannol

(4)
Items approved for payment:

£1500.00 A Williams

£54.00 M&E Jenkins-ice cream (received 74 x £1 tickets gave a £20 donation)

£228.00 Widgit

£126.60 Dolen Teifi

£624.00 Vision ICT

£126.00 Cllr Dave Addison

£ 469.58 GL Jones Playgrounds

£162.00 Melingoed saw mill

£150 Rhiannon Roberts

£12 Cllr Robin Young

£357.26 Cardi builders Supplies Ltd

£1098.50 received from Eventbrite for ticket sales

Bank balances at 30.06.22

Current account £21427.24

Treasures account £21989.60

Allocated reserves account £48919.97

5. Reports
Addroddiadau

Clerks Report/Addroddiad y Clerc

(5)
Further to the recent completed Governance review the Clerk had produced and circulated a report which includes actions to be considered by the Council and its committees. These actions can be completed over the next few months as part of a strategy to improve on governance and financial management.

(6)
The annual report has been circulated; for approval and been translated. Will be issued electronically on the website and links placed onto Facebook.

Cllr Robin Yong thanked the Clerk for her work on producing the report.

(7)
Councillor Training Record ; One Voice Wales training dates provided.

(8)
Clerk had received an email from the MOD solicitors requesting that the community council confirm in writing that

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that if this land was in private ownership we could, in theory, have requested Ceredigion Council to compulsorily purchase (CPO) the land and direct that it be conveyed to them under s124/s125 Local Government Act 1972. This request has been actioned.

The MOD have also advised that Ceredigion County Council have confirmed that if the land was in private ownership then Ceredigion Council could, in theory, on receipt of a request by Aberporth Community Council, compulsorily purchase (CPO) the land but direct that it be conveyed to Aberporth Community Council under s124/s125 Local Government Act 1972.

The MOD are now seeking written ministerial approval for the sale of the land to Aberporth Community Council. The MOD plan to deal with the two areas at the same time as the situation is the same in each case and they are held under the same Land Registry title number.

(9)
Have not received any response regarding the defibrillator applications made to the Welsh Gov scheme. Have emailed Phil Hill, Community CPR and Defibrillator Manager, who will look into the matter; he has received a number of requests regarding this. The matter was also raised at the recent One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting.

(10)
Have contacted Ceredigion County Council regarding council vacancies; notices have been received and the period to request an election runs until the 20th July. After this date it can be determined if an election will be held or the community council can look at co-option.

(11)
Council has received the licence from wigit and Clerk has ordered the communication panels with Boomerang.

(12)
Clerk has received more training dates from Dolen Teifi; will arrange to circulate them.

(13)
Complaint received from visitor staying in Wendy about the young people jumping at Ogof. The complaint has been passed to the County Council and have spoken to local PCSO who will monitor.

County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(14)
Cllr Gethin Davies noted that incidents of covid are on the increase, and advised that people protect themselves. Small rock fall onto Dolwen beach has been reported to the County Council.

(15)
Cllr Clive Davies had provided a written report which was circulated:
He advised that he is concerned about local housing issues; the county relies on two housing associations to manage social housing stock and he is keeping close conversations with them. He notes that local young people are unable to access housing in the area and it desperately needs to be sorted out.
He has provided information to the village hall management committee regarding the Community ownership fund who have put in an expression of interest.
He has been keeping up to date on the proceedings at Parclyn and has spoken with officers on the issue.
Fibre optic update in Blaenporth; BT is saying they have completed installation in Blaenporth area but he would be interested to hear from residents as not sure what this covers.
He advised that there were some planning enforcement issues.
He reported that there were opportunities for local business to have free pitches at the Eisteddfod and he advised that Tonnau and U Melt Me from Cardigan would both be attending.
He had received concerns about the lack of buses through Blaenporth and the struggle residents had to get to Cardigan; He had spoken with AM and the local authority and eventually found a solution with Green Dragon bus. He thanked the Clerk for information she had provided and as a result Cardigan Town Council are now looking into the community bus scheme as a solution to residents accessing the health centre.
As requested, he had spoken with Ceredigion County Council regarding trading on the beach and will be following this up.
Requested dog signs which will be installed by the county warden.

He had been to Blaenannerch vestry to test network speeds on behalf of the community council and had reported back to the clerk. He did not feel that there was sufficient speed using 3 as a supplier and advised that the strength was best at the back of the property. He suggested that the community council look for a better provider.

Cllr Davies had attended the Local access forum.

He briefed the community council on upcoming county council business including:

Shared prosperity; how can we get more community councils to have better economic drivers; great community work but target prosperity. By end of July the county needs to put in an overall plan to UK Gov with view to start in October.

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(16)
Cllr Robin Young noted the lack of policy on beach trading and asked that Ceredigion County Council formulate a policy; needs clarity from the county so that the community council can assist.

Cllr Gethin Davies advised that Queens estate own all the beaches and that the county council are effectively caretakers. Previously applications have come to the community council for comment.

(17)
Cllr Aled Thomas reported that he had met with the broadband company and EE had been suggested as a provider; he also noted that the back of the Blaenannerch chapel hall was best.

Cllr Robin Young proposed that the community council organise a data only sim contract with EE; this was seconded by Cllr Aled Thomas and passed unanimously. Clerk to make enquiries.

Cllr Robin Young advised that the same equipment was being installed at St Davids Church; Clerk had received a request from the Canolfan Blaenporth to fund the sim card.

Cllr Carys Owens suggested looking into a joint package to see if any savings could be made.

Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(18)
Cllr Robin Young had provided a written report which had been circulated to Councillors:
The screen allowing hybrid meetings in the vestry of Blaenannerch chapel, has been positioned, and the exposed holes filled and painted over. Councillor Aled Thomas has liaised with a Broadband installer, who in turn has successfully obtained a grant from Welsh Government to finance the operation. It now requires approval from the Council to purchase a Sim card on a monthly basis. Additionally, Cllr Young noted if the council is to consider hybrid meetings in St. David's church, will need to consider another Sim card for that venue as well.

It was approved that the clerk would organise a sim card for unlimited date with EE and enquire if there were potential savings if there were 2 contracts. The clerk noted that in order to hold hybrid meetings in St Davids church it would require a screen and asked Cllr Aled Thomas if the committee intended to install the necessary equipment; he advised this would not be the case.

(19)
The Community Welcome Audit Committee was held, via Zoom on the 28th June, and among the items discussed was the proposal to rename this sub-committee. From the meeting was able to strim a park bench in Parcllyn, that had been overgrown.

Had met with residents adjacent to the Muga at Aberporth school.

Advised that he is now a member of the Ceredigion Local Access Forum (L.A.F.), and the first meeting on the 30th June dealt with procedures of Chair, and Vice Chair elections, and a definition of its remit.

He had not been successful in applying for membership of the Ceredigion Ethics Committee.

He had attended the clear up at Parcllyn and met members of Aberporth football Club; he was disappointed in the lack of volunteers to support clearing of the field though a good start had been made on tidying up and boarding the changing rooms.

(20)
Cllr Young briefed the meeting that he has been speaking with Mike Harwood; Chair of Aberporth Village Hall Management Committee; about the village hall taking back the responsibility for the grass maintenance contracts and requested that the matter be included on September agenda for full discussion.

Cllr Dave Addison felt that if the community council is contributing towards the cost of grass cutting then it would need to ensure that the village hall is managing the contracts to an equivalent high standard. Cllr Robin Young responded that the community council would not be expected to cover the full cost but make a contribution.

Cllr Jackie Brown noted that this matter has not been brought before the village hall committee; it needs to be brought before the trustees and discussed correctly.

The Clerk noted that if the community council decides to not continue maintaining the grass areas then the village hall will have no choice but to take on the responsibility and related cost. The community council will have to consider the implications of potential funding with s137 limits as it may no longer come under existing powers.

Cllr Jackie Brown advised that it was suggested at the last meeting of the village hall that they would ask the community council to pay half of the cost to paint the park adjacent to Canolfan Dyffryn.

**Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor
Planning/Cynllunio**

(21)

A210549 - Ar Lan Y Mor, Aberporth, Cardigan, Ceredigion, SA432EY

No comments

Finance/Cyllido

(22)

Audited accounts for approval

Clerk is currently drafting a grants policy which will be circulated for comment.

Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw

(23)

Minutes of the committee meeting were circulated.

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Cllr Dave Addison had obtained further quotes for cutting the grass at Parclyn. He proposed that we accept the price of £175 plus vat per cut which included the whole field and outside the front gate. Cllr Zoe Storer seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

The Clerk suggested the community council consider purchasing a ride on mower to reduce costs. Cllr Damon Watmough was concerned about the long-term costs of maintenance and up keep. Cllr Dave Addison questioned whether community council insurance would cover volunteers to cut the grass and noted there is currently no storage.

Cllr Dave Addison has arranged for the brambles at the back of the changing rooms to be removed.

(24)

The committee had accepted responsibility for the biodiversity plan. The Clerk noted that many of the initial commitments were already being achieved. She reported that due to there being no venue the horticultural show would not be going ahead this year. It was agreed that the community council would register for achieving Bee Friendly status and organising a Summer of Fun event to promote the scheme.

(25)

CCTV at the muga. School have received a quote of £1600 to install 2 cameras which will cover the whole of the area at the muga. The Clerk advised that the costs could be covered from reserves for the muga and that the system was being installed. The Council agreed to cover the whole installation cost. It was noted that cctv notices needed to be installed. Clerk to check with the school regarding storage of footage and data protection.

Cllr Robin Young reported that he has met with Mr Otter regarding his complaint; Cllr Dave Addison to advise Mr Otter of the cctv installation. It was agreed that there was a need to consider opening the football field in Parclyn as soon as possible in an attempt to move the older users to play there; the council is installing cctv in an attempt to reduce anti-social behaviour though it has to be noted there is very little damage made to the property it is more a noise issue. Clerk has notified police and requested they call and talk to the young people about their language.

(26)

Cllr Dave Addison advised he has agreed with Anthony Williams to repair and paint the benches; he will draw up a schedule to prioritise work.

(27)

Cllr Jackie Brown noted ongoing issues with fly posting.

(28)

Cllr Zoe Storer asked about the costings for installing new benches at lower welfare park; Cllr Gethin Davies is waiting on Jamson to price the work for 3 bench areas.

Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adoygu Trefn

(29)

Clerk advised that the committee need to agree a list of required policies and prioritise.

Community Welcome Audit/Archwiliad Croeso Cymuned

(30)

Minutes of recent meeting were provided and the change of committee name to Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing was approved.

Clerk noted that the data from the community questionnaire needs to be used to start putting a draft community plan document together and agree any further engagement.

(31)
Summer of Fun grant was successful to the sum of £1000. The committee proposed that the council contribute a further £500 towards activities. Zoe & Jackie, approved.

(32)
With the National Eisteddfod being held in Tregaron this year there has been a call for homes and businesses to decorate. The committee proposed that the community council put up the bunting and encourage people to decorate their houses. Information has been put onto the council and community Facebook page. The council approved to put up bunting; Cllr Gethin Davies to organise.

(33)
Play & Place magazine electronic copy provided to Councillors; articles on teenage opportunities and disabled access to play which will be important elements as we develop opportunities in Parcllyn.

Beaches/ Traethau

(34)
Two Disability wheelchairs have been placed at the bottom of the path onto Dolwen beach. Ceredigion County Council have installed a ramp to get from the seawall onto the sand. The chairs are chained and locked to the fence; keys are with the lifeguards who will give out relevant safety information relating to use. The community

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council needs to discuss with the County Council how the chairs can be accessed outside lifeguard hours.

(35)
Issues around licences for traders wishing to use the beach have been brought to the attention of the community council. It is understood that the County Councillors are aware and have made initial enquiries with the County. Clerk has spoken with an officer at Ceredigion and has been advised that there is currently not a policy on handling applications at present but is something that needs to be prioritised with the number of applications being received along the coast.

(36)
The community council has received a complaint regarding rubbish and overflowing bins at the weekend. Apparently, the county council had been unable to empty them due to issues with staffing over the weekend. County Cllr Gethin Davies is going to follow up the community council request for additional bins. Cllr Robin Yung has responded to the resident.

(37)
Cllr Gethin Davies noted the rock fall on Dolwen beach, this highlights an issue and although there are signs on the rocks, he has spoken with Ceredigion County Council about better signage to advise people of the risk.

Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

(38)
Recent issues with seagulls pulling rubbish from the bins were noted. It was agreed that there was not a need for a litter pick at this time; it is being kept on top of. Look at it in the Autumn.

Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrff Allanol

(39)
Governors; Cllr Sue Lewis in her absence has advised that a new Headteacher has been appointed and she will start in January 2023.

(40)
Parcllyn Field Committee meeting; Cllr Zoe Storer updated the council that the registration for the new charity is now completed. At a recent meeting a number of questions were raised about the partnership working once the land was purchased – who would be responsible and how the land would be managed? She has made an expression of interest for the levelling up; due to not owning or a lease being in place at present cannot meet the application criteria at the moment. The charity is starting to pull together a business plan and are arranging to meet with Llandysul to see how their field is managed there. The charity wishes to request permission from the

community council to use the field for fundraising purposes; they also intend to run a 200 club and provide opportunity for sponsorship boards/business advertising on the fence.

The Clerk noted that the community council insurance only covers events organised by the community council and the charity would need its own public liability to cover any events. With regards to the need for a partnership agreement or a lease the council will have to wait on the sale to see if any clauses are put in place by the mod. Cllr Zoe Storer noted that the charity will attend the youth day in Parclyn to get the residents and young people to bring their ideas and use them to design a logo.

(41)
Aberporth village hall; Cllr Jackie Brown advised that the village hall no longer want the planter on lower welfare park; the clerk suggested that this be relocated to a playground for children to plant in.
Tenders going back out for building the new hall.
The village hall is organising the carnival and an event for Dydd Iau Mawr.

6. Notified Business
Busnes a rag-hysbyswydir

(42)
Letter from Canolfan Blaenporth requesting that the community council pay for the cost of sim card to provide Wi-Fi at Canolfan Blaenporth. Clerk to make enquiries with regards to cost and any potential savings with EE.

(43)
Information received via CAVO on the launch of Hywel Dda service providing a new way to access mental health and wellbeing support. A dedicated mental health advice service, offering support for all age groups through the established 111 call line. The service will be accessible 7 days a week from 9.00am through to 11.30pm, with plans in place to move to a 24/7 operating hours later in the year.

7. Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

(44)
Email:
Shared Prosperity Fund: Consultation Exercise Powys and Ceredigion

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Calon Hearts Summer Newsletter
OVW:
Nominated Representatives to sit on the Area Committees
Call out for good practice/examples in response to global warming and climate change
Age Cymru newsletter
Shaping Wales' Future
Wales Nature Week
Young Traders Market
Correspondence was noted

8. Review Diary
Adolygu Dyddiadur
No meeting in August

9. Date of next meeting
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf
Date of next meeting is Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 6:30pm

Cllr Robin Young thanked everyone for their time. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:15pm.

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