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The monthly meeting of the Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6:30pm, The Chairperson, Cllr Anne McCreary presided.

Present: Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Sam Trevor, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Nicola Jennings and Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)

Due to Covid-19 pandemic regulations this meeting was held electronically.

1. Apologies/Personal matters  
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(2)  
Apologies were received from Cllr Dave Addison and Cllr Lorraine Corfield

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)  
Cllr Gethin Davies declared personal interest relating to planning application A201118

3. Confirmation and signing of previous minutes  
Cadarnhau a llofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf

(4)  
Cllr Jackie Brown proposed that the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Zoe Storer and approved unanimously.

4. Financial business  
Busnes Ariannol

(5)  
Items approved for payment:

£582.00 Scribe

£2032.43 Insurance

Cllr Jackie Brown proposed that the items be accepted for payment; this was seconded by Cllr Robin Young and approved unanimously.

5. Notified Business  
Busnes a rag-hysbyswydir

(6)  
The Clerk provided a report on Scribe accounting system.

Cllr Aled Thomas questioned whether it would be better to use a system provided by our accountants.

Cllr Zoe Storer explained that it was a system tailored for town and community councils and automatically produced the end of year report; she anticipated that it could save on accountants' fees.

Cllr Jackie Brown proposed that the Council purchase the software for 2021-2022 accounts; this was seconded by Cllr Robin Young and agreed unanimously.

(7)  
Cllr Sue Lewis advised the Council she was Community co-coordinator for the Broadband Upgrade Fund.

The Broadband upgrade fund has gone out to every resident but due to data protection the local authority cannot share any information or responses.

She is due to meet with Gareth Robinson.

Cllr Robin Young has previously done work regarding a scheme for Blaenporth, Blaenannerch and Tanygroes and has a list of interested residents. He noted that an Outreach technician came to his house and checked the connections, are actively programming this.

Cllr Sue Lewis to keep in contact with Cllr Robin Young on this.

6. Reports  
Adroddiadau

Clerks Report/Adroddiad y Clerc

(8)  
MOD are not able to provide a firm update regarding the playground or the lease of the football field at the moment as they are still waiting on the valuation report; once they receive this they will put together a business case regarding an offer. The Social club is due to go for electronic election in April.

The £15 invoice for peppercorn Apr 2021-22 is on hold.

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The Council has received approval for the playground grant of £6000

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The notice to call an election expired on 3<sup>rd</sup> February; the co-option notices have not been received as yet.

(12)

It was agreed that other councillors would take on roles within the Buttercup Fund committee to move things forward and a public meeting for new officer could be held later in the year because of covid restrictions.

#### County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(13)

A written report was provided.

The vaccine centres are up and running; Hywel Dda are doing very well in rolling out the vaccinations. Covid rates are falling which is good news and just to ask everyone to keep following the rules.

Eisteddfod in Ceredigion has been postponed to 2022. Most public events and agricultural shows will not go ahead this year.

Aware that in March the census will be happening and it is important that everyone completes this document.

Elections in May-encourage vulnerable people to apply for a postal vote to avoid having to visit the polling stations.

Ceredigion County Council has cleaned the shelters in Aberporth and unfortunately some of the outlying shelters are on the list to be done in the second stage. The community council needs to clean out its brick shelter and remove the ivy from the back of it; it may need paint in the spring.

Sewerage leak in lower Brynglas which I reported to the water board, they cleaned it up and repaired a broken pipe.

Complaint regarding overgrowth of trees at the boundary of 45 Brynglas to the rear of the playpark. Ceredigion County Council is due to cut this area back.

Complaint received about state of Lon yr Ysgol from Blaenporth, off run from the fields collecting on the road. In discussions with Ceredigion County Council to get road sweeper in and to do B4333 at the same time to remove loose chippings.

#### Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(14)

A written report was provided:

It is encouraging to find that the Covid virus cases in Wales and in particular in Ceredigion are continuing to reduce. This is as a result of everyone's effort in following the rules. We cannot afford to be complacent and, difficult as it is, we must continue to do what is asked of us. I am sure that we are all feeling pleased that restrictions for younger school children and Vocational Students are being reduced after half term, as long as we continue to see a reduction in cases. The vaccination programme continues to be rolled out at speed and we are all appreciative of the efforts of our Primary Care Staff and RAF and Army personnel and of course the army of volunteers. I am aware of a number of individuals who are struggling with mental health issues. I am able to signpost them to appropriate services and have supported some myself via telephone.

I like many look forward to being able to live with less restrictions but I realise that this will take time. Restrictions will be lifted with care.

January 19<sup>th</sup> I attended a Scribe Zoom meeting with Vanessa and Zoe presented by Mel Maritz. We were very impressed and were of the opinion that the system would be a great advantage to us.

I have had several comments concerning dogs not being controlled effectively.

Please consider the training that is on offer. It is essential everyone completes the core modules and it is so much more convenient doing it from home rather than travelling. We all need to acquire a sound knowledge base to be effective.

We continue to await a response from Ceredigion with regard to the outcome of our recruitment process.

Max Thom and I have had two sessions and we are still awaiting permission to use the iconic photograph of Dic sitting on the tractor smoking his pipe.

Cllr Thomas and I had a discussion about the Blaenporth path which needed clearing as a matter of urgency. Cllrs Davies and Addison also inspected the site.

I have received daily updates from County Councillor Gethin Davies. Thank you.

Vanessa and I have spent time on various issues including contacting the MOD regarding the playground and football pitch at Parclyn. I am confident we will have news very soon. It is good news that we have acquired the grant so when we get the go- ahead we can get in with it.

Cllr Jackie Brown thanked Cllr McCreary and Maxine Thom for their work on the poetry trail project panels.

#### Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor

##### Planning/Cynllunio

(15)

The comments of the planning committee were noted:

A201118 - Glen View, Felin Road, Aberporth, SA43 2ER

Demolition of existing building and erection of a holiday let unit; concerns regarding safety at this bend and close

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proximity of proposed building to the road. Community council is looking for provision of a footpath in this location, would like to note its concerns about the increasing number of holiday homes and letting accommodation

A201109 - Glen View, Felin Road, Aberporth, SA43 2ER

Erection of porch and auxiliary building; no concerns regarding this application

A210008 - West Wales Airport, Blaenporth, SA43 2DZ

Application for offices, parking and aircraft turning area, no concerns regarding this

A210070 - Hangar 1, West Wales Airport, Blaenporth, Cardigan. SA43 2DZ

Extension to the existing hangar; no issues.

A210045 - Willows Caravan Park, Tresaith Road, Aberporth, Cardigan. SA43 2EB

Extend opening times; in support of this application

#### *Finance/Cyllido*

(16)

The grant applications were discussed and 14 x £100 grants were proposed by Cllr Sue Lewis, this was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and approved unanimously.

Cllr Anne McCreary Christmas felt that the hampers distributed to residents over the Christmas period were well received and proposed that whilst they have not applied for a grant that the community council should consider supporting the project later on in the year. Cllr Sue Lewis responded that the project will likely come under the heart of the community village hall project moving forward.

#### *Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw*

(17)

Cllr Aled Thomas reported that the work to the path at Glaneirw Blaenporth will be completed on 15<sup>th</sup> February at a cost of £300.

(18)

Due to the approved contractor withdrawing the grass maintenance contract went back out to tender. The Clerk advised that previous prices received were still valid tenders. She had received one new enquiry and provided the relevant information and had received one sealed envelope which she opened:

The new price received was from S Trick £4900.

Cllr Anne McCreary stated her concerns about S Trick now placing a lower quote after previous tenders received being in the public domain. Cllr Sam Trevor agreed and questioned how has he managed to reduce the price so much in a couple of months and felt that the Council should take him on his first price. Cllr Sue Lewis agreed.

Cllr Zoe Storer proposed that the Council go back to the original quotes and make a decision from there, Cllr Nicola Jennings made a counter proposal that S Trick should be removed from the tender process completely; this was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and approved by a majority.

Cllr Jackie Brown proposed that the grass maintenance contract be awarded to EA Owens; this was seconded by Cllr Sam Trevor and approved by a majority. Clerk to organise contract.

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Cllr Robin Young enquired about the bin contract; Clerk to include in community welcome committee agenda.

#### *Highways/Priffyrdd*

(20)

Road closures:

C1126 Ref 47101094 Lleoliad/Location:Caernydd, Blaenporth Dyddiad ac amser/Dates and times: 09:00 – 18:00 ar/on 02/02/2021 – 04/02/2021 Duration: Daily - During Times Specified/Daily – During Working Day/ 24 hours a day/ During Period Specified Water Service Repairs

C1012 Ref 47122892 Lleoliad/Location: Dyffrynsaith, Tresaith, Aberteifi/Cardigan Dyddiad ac amser/Dates and times: 09:00 – 17:00 ar/on 01/02/2021 – 03/02/2021 Duration: Daily - During Times Specified/Daily – During Working Day/ 24 hours a day/ During Period Specified Water Service Repairs296/20

B4333 Ref:47101161 Lleoliad/Location: Tresaith, Aberporth, Cardigan Dyddiad ac amser/ Dates and times:09:00 - 17:00 ar/on 05/02/2021 Duration: Daily - During Times Specified/Daily – During Working Day/ 24 hours a day/ During Period Specified BT Openreach Service Works

#### *Emergency Plan Committee/Pwyllgor Cynllun Argyfwng*

#### *Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adaygu Trefn*

(21)

Communications guide received from One Voice Wales

#### *Community Welcome Audit/Archwiliad Croeso Cymuned*

(22)

A meeting was set for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6:30pm

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*Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus*Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrff Allanol

(23)

Cllr Sue Lewis reported that there is a school governors meeting tomorrow; the Headmaster is doing an amazing job and the school is ahead of the game.

(24)

Cllr Sue Lewis reported that the Village hall lottery application has gone in; a decision is being made on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Jackie Brown advised that the Village hall raffle has been held.

(25)

Cllr Sam Trevor reported on the first meeting of the Ceredigion Water Safety Forum. He had raised the community council concerns about dogs on the coastal path and a need for dogs to be kept on a lead notice with a consistent message from Ceredigion County Council. He had suggested that they do a sign audit. . He felt that a sign from Ceredigion will not be forthcoming in the near future so it maybe something the community council will want to do independently. He advised that moving forward the forum will invite representatives from coastal communities to be involved.

Clerk to contact Nigel Nicholas

Beaches/ Traethau

(26)

Cllr Gethin Davies advised that the beaches are clean.

Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

(27)

Email:

Consultation on Ceredigion Economic Strategy - Boosting Ceredigion's Economy: A Strategy for Action 2020-35

Grant request from 1<sup>st</sup> Parcllyn & Aberporth Girl Guides

Grant request from Blaenporth Community Association

Grant request from Aberporth 1<sup>st</sup> Rainbows

Grant request from Aberporth Surf Lifesaving

Grant request from 1<sup>st</sup> Parcllyn & Aberporth Scouts

Thank you received from Blaenporth Community Association for the Christmas tree.

Welsh Government - Keep Wales Safe campaign

Places to play seminar

BBC Wales Natural History documentary

Information from Re-engage about their Call Companions scheme

Information from Ceredigion Public Services Board's Climate Change & Natural Resources Project Group

Information received from HUTS

OVW:

Vacancy – Welsh Gov fixed Term & Secondment opportunities; Keep Wales Safe Campaign; Ceredigion Area

Committee meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> March 7pm; Winter newsletter; Covid updates; Training dates; Your town your future

Couries frauds; New Chairperson; New development officer for Mid & West Wales; NHS bodies maintain good governance during Covid

Correspondence was noted.

7. Review Diary  
Adolygu Dyddiadur

(28)

Update diary and email it out

Clerk – end of financial year chase up outstanding invoices to ensure payment

8. Date of next meeting  
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf

(29)

Date of next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6:30pm

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19.40pm

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