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The February meeting of the above named community council was held at Aberporth Village Hall on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 6:30pm. The Chairman Cllr Richard Williams presided.

Present: Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Nicola Jennings, Cllr Gethin James, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Dai Ogilvie, Cllr Gary Wilkes, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Rosemarie Chaffers-Jones, Cllr Jackie Browns and Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk).

1. Apologies/Personal matters  
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

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

(2)

Cllr Jackie Brown proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Anne McCreary and agreed unanimously.

4. Financial business  
Busnes Ariannol

(3)

Items agreed for payment:

£20.00 E A Owens weedkill Dyffryn Garden

£30.00 Cllr Anne McCreary – prints of the information panels for the hall

£30.00 Cllr Aled Thomas – daffodils

£367.68 TVBS

5. Notified Business  
Busnes a rag-hysbyswyd

(4)

The Ceredigion Electoral Review Draft Proposals Consultation was discussed; it was felt that Aberporth would be better to retain its own ward and one councillor; prefer to avoid multi member wards. Clerk to respond accordingly.

(5)

Free planning training workshop for Community and Town Councillors at Ceredigion County Council, Penmorfa Council Offices on 28th February 2018.

(6)  
Congratulations to Plastic Free Aberporth group on achieving the Surfers Against Sewerage award and the wide recognition they have received. A photo opportunity has been held with Chair of the County Council, MP, and residents. Chairman of the Community Council was unfortunately unable to attend due to short notice and a prior engagement.

They have organised a film afternoon this Sunday; £2 admission bring your own cup.

Cllr Gethin James advised that he and Cllr Nicola Jennings are both involved and whilst he was a bit sceptical at first it has generated media interest from all over the world. We are the 3<sup>rd</sup> community in the country and 1<sup>st</sup> in Wales to achieve this accreditation.

(7)  
Cllr Anne McCreary recognised whilst this has been previously raised on a number of occasions she asked about provision of litter bins at the church and Pennar Road.

Cllr Richard Williams felt that there were lots of bins in Aberporth but nothing in outlying villages.

Clerk advised that she has contacted Ceredigion County Council who are happy to engage in a contract to empty bins.

Cllr Gethin James asked if the County Council provides bins in other wards or do we benefit from being a tourism ward. Ceredigion already provide and empty bins in Aberporth.

Community/Village hall bins are provided by the community council and cost of emptying is shared with the village hall.

Cllr Dai Ogilvie asked where does the litter come from in Parclyn? Cllr Richard Williams felt that there is sufficient bins in Parclyn as far too many domestic properties using the public bins.

Cllr Dai Ogilvie noted that people should take litter home and we would be better promoting it in areas rather than provide bins.

Clerk has requested Ceredigion County Council to provide bus stop bins in Blaenporth; Cllr Richard Williams noted his concerns that bins on the trunk road could cause an accident if not emptied properly.

Cllr Rosemarie Chaffers-Jones advised that there are volunteers quite happy to volunteer emptying bins and to take litter home.

Clerk has contacted Ceredigion and they are considering options for the shelters; Community Council will have to enter into a contract to empty the bins.

Clerk has requested Ceredigion County Council to replace the blue 'Tidy Town' bin at lower welfare park.

The large bin needs to be located. Shane Pritchard has agreed to empty it – recommendation that we increase his payment by £50 for the year and the village hall are considering the same increase. This was approved unanimously. Cllr Gethin James suggested that the number of bins are reduced in the Winter months to save on emptying costs.

Cllr Richard Williams feels that people leaving rubbish by public bins will get worse when black bin collections go to every three weeks.

Cllr Gethin James agreed with Cllr Ogilvie in reducing bins to encourage people to take rubbish home.

(8)

Cllr Anne McCreary advised that the Big Lunch is 3<sup>rd</sup> June this year nationally; it doesn't have to be held on this day and suggested possibly linking it with Year of the Sea? Clerk noted that have previously used sea/pirate/boat theme and maybe consider something different. Cllr Jackie Brown suggested a fun run. Cllr McCreary has already registered.

(9)

Cllr Rosemarie Chaffers-Jones advised the meeting about flooding issues at Morawel, Blaenporth. The property is closest to the panels and is getting flooded out. Planning permission includes requirements for drainage which has not been done. Cllr Gethin James had previously taken the matter to the Planning enforcement and was advised this is a civil matter with the land owner who says it's the responsibility of the solar panel company.

Cllr Gethin James suggested if there is still ongoing problems then Cllr Gethin Davies needs to take this up again.

(10)

Cllr Rosemarie Chaffers-Jones had received requests for properties in Blaenporth to be on mains sewerage. Everyone on septic tanks. It was agreed that residents should make private requests direct to Dwr Cymru.

(11)

Cllr Jackie Brown advised that the sign at the top of the road at Heol y Graig is to be moved to premises No 87 on the grass verge.

At the top of Tresaith road there is a depression; Ceredigion County Council have looked and are adding it onto their schedule; sewerage pipes have sunk.

The Heol y Graig sign is on private property, the homeowner wants to be able to put a hedge in and the sign will have to be removed. Clerk to write to Ceredigion County Council and ask them to relocate it. Cllr Gethin Davies to take on board as well.

(12)

Cllr Jackie Brown provided a report of Ceredigion County Council meeting in Llandysul. The Chief Executive had made a request that community councils undertake responsibility for local issues. Cllr Jackie Brown felt there was a need for identification.

Cllr Gethin James felt to ask community councillors to tackle problems first by knocking on doors, and resolve issues before contacting Ceredigion was the wrong direction of travel; there is a mechanism to report problems. As a community council we don't have powers to deal with things.

Clerk advised that the Council should only address proper written complaints; not just resident verbal complaints.

Cllr Anne McCreary felt Councillors shouldn't be putting themselves in a vulnerable position.

Ceredigion are introducing Clic in March; all the council contact numbers are going to change.

(13)

Cllr Sue Lewis – Llangoedmor Community Council have contacted Alan Haird of Ceredigion County Council regarding provision of 'Place Plan' training. They are inviting neighbouring councils to also attend. Emails sent to Cllr Sue Lewis indicate a provisional date of 20th Feb at 7pm.

Cllr Lewis confirmed that the castle has been booked and that representatives from community council can attend.

Cllr Gethin Davies advised that a County Council officer is willing to attend our community council meeting and discuss Place Plans.

(14)

Cardigan Bay FLAG has new funding. Ask Alison to meet with some of the council. Women's Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme – 'Celebrating Women in Wales'

Under the Women's Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme, they will provide grants of between £500 and £20,000 to third sector organisations, community organisations and community groups, for projects and/or events which will mark the 100th anniversary. Post information to community page, WI & Merched y wawr.

(15)

RAY Ceredigion has initiated a petition calling on the Welsh Government to provide designated funding for play provision across Wales – link provided

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Reports  
Addroddiadau

Clerks Report/Adroddiad y Clerc

(16) Email received from One Voice Wales regarding budget preparations and members allowances; Clerk advised that an element has already been included in next years budget.

(17) Independent Review Panel are hosting a series of engagement events; 13<sup>th</sup> March in Carmarthen. Have reserved two places. Cllr Anne McCreary has requested to go.

(18) Year of the Sea; 2 tool kit booklets provided. There is a £2,000 budget. Cllr Anne McCreary noted that there is already a number of community events and activities and suggested that the Council use the money for something more permanent and consider placing water fountains in the village; this would also support the plastic free aberporth. She asked that the Council be a bit more forward thinking with the money. Cllr Gethin Davies supported the idea; he advised tha there is already one at Penrhodyn toilets and suggested locating one at the youth club/field.

Cllr Gethin James advised that it will have to be linked with water provision, in partnership with other organisations int eh village who are considering the Refill app where local business can join to agree to provide water bottle filling.

It was agreed to set meeting date at next months monthly meeting.

(19) Letter of complaint received from a resident regarding tree cutting. Have referred this to the village hall.

(20) Heart Wales have advised that we need to arrange defibrillator training for residents of Parclyn before it will be provided. Have contacted them for dateand can then arrange a venue and promote training. Cllr Rosemarie Chaffers-Jones asked about using the phone box in Blaenporth. Clerk to chase consultation results for phone removal. Possibility of locating it in the church. Clerk to write letter to London House. Cllr Sue Lewis – Llangoedmor Community Council have contacted Alan Haird of Ceredigion County Council regarding provision of 'Place Plan' training. They are inviting neighbouring councils to also attend. Emails sent to Cllr Sue Lewis indicate a provisional date of 20th Feb at 7pm. Sue - castle has been booked. Sue been advised that representatives from community council can attend. GD officer is willing to attend our community council.

(21) Clerk put forward the idea of the County Councillor being invited to provide an update report as part of the monthly agenda. As our County Councillor is also a community councillor he is able to openly speak but I think the Council needs to be clearer on his two separate roles and this would help. The Councillors were all in support.

Beaches/ Traethau

(22) Meeting held with Ceredigion County Council to discuss ongoing beach issues. Meeting notes provided.

Planning/Cynllunio

(23) A180060 - Llwyncelyn, Blaenannerch Consultation – no observations  
A180025 - The Shack, Penffynnon, Aberporth Planning Consultation – already approved  
A180122 - 18 Anwylfan, Aberporth, Cardigan  
Overdevelopment of the site; concerns about overlooking issues from the raised decking. Potential parking implications.

Finance/Cyldio

(24) Election costs £162.30 – this will be deducted by Ceredigion County Council direct from the precept.  
Request to give a monthly balance sheet

Highways/Priffyrd

(25) Cllr Jackie Brown noted that the parking of vehicles in front of QinetiQ gates at the top of Pennar Road is causing a hazard on the bend. Cllr Gary Wilkes advised that this is a resident parking and he has no where else to park. Cllr Richard Williams explained that the pavement is part of QinetiQ land and there is an ongoing dispute between the MOD and car owners.

(26)  
Cllr Jackie Brown informed the meeting that apparently there was a mirror outside Irvings gate which was removed when their entrance was widened.

Cllr Richard Williams has asked an urban engineer; the Community Council will not be allowed to put anything on posts. Cllr Gethin Davies advised that Ceredigion County Council response was that they would not support or install a mirror.

Cllr Gary Wilkes identified problems with vehicles coming through narrow section too fast. Cllr Gethin James requested the Council make this observation to Ceredigion County Council and request traffic calming measures here.

#### Streetlighting/Golau stryd

(27)  
Cllr Anne McCreay has received concerns about poor lighting on Pennar Road.

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

(28)  
A section of footpath at Plas needs clearing; someone has dumped grass into the culvert causing flooding. Cllr Davies has spoken to our grass contractors to get this done. Cllr Gethin James noted his concerns regarding one councillor referring work to be done without agreement of costs.

(29)  
Cllr Gethin Davies has reported damaged boards at the mini pitch; Clerk has requested repairs to be done as soon as possible as there is a trap risk.

Council has received a letter from the school children complaining about the water puddling in areas. Clerk has contacted Talbot Sports turf installation; they have advised that the drainage issues are probably due to build up of dirt/silt in the carpet due to its age. Clerk met with contractors on site who are going to price up different resurfacing options.

Issues regarding the area outside of the pitch continue to be directed to us though the community council is only responsible for the concrete path around and the ground the pitch sits on.

Cllr Anne McCreay had concerns about slope to it. Clerk advised this is the school responsibility.

(30)  
Clerk contacted a war memorial recommended stonemason in Tregaron regarding the crack in the soldier memorial. Quote for repairs received £513.69. Councillors agreed to proceed with the work.

Clerk has contacted Colin Evans and Phil Davies regarding the required work to improve the surround to the memorial.

Council needs to purchase a bench. Clerk provided costs of WW1 memorial benches. Cllr Aled Thomas suggested contacting Trobruk Engineering to make one. It was agreed for him to make relevant enquiries.

(31)  
Clerk requested that in order to be able to progress required work is it possible that the Council agrees a list of approved contractors/people that we can contact for various work.

(32)  
Clerk has chased up the cleaning of safety surface. Cllr Gethin James suggested using an environmentally friendly product from Celtic Sustainables. Clerk to contact them and find out more about the product.

Cllr Jackie Brown has reported that the seat under the slide is rotten; Clerk has arranged to be replaced and bench to be repaired.

(33)  
Cllr Gethin James asked about the transfer of land in Pardlyn. Clerk to contact solicitors.

#### Emergency Plan Committee/Pwyllgor Cynllun Argyfwng

(34)  
Cllr Gethin Davies attended a flooding issue and cleared a drain to allow the water to clear. He is suggesting that the community council consider an emergency group of volunteers who would be prepared to help in future situations.

Cllr Gethin James wouldn't advocate volunteers.

The flooding at Delfryn has left a lot of debris on the road; there hasn't been a sweeper through to clear it out.

#### Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adolygu Trefn - Community Welcome Audit/Archwiliad Croeso Cymuned

(35)  
It was agreed to hold a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm to review the standing orders document.

#### Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

(36)  
It was agreed to have a litter pick at 2pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March Sunday before Easter. Cllr Ogilvie noted that with the plastic Initiative as well the village is particularly clean.

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Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(37)

Cllr Richard Williams expressed his disappointment about an article in the newspaper regarding complaints about refuse department not collecting and the County Councillor not advising residents.

He also advised the meeting that there had been recent events happening in the village that he only had short notice to and was unable to attend. He asked that Councillors to please inform the Chairman that these things are happening with notice.

Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y PwyllgorCorrespondence/Gohectbiaeth

(38)

Grant request from The Samaritans

Email:

Grant request from Aberporth School Nurture Group

Grant request from ATC

Grant request from Theatr Felinfach

Statement from Tai Ceredigion

Mid &amp; west Wales Fire Service Newsletter

Police &amp; Crime Commissioners February Newsletter

OVW: End to local government fees for child burials; The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 31; CHC meeting with HDHB; Welsh Government Public Appointment Vacancies; Future Generations Framework; UK and Welsh Promotion Newsletter; Bee Friendly Scheme; Proposals to tackle crime and poor performance in the waste sector; Welsh Government Public Appointment Vacancies; Women's Suffrage Centenary CelebrationsWelsh Language Commissioner Business Survey

Consultation:

7. Review Diary

Adolygu Dyddiadur

8. Emergency Any Other Business

Unrhyw Faterion Brys Arall

9. Date of next meeting

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf

(39)

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

(40)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:45pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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