



Community Welcome Audit Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Community Welcome Audit Committee was held via Zoom on Tuesday 23rd February at 6:30pm; the meeting was open to all Councillors. Cllr Anne McCreary presided.
Present: Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Nicola Jennings, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Zoe Storer and Cllr Aled Thomas.
Cllr Gethin Davies and Cllr Sue Lewis attended but had to leave before the end of the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr Sam Trevor

In the January 2021 meeting it was agreed to produce a 3 year community plan with related budget. The meeting was called to discuss a way forward in producing a plan in partnership with stakeholder organisations and review the community audit.
It was agreed to set up a task and finish group made up of Cllr Zoe Storer representing Parclyn, Cllr Robin Young representing Blaenporth and Blaenannerch, Cllr Jackie Brown as representative on Aberporth Village Hall Management Committee, Cllr Sue Lewis as representative for Aberporth and Cllr Anne McCreary as Chair of the group.
The Clerk had obtained guidance documents and examples of good practice from One Voice Wales Councillors felt that the group needed to have a clear remit and to keep the plan simple.
Partnership groups were identified as Ceredigion County Council, Aberporth Village Hall Management Committee and the wider community.
A timescale was identified as November to ensure the budget is included in the Councils annual calculations.
The plan will include a 3 year maintenance schedule and list of approved contractors which will be agreed with the Council Footpath and Maintenance Committee.
It was agreed to hold a meeting of the task and finish group on Monday 8th March at 6:30pm.

Community Audit:

Signage

Signs to identify locations of village car park is ongoing. Signs are still required.

Out of date signs on slipways to the beaches have not been updated by Ceredigion County Council

Request has been made to Ceredigion County Council for safety signs for coastal path; Cllr Sam Trevor has raised at recent Ceredigion Water Safety Forum. This forum is to be extended to include representatives of coastal communities.

Dog fouling

Issues with dog fouling are ongoing. Ceredigion County Council social media campaign is being shared to the community Facebook page.

Beaches

Issues with kayaks on the beach area on Dolwen are ongoing. They restrict the grass cutting contractors. Cllr Jackie Brown to raise with Village Hall.

Disability wheelchair proposal and Ceredigion County Council grant project is on hold. Clerk to make enquiries with Ceredigion Officer.

Code of conduct for beaches is ongoing; Clerk to chase up with Ceredigion officer.

Planters/Gardens

Dyffryn Garden; the seats have all been renovated except one, Clerk to ask contractor to complete this.

Planters at Pencartws, car park, and heather bed need tidying up before Easter. Cllr Dave Addison to undertake the work.

The new planter project with Tidy Wales needs to be installed; project still on hold due to Covid 19 and waiting for officer. Clerk to contact Tidy Wales and enquire availability of a different officer.

A previous proposal for planters in each village which did not progress was raised. Potential locations to be identified and establish people willing to be responsible for them; the Clerk will make enquiries with Ceredigion County Council for permission if necessary.

Cllr Zoe Storer enquired about grass cutting in Parcllyn which has not been done in last the 12 months IT was agreed to write to Ceredigion County Council.

Information availability/Noticeboards

Noticeboard in Dyffryn Garden has had new hinges and Perspex has been cleaned.

Cllr Zoe Storer enquired if the noticeboard in Parcllyn could be relocated once the land agreements with MOD have been secured. The meeting was in support of this idea and also suggested that the defibrillator is also moved due to the shop now being closed.

Disabled/All inclusive access

Disabled friendly picnic bench has been moved to the front of the green from the path at lower welfare park, and needs to be moved back. Cllr Dave Addison to arrange.

Waste Bin Provision

The location of bins needs to be reviewed and community council needs to look at implications of the contractor no longer undertaking the work. It was noted that the majority of the bins are being emptied by the local authority but consideration needs to be given to the bins off the main road. The bins located on the safe route to school were identified as potentially needing to be moved.

Benches

Some of the benches have been renovated and repairs have been made to the some of the picnic benches. A review of the benches needs to be done so work can be organised. The two seats at the area above the Big Ship need to be tidied up.

Cllr Anne McCreary informed the meeting that she had received a phone call from Welsh Government asking to interview her on 19th March regarding the impact of the big ship project and the panels; recognised outstanding number of volunteer hours.

Repairs to the bench at the end of the coastal path have been arranged.

The bench located at St Davids Church needs to be relocated and the concrete base removed. JB – suggest the poetry trail, RY to consider options.

Request received from Ceredigion County Council to place notices on seats/benches re Covid 19 guidance for only one household to use. Cost £137plus vat. Council voted against this proposal. Clerk will include as a rule in the guidance for use of play areas.

Bus shelters

Some of the shelters have been cleaned by Ceredigion County Council and Cllr Gethin Davies has requested that the others are now done.

The brick shelter in Blaenannerch needs drain repairing, overgrowth clearing and needs to be cleaned. Cllr Robin Young advised that there is a new style shelter just up the road and that this one in not being used, he proposed that the shelter it is taken down. Cllr Aled Thomas requested that the Council communicate with the community first before we remove it.

Cllr Aled Thomas noted that there was a need to paint a wall; Cllr Robin Young to arrange this.

Defibrillator

Need to purchase a 2nd defibrillator for Aberporth with view to locating at the school.

Defib log forms to be provide to Cllr Zoe Storer

It was agreed to purchase pads for the defib located at Penrhyn pharmacy as the request to Welsh Hearts has not been received. The pads are now out of date and urgently need replacing.

Playgrounds

The grant from Welsh Government via Ceredigion County Council has been approved. £4k revenue for costs relating to the playground in Parcllyn and £2k to surface repairs in Brynglas play area. The work needs to be completed before the end of March; Cllr Aled Thomas has met on site with the contractor to discuss the resurfacing requirements and is waiting on a quote. Cllr Gethin Davies enquired about specification, Cllr Aled Thomas responded that he has met with a qualified installer and will take advice from him.

Clerk explained that the grant conditions restrict the community council to use contractors based in Ceredigion, she had contacted every company on their list of recommended contractors but only one was an actual playground provider/contractor.

Cllr Anne McCreary requested that this is organised urgently due to tight timescales.

It was agreed to use George Davies & Evans Solicitors to undertake the legal requirements for the purchase of play area in Parcllyn. Clerk to contact them.

Brynglas play area: Cllr Aled Thomas advised that maintenance work identified in the annual playground report in lower Brynglas has been completed.

Clerk noted that some of the playground equipment needs painting.

Cllr McCreary had visited the park and was disappointed to see its poor condition; due to the wet weather the park is very boggy and the safety surfacing is green and slippery which poses a hazard to children playing. She advised that the park needed cleaning before it can be reopened.

Parcllyn play area: Council is waiting on MOD to provide an agreement for purchasing the play area. Once the play area is under the ownership of the community council then it will be necessary to look at funding opportunities for new equipment. Parents in Parcllyn are interested in working with the community council to provide an improved facility.

Lease on football field in Parcllyn: are waiting on lease agreement from MOD; once agreements are signed community council can look at the future of this area.

Is due to be sold in the near future it was agreed to move the posts temporarily to the football field. Cllr Zoe Storer to organise.

Social media posts on the Aberporth Community Facebook page calling for the playgrounds to be reopened gave a clear message that there was a strong feeling in the community that the parks should now be open. The Community Council had closed the parks in response to a level 4 Lockdown and it is now necessary to review risk assessments in order that they are safe to reopen.

The Clerk had updated and circulated the Covid-19 risk assessment. Outcomes:

- Review risk assessments for individual playgrounds to be able to reopen parks.
- Approve any identified work in the risk assessments
- Clerk had drafted a guidance/set of rules for the safe use of the playgrounds; this was approved for inclusion on the website and a link to be put on the community Facebook page.
- Clerk has registered and produced NHS Track and Trace QR codes for each playground; it was agreed to purchase signs rather than laminated posters.
- New No Smoking signs in line with new legislation introduced on 1st March have been ordered.

A majority decision was undertaken to keep the parks closed for the short term whilst the identified work and cleaning is undertaken. Cllr Anne McCreary noted the concerns regarding social distancing and whilst Cllr Lewis asked that we give families credit Cllr McCreary asked that the Council consider the Local Authority guidance about risk of children mixing outside of their school bubbles which are in place to ensure safety of pupils and staff.

It was agreed that there was work to be completed in Brynglas but Cllr Aled Thomas proposed that the parks remain closed and Cllr Robin Young seconded the proposal expressing that it was necessary to be consistent across the board.

Cllr Dave Addison noted that despite the MUGA being closed it was being used. Clerk to contact the school. Cllr Jackie Brown noted that they are made safe and opened as soon as possible.

Cllr Sue Lewis urged the Councillors that they make sure the message is clear and communicated effectively, she felt embarrassed over the weekend regarding the council response to residents. She asked that notices are put onto the website.

Information panels

Installation of panels in Parcllyn; the final touches are being made to this panel design and confirmed with Hanes. Cllr Anne McCreary confirmed that things are progressing with printing. Cllr Gethin Davies is organising the installation.

Poetry trail panels are currently being finalised. One is to be located outside Cllr Robin Young's house, one at bottom of Felin Rd and one at Hendre.

Cllr Gethin Davies is organising the installation.

The pottery workshop and poetry competition are still be organised, put on hold during Covid.

Dolphin maintenance

Clerk to contact Paul Clarke.

Cenotaph maintenance

Clerk requested that this area was review as it has been some time since the soldier was cleaned and the area renovated. Clerk to check as due to visit the cemetery.

Cemetery gates could be included in the 3 year plan.

Clerk suggested to include churches and chapels in the community plan. Cllr Jackie Brown enquired about Brynmair; Clerk to find out.

Website

Clerk advised that the new website needs relevant photographs rather than stock photos and updating from where it was left off due to Covid. New pages need to be added to include the Blaenporth poetry trail project; Clerk suggested that the Councillors consider map of all footpaths and link to Ceredigion County Council information. This was approved.

Majority of councillors are happy with the email system. Clerk to organise login reset for three councillors who are experiencing issues.

Footpaths

Clerk requested that the work to the path at Glaneirw be checked as she had received complaints from the landowners. The kissing gate also needs some repairs.

Cllr Aled Thomas had met with the contractor; at that stage he had cleared half of it and all the chippings had been left on the side; Cllr Thomas has arranged for the stone to be cleared. He agreed to walk the path and contact the landowners; will check condition of the kissing gate at the same time.

Cllr Jackie Brown advised that a coastal path survey has been undertaken by Ceredigion County Council

Cllr Aled Thomas enquired about the production of mugs; Clerk to chase up. Cllr Anne McCreary advised that a prize had never been agreed. Cllr Zoe Storer proposed a £25 Awen Teifi which was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and approved. Clerk to organise.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.40pm