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The monthly meeting of Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 6:30pm, due to covid it was a hybrid meeting at Canolfan Dyffryn. The Chairman, Cllr Robin Young, presided.
Present at Canolfan Dyffryn: Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Carys Thomas, Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)
Present on Zoom: Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Damon Watmough, Cllr Gethin Davies was present for the start of the meeting and County Councillor Clive Davies.
Cllr Robin Young welcomed everyone to the first hybrid meeting.

1. Apologies/Personal matters
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(2)
Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Lewis and Cllr Dave Addison

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 Jackie Brown proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Carys Owens and approved unanimously.

4. Financial business
Busnes Ariannol

(4)
Items approved for payment
£373.73 Lewlec
£250.00 Jo90
£200.00 Dan Dutnell
£46.88 SV Owens – candles, ribbon, games,
£74.00 IPC Services
£250.00 EA Owens
£250.00 EA Owens
£400.00 E A Owens
£100.00 Cnwc y Manal Cakes
£143.88 Zoom – SV Owens
£396.00 Kangaloos
£144.00 Cliand computers
£357.00 Cllr Zoe Storer – items related to jubilee event
Clerk advised that there are still some invoices due from the jubilee event and it was approved to pay Fedwen Tentage, for the ice cream and Dolen Teifi. Clerk requested that Councillors provide any invoices/receipts and claims as soon as possible with respect to the Jubilee events

(15)
Donation received from village hall £1338.99
Cllr Zoe Storer noted that there was money due in from Eventbrite related to ticket sales.

(16)
Bank balances at 8.06.22

Current account	£24854.23
Treasures account	£21989.60
Allocated reserves account	£48919.97

5. Reports
Addroddiadau

Clerks Report/Adroddiad y Clerc

(17)
A copy of the draft toolkit was received from One Voice Wales ; Clerk has completed the Governance review and as a result produced some policies which were identified as a legal requirement. The following policies were presented for approval:
-Councillor Training Record – councillors need to undertake update training and courses as per the training policy. Clerk requested that Councillors provide up to date training information and any courses that need to be booked. One Voice Wales June training dates provided.

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-Document Retention and Disposal
 -Health and Safety Policy Statement

-Biodiversity action plan –Clerk recommended that this document was the responsibility of the maintenance committee; there is a recommendation in the plan for the council to sponsor an award at the horticultural show regarding biodiversity garden/project.

Cllr Anne McCreary proposed that the 4 documents were accepted for approval; this was seconded by Cllr Zoe Storer and passed unanimously

The Clerk advised that there is a list of policies recommended by SLCC and suggested that the Procedures Review Committee consider the list and put in place anything required by this Council.

A grants policy is required and she suggested that the Finance committee take this on board; it will make application process clear and the Council will be able to consider applications outside the annual system that is now operated to provide a more flexible approach.

(18)

Parcllyn - Clerk has spoken with Mr John Jones at the MOD who confirmed the lease agreement is now in place on the playing field while sale to the community council is negotiated. He has advised that the Military of Defence is totally on board in ensuring that this area remains a community asset. The main point of issue at the moment is Ceredigion County Council being reluctant to approve the sale to the community council though Mr John Jones has indicated in a recent email that they now confirm that under Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1972, there is the ability for the Community Council to request that the County Council undertakes a CPO on their behalf and the land would be directly transferred to the Community Council. He has advised the Community Council to make the case for this to happen. He further confirmed that the County Council are satisfied that the Criche Down Rules and the need for the MOD to offer back to the former owners would not apply should the Council undertake a CPO under S125 as the property would be directly transferred to the Community Council.

Clerk has emailed Ben Lake MP to ask if he can organise a joint meeting to find a way forward; Clerk to now contact Ceredigion County Council and request that they start the process for a CPO.

Mr John Jones hopes to organise a meeting to discuss detailed procedures.

Cllr Zoe Storer advised that Parcllyn Community Sports & Leisure field charitable organisation is now set up and a bank account opened. They have started looking at potential grants.

(19)

Clerk has contacted Ceredigion County Council regarding co-option for the two available seats but has not heard anything back. To be chased up.

(20)

Clerk met with Libby Jeffries from Hywel Dda Speech and Language team. She has provided a play area panel for the park adjacent to Canolfan Dyffryn which needs to be put up and a new seaside communication panel which when discussed can be placed on the sea wall on Dolwen beach as this is the most used area; it will need to have some form of surround to enable it to be accessible to people in wheelchairs.

She provided the contact information to order more boards as one is needed for the play area in Parcllyn and the Council can maybe consider a second seaside panel to go on the fence area above Dyffryn beach (by the big ship area). Quote was received from widget for use of the symbols - £228 plus approx. £100 each to make. Cllr Zoe Storer proposed that the Council proceed I buying one of each board; Cllr Carys Owens seconded the proposal and this was approved unanimously.

(21)

Clerk provided a Community bus update; two training courses have been provided and 8 people have attended; 2 other people have volunteered who are already trained; have enough interest to organise a 3rd course. The bus was used by the community council over the jubilee weekend and the ATC have hired it out.

Clerk has spoken to the school who are interested in helping design graphics for the bus; will contact Dolen Teifi on how to proceed.

(22)

Cllr Aled Thomas noted at last months meeting that the use of Welsh on the Community Council Facebook page was a requirement. At the time of setting up the page it was agreed that Councillors would take the lead in content, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Aled Thomas and Cllr Carys Owens set up as administrators. The Clerk requested that the Councillors consider their capacity to manage the page as social media needs to be responsive and waiting on content to be translated rather than use google translate causes delays. It was agreed that the administrators would take responsibility for the Welsh content.

(23)

PSB Local Well-being Plan Engagement Survey link emailed to Councillors. Clerk requested that Councillors please all take the time to complete it. Have requested their social media engagement pack so it can be shared to raise awareness.

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Invitation received from Local Places for Nature Officer to attend Nature Hub online meetings: This network offers the perfect opportunity to see what other councils are doing to meet their biodiversity action plans and share project ideas. Clerk suggested that in light of the new plan that a member of the maintenance committee attends.

(24)

Email from One Voice Wales with Ceredigion area meeting information; Cllr Anne McCreary advised she would be attending.

(25)

Lleucu Morgan from Cardi Care project has invited Councillors to attend a trip to Solva to learn from their project.

(26)

Clerk has contacted the company regarding the VE Day mugs; has established that there is now a problem with the art work and they are unable to reproduce it in its current format. Clerk to provide Cllr Aled Thomas with the designs and he is to make enquiries with local companies.

County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(27)

County Cllr Clive Davies reported to the community council:

He has met with Sue Lewis; Chair of Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth Governors and advised that Ceredigion County Council have allocated a budget to sort out the curtain wall in the school.

He has organised a meeting with Cynnal y Cardi regarding the village hall grant funding and met with volunteers at Canolfan Dyffryn where a lot of good work is being done.

He has spoken with the Leader of the County Council and confirmed that they have now agreed to work with the community council to purchase the field at Parclyn.

He has been appointed cabinet member for Economy and Regeneration; are setting up a new management board and it is still early days.

He had been approached about wheelchair access to the beaches and reported that the beach friendly wheelchair project is being rolled out.

He has been involved in improvements to the lower section of the coastal path by Cliff hotel.

He reported that he had been in recent meetings regarding broadband with Open Reach and is hopeful that parts of Blaenporth will get fibre shortly.

Ceredigion County Council are looking at possible options regarding phosphate levels across the county – 45% of Ceredigion cannot be developed due to planning restrictions relating to phosphates and there are concerns about further restrictions introduced by NRW along coastal communities. This situation has an impact on future housing. Additional powers are to be introduced in April regarding 2nd homes and holiday homes; he has spoken with Business Wales about business development workshops for owners of holiday homes.

He had received an enquiry about electric car charging points from a resident in Brynglas who has been told he cannot charge his car outside his house due to the cable across the pavement; he has spoken with Barcud.

He has responded to an enquiry about improvements to the playgrounds after checking responsibilities with the community council clerk.

(28)

Cllr Anne McCreary asked Cllr Davies what is Ceredigion County Councils policy regarding licencing people to hire out sea fare equipment on the beaches. Cllr Davies to make relevant enquiries.

(29)

Cllr Gethin Davies had provided a written report:

Ceredigion County Council have been discussing the 20mph limit through the villages; Welsh Government have introduced guidelines to reduce speed limits and Ceredigion County Council will be consulting with communities soon. Main concern is that the Lon yr Ysgol will not be included as it is not currently a 30mph. He requested that the community council write to Ceredigion County Council and identify this road as needing to be included.

Recent incident on the beach has highlighted how dangerous an environment the beaches can be. Thankful that the young man is ok. The public and emergency services did a fantastic job at reacting so quickly.

Was pleased to see how many people attended the jubilee event; grateful that covid restrictions have been removed and that communities can now get back to normal.

Aberporth has been awarded the Seaside award this year. Flag has been delivered to the Clerk.

Hole in the verge which was a serious trip hazard at Rhosygadair junction has been reported to Ceredigion County Council for repairs.

Was pleased to see recent correspondence from John Jones that the sale of the land in Parclyn is proceeding and that Ceredigion County Council are supporting the community council to purchase the field. This is the start of an exciting time for the community with lots of opportunities/ideas to develop the site and the play area.

Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(30)

Written report provided:

His Chairmanship has started with a memorable first month and he thanked everyone involved with the Queens

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Platinum Jubilee celebrations for a weekend of successful and memorable community events.

He had attended the Aberporth Rainbows and Brownies Jubilee event and praised the commitment of the leaders to the success of their full packs.

He had been invited to Canolfan Dyffryn and presented volunteers with the village hall recent award of Investors in Volunteers certificates. He noted the important community role they play.

Has met with Chair of Felinwynt community council.

Through the clerk he organised to meet with the headteacher of Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth; he was very impressed with the dedication of staff and provision to the young people at the school. A deep appreciation of what is being done.

He has received permission from Blaenannerch chapel to install the screen and will proceed in organising the necessary work.

Is pleased to be working towards face to face meetings and hopes that with care and common sense we will have more people around the table.

Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor Planning/Cynllunio

(31)

A220309 - Dyffryn Farm, Aberporth, Cardigan. SA43 2DU

A220276 - Caerfelin Leisure Park, Ffordd Ysgolig, Aberporth. SA43 2BZ

There were no comments

Finance/Cyllido

(32)

A Finance committee meeting was held to discuss the budget for 2022-23; copy of minutes provided.

Proposals in the minutes to reallocate money within the budget were approved.

Accounts are with DMB Davies being internally audited. Clerk will organise an Extraordinary meeting to approve audited accounts once received.

Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw

(33)

Play areas need to be checked and any necessary repairs made. New shackles have been ordered for the swings. New swing seats are to be installed.

Work is being done to safety surfacing in Brynglas, safety surfacing work in Parclyn has been completed – it is not possible to improve on this; new surfacing can be considered once sale has gone through. Clerk suggested that the community council consider pre-empting the sale and start looking towards securing grants for a new play area; it was agreed to get playground designs and costings together.

Clerk has chased printers up about providing playground signs with Council details as required and dog signs for around the village.

The plastic dome is to be replaced on the roundabout in Brynglas; Cllr Dave Addison is organising a bespoke repair.

Dyffryn garden paving is to be weed killed to prevent weeds in between the bricks.

Grass cutting in Parclyn to be agreed; Clerk suggested a committee meeting to organise a maintenance schedule for all aspects covered by the council so the maintenance budget can be reviewed for this year.

Cllr Dave Addison has ordered wooden slats to repair seats.

Cllr Jackie Brown enquired if the football club have been advised aht they can now use the football field. Cllr Zoe Storer advised that they know they can use the field for training but will be unable to hold matches as FAW will not allow them to play games as they have no changing facilities

(34)

Clerk has spoken with Wales and West and Ray Ceredigion about the play training which was meant to be done the first Easter of the covid pandemic. This is being revisited by the organisations and play training is to be provided. The community council has £500 in reserves to provide play boxes; Aberporth Village Hall Management committee committed a further £500.

Nicole King has emailed on behalf of the village hall and has been advised that the project is in hand and Aberporth park will be included as per the original grant application

(35)

Ceredigion County Council have advised that there is a grant opportunity to provide activities for the wellbeing of young people - Summer of fun grant. Clerk has obtained costs for providing a number of activities and will put forward an application.

Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adaygu Trefn

(36)

Clerk advised that the committee need to consider the One Voice Wales toolkit and draft a plan on how to complete necessary documents/policies/procedures by next years review. Clerk to draft and circulate a time table of what needs to be done and circulate it.

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Community Welcome Audit/Archwiliad Croeso Cymuned

(37)

It was agreed that the Community plan task and finish group has completed the work that was required to undertake the community consultation; a draft plan has been produced and the community welcome committee remit can be altered to take on responsibility of the plan and to ensure future community engagement as required by the One Voice Wales toolkit/governance requirements.

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday 28th June at 6:30pm on Zoom.

Beaches/ Traethau

(38)

A recent unfortunate incident on the beach with a young boy being trapped in the sand after digging a hole was noted. The Clerk has spoken with Cliff Bates of Ceredigion County Council who will be discussing the matter with RNLI managers and considering beach management changes throughout the county in an attempt to prevent this happening again. Members of the public, lifeguards, coastguard, ambulance service and fire service all attended and their combined efforts ensured that the boy was recovered safely. The community council expressed well wishes for the young person.

Cllr Robin Young noted the sad recent loss of life at Poppit and the importance of safety awareness and understanding the dangers of coastal water and land areas.

(39)

Cliff Bates Ceredigion County Council has advised that the disability access wheelchair is to be delivered to Aberporth by end of next week. The sand level at the sea wall needs to be raised in order for the chair to be able to get onto the sand and he has requested local contractors to undertake any necessary work. It is to be located with the lifeguards at Penrhodyn and will be chained to the fence/lifeguard station. Clerk has suggested that a key box for the key be placed in a suitable location so the chair can be accessed outside of lifeguard hours. There will not be a booking requirement for the chair. Cliff Bates will update the Clerk as the project rolls out.

(40)

Need to install seaside communication panel on the beach.

(41)

Cllr Jackie Brown felt that there were too many signs on entrances to the beaches which were confusing; she noted there was a need for larger no dog by law signs on Dolwen beach.

Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

(42)

Cllr Zoe Storer noted ongoing issues with the bin at Parclyn play area not being emptied. She reported that it has now been moved back to its base. The Clerk suggested that the bin be removed and park users can take rubbish home with them. Cllr Storer reported that she and Cllr Damon Watmough would be happy to empty the bin if suitable bags were provided. Cllr Robin Young asked that the matter be passed back to the maintenance committee for a decision.

Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrff Allanol

(43)

Cllr Jackie Brown apologised that she had missed the last Village Hall Management meeting. Cllr Zoe Storer advised that there were no matters to report.

(44)

Governors at Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth have been in consultation with parents about end of school pick up times and are now looking to implement staggered collections starting earlier in the afternoon in an attempt to relieve parking and traffic congestion.

6. Notified Business
Busnes a rag-hysbyswydir

(45)

Cllr Zoe Storer presented an end of project report relating to the Platinum Jubilee events.

Over all everything ran smoothly with no significant problems and the feedback from the community has all been very positive. She thanked the Councillors and volunteers for all the help in setting up and clearing up the marquee and services in Parclyn during the week.

Thursday event: There were some issues with the pa system at the lighting of the beacon which was unfortunate. The event was very well attended. A big thank you to Cllr Gethin Davies for his work in organising the beacon; all the volunteers who helped with serving hot drinks and setting up; the Blaenporth Male Voice Choir; Rev Chris Frost; Ben Lake MP; Howard Williams and the other residents invited to light the beacon.

Friday evening at Parclyn was a very successful event with 169 tickets sold via Eventbrite and some extra on the entrance gate. Thank yous go to Jo90 and Dan Dutnell for the music who both supported the event with reduced charges; Gegin Dda for providing the food and their kind donation.

The rain at the start of Saturday was a worry but thankfully the weather improved and the afternoon was well

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attended by families who thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks, were given to Ray Ceredigion who did a fantastic job of entertaining the children; Aberporth football club for organising a football tournament between local clubs and Aberporth rowing for running their distance competition. The WI did an amazing job of serving the afternoon teas and thank you to Tesco for the generous donation of scones and jam and to Sarah Wootton for the donation of milk. The celebration cake provided by Cnwc y Manal cakes was beautiful.

Cllr Storer provided a breakdown of cash taken via donations, bbq, raffle and outgoings that were paid with some of the cash. After providing a donation to the football and rowing clubs for running the bbq there was a surplus of £188.37. Cllr Anne McCreary proposed that this profit be donated to the Parclyn Sports and Community Field; this was seconded by Cllr Aled Thomas and approved unanimously.

Rev Chris Frost gave a lovely church service which was very well attended and the Blaenporth male voice choir were great. Thank you to the church for providing refreshments afterwards.

Cllr Robin Young thanked Cllr Zoe Storer for the report and expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in organising a busy weekend of well managed events that were well received by residents. He acknowledged Cllr Storer and the Clerks hard work by presenting them both with a basket of flowers each.

(46)
Cllr Jackie Brown advised that everyone she had spoken with had enjoyed and are keen to find out about future events. Cllr Zoe Storer advised that there are some ideas for Summer activities.

(47)
Cllr Anne McCreary proposed that the community council purchase a new pa system; this was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and passed unanimously. Cllr Storer advised that the Village hall management committee are prepared to share the cost.

(48)
Cllr Jackie Brown requested that the community council write to Ceredigion County Council about the poor condition of road lines and ask if they can be repainted.

7. Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

(49)

Email:

OVW:

Invite Celebrating Rural Wales Event 9th & 10th June 2022

Song for the Commonwealth

Age Friendly Communities in Partnership Webinar 29-06-22

Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales

Community Ownership Fund announcement of further funding

Correspondence was noted

8. Review Diary Adolygu Dyddiadur

9. Date of next meeting Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf

(50)

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 6:30pm

(51)

Cllr Robin Young thanked everyone for attending

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:15pm

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