

(1)
The monthly meeting of the Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 6:30pm. The Chairman, Cllr Aled Thomas, presided.
Present: Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Jackie Brown and Cllr Sam Trevor.
Due to Covid-19 pandemic regulations this meeting will be held electronically.

1. Apologies/Personal matters
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(2)
Apologies were received from Cllr Damon Watmough, Cllr Anne McCreary and Cllr Zoe Storer.

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 Dave Addison declared his personal interests relating to planning application A210424
Cllr Gethin Davies declared his interests relating to planning

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

(4)
Cllr Jackie Brown proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Carys Owens and agreed unanimously.,

4. Financial business
Busnes Ariannol

(5)
Items agreed for payment:
£28.08 DD Thomas
£78.00 Vision ICT
£612.00 Vision ICT
£691.20 EL Jones
£150.00 OVW
£30.00 OVW
£285.60 Cardi builders
£1000.00 Chairman's Allowance

5. Notified Business
Busnes a rag-hysbyswydir

(6)
Cllr Sue Lewis raised the matter of second homes in Wales and the current impact on the village of Aberporth. She noted that the topic has been prominent in the news and that coastal communities are affected throughout the UK. She asked that a letter be sent to Elin Jones AM and Elin ap Gwyn requesting consideration of some form of measured balance in local communities before it is too late.

The matter was discussed at length and the Council agreed that the current upsurge in prime properties being bought up as second homes and holiday homes is having an impact with house prices being pushed up and residents having to move outside of the village. Aberporth remains a mixed community due to the amount of social housing but the need for a balance was strongly felt by Councillors.

Cllr Sue Lewis proposed to send a letter; this was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and approved unanimously.

Cllr Gethin Davies noted that Ceredigion County Council were recently discussing the issue and he felt that in order to retain our community there is a need for people to be living here and contributing.

Clerk and Cllr Sue Lewis to draft a letter for circulation.

(7)
Cllr Sue Lewis proposed that the community council set up its own Facebook page. The pros and cons of social media were discussed. Cllr Sam Trevor seconded the proposal and it was agreed to set up a page with the clerk, chair and two councillors as admin.

Cllr Jackie Brown noted her vote against the proposal.

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6. Reports

Addroddiadau

Clerks Report/Adroddiad y Clerc

(8)
The Clerk requested the personal interest forms urgently as this information needs to be included on the website as a legal requirement. There are some still outstanding.

(9)
Clerk requested the Councillors letters regarding declining Councillor remuneration allowances for 2021-22.

County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(10)
Cllr Gethin Davies provided a written report:
He expressed his condolences to the family of Nicola Jennings.
He reported that Ceredigion County Council are still doing well regarding covid numbers and looking after the population, welcoming visitors to Ceredigion. It has been very busy over Whitsun week, weather has helped. Business have been doing well.
He reported to Ceredigion County Council an incident on bank holiday regarding use of jet-skis off the beach after receiving a number of complaints. Will chase Ceredigion County Council regarding the proposed code of conduct. Guidance buoys have been put in place so need to encourage people to adhere to restrictions. Future misuse of boats or jet-skis that endanger other beach users will be reported to the police.
He had received a complaint about hiring of stand up paddle boards on the beach; he has spoken with the local authority and with the owner and advised him of the proper channels and procedures.
Complaints received regarding amount of rubbish and bins overflowing; has made enquiries with Ceredigion about providing seasonal bins.
He gave a big thank you to all the volunteers for keeping the village and beaches clean. He has spoken with the police about young people drinking on the beach and leaving rubbish including glass. Anti social behaviour has been witnessed with sanitiser units in the public toilets and the chapel down pipe being damaged. Would like to see the community police officers increase visits at key times on weekends.

(11)
Cllr Sam Trevor asked about traders on the beach and specifically the tractor. The Clerk responded that this matter was raised year on year with the county council who are fully aware of the arrangement.
Cllr Sam Trevor suggested that it should be a requirement to take contact details from service users so that they can be used in the event of breaking bye laws.
The Clerk noted that this could not be enforced and there could be potential data protection issues.

Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(12)
The Chairman expressed his sympathies to Mr Richard Jennings and the family of Nicola Jennings.
He informed the meeting that he had visited the parks and the work on the safety surfacing is progressing.

Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor

Planning/Cynllunio

(13)
A210424 - Y Votty, Rhiw Y Plas, Aberporth, SA43 2DA
No comments

(14)
The response to pre-planning consultation on Ffordd Newydd has been sent to the consultees.
Cllr Robin Young thanked the Clerk for the response which pulled together a number of points in an easily understood way.
Cllr Gethin Davies advised that there has been a lot of responses regarding the application.

Finance/Cyllido

(15)
Minutes of Finance committee meeting were provided.
The response to Wales Audit Office has been submitted.

(16)
Email received from Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales requesting copy of statement of remuneration payments for 2019-20. The statement for 2019-20 and 2020-21 has been put on the website to comply with publication requirements.

Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw

(17)
Contract for work at Glaneirw has been issued.

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(18)
Cllr Dave Addison has requested quotes for the play area fence in Brynglas.
Work has started on the safety surfacing.

(19)
Dyffryn garden surface needs weed killing and hedge needs cutting back; Clerk to contact contractor and organise.
Cllr Jackie Brown and Cllr Dave Addison have tidied up the beds
Cllr Gethin Davies has the plaques to install.

(20)
The flower bed at lower welfare park has been planted out. This is a community bed and Cllr Jackie Brown noted it would be appreciated if someone could take over the responsibility.

(21)
Cllr Aled Thomas asked why grass was not being removed by the contractor; Cllr Dave Addison advised that this is not included in the contract. Cllr Jackie Brown suggested that removal of grass can be included on any future contracts.

(22)
Wild flowers on bank adjacent to Glanmordy – have the seeds taken?
Cllr Jackie Brown had checked the bank adjacent to Glanmordy and advised that the grass has over grown any flowers with only one or two wild flowers trying to get up. Will need to leave it until July when it is cut.
Cllr Dave Addison noted that there had been some bluebells and wild orchids which will seed.

Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adoygu Trefn

Community Welcome Audit/Archwiliad Croeso Cymuned – Community Plan Task & Finish Group

(23)
Minutes of task & Finish group were provided.
Clerk advised that the account had been set up with heloblod to get translation work done but the request was declined so will arrange with translator.

(24)
Cllr Robin Young informed the meeting that here had been a reunion of 77 years of veterans at Penrallt Hotel recently and he expressed his disappointment that no one from the Community council had been invited to attend. Cllr Sue Lewis, as one of the organisers within her role at Age Cymru, responded that the veterans project had involved people from throughout West Wales and there was no snub meant; due to covid there was limited capacity.

Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

(25)
The village has been very busy and volunteers have continued to do an excellent job keeping the village tidy.
Cllr Jackie Brown noted the increased rubbish with all the local facilities providing take away.

Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrrff Allanol

(26)
Cllr Jackie Brown advised that the village hall has secured a grant for a community fridge project and is looking for volunteers. There are also plans to provide a community garden at the rear of Canolfan Dyffryn.
The village hall has received a request for picnic tables at their play park though at the moment due to covid there is no food meant to be consumed in the facility.

Cllr Sue Lewis confirmed that the community fridge has been supported by Cynnal y Cardi & Wales Co-op funding; a job opportunity will be going out for a project co-ordinator. The community garden is a Tidy Wales funded project and will work well alongside the community fridge.

Beaches/ Traethau

(27)

The bank holiday weekend was extremely busy in the village. County Councillor Gethin Davies has handled a number of issues over the bank holiday which were all included in his report.

(28)

Cllr Jacki Brown reported that NRW was notified of water quality due to concerns about the water being green. Cllr Gethin Davies advised that it was investigated and there were no issues; it was due to a bloom.

Cllr Sam Trevor confirmed that the RNLI were notified that there may be a problem but the water was tested and not an issue.

(29)

Cllr Sam Trevor reported that due to the incident relating to misuse of a jet-ski the RNLI lifeguards on the beach were being targeted for allowing the actions to happen; he advised that lifeguards have no powers to enforce any

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bye laws and their role is to advise. He felt it would be handy if they were supported by a code of conduct. The Clerk asked him to raise it at the Ceredigion Water Safety Forum as they may be better placed to move it forward as the community council has got nowhere with the idea.

(30)

Cllr Jackie Brown noted the old Dyfed sign on the slipway. The Clerk advised that she has contacted the county council on numerous occasions requesting for this to be removed; due to it being no longer relevant she suggested the community council arrange to have it removed themselves.

(31)

Cllr Jackie Brown advised of an incident of somebody being cut on glass due to irresponsible people not clearing after themselves; she felt that the county council were responsible for the beaches and that with no replacement for Shane Pritchard this was going to be an increasing problem.

(32)

A suggestion had been received via the community Facebook page requesting information as the village hall car park to direct people to the safe route to school for the beach rather than using New Road. The Council agreed to consider it at a future time once the proposed development at New Road progressed as this will hopefully provide an alternative path to the rear of Canolfan Dyffryn. Any panel provided now would then be out of date.

Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

(33)

Seaside Award flag

Information on AM and MP surgery dates

Email:

Police and Crime Panel Annual Report for 2020/2021

Focus on play: community and town councils

OVW:

One Voice Wales & Improvement Cymru

Regenerating Welsh Towns and Communities post Covid-19– 23rd June 2021 online event

Public Health Wales: National survey of volunteers

Conveyancing Fraud Awareness

Compulsory Purchase Orders – how to implement successful CPOs

Summer of Fun

June 2021 Training dates

Strategic Asset Management Leadership

Learning lessons from the community-led response to COVID-19 in Wales Survey

World Refill Day 2021

Correspondence was noted.

7. Review Diary
Adolygu Dyddiadur

(34)

Playground checks are due.

8. Date of next meeting
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf

(35)

Date of next meeting is 13th July 2021 at 6:30pm

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:26pm

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