

**SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**Annual Meeting of the Council
Tuesday May 4th 2021 6.30pm.**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting was held by way of the remote participation (Zoom) of the members of the Council and public.

Minutes 60/21

Present

- Martyn James (MJ)
- Lino Scaglioni (LS)
- Chris Tatt (CT)
- Rod Thomas (RT) Telephone only
- Steve Oaten (Clerk)
- Ian Barlow (IB) Telephone only
- David Sylvester (DS)
- Bob Lang
- Robin Lynn
- Kay Bowring

Apologies 61/21

- None

Public attendance 62/21

- Approximately 11

PART ONE

Declarations of interest 63/21

- DS Anything to do with Sully Centurions Cricket Club

To consider the election of a Chairman to the council 64/21

- Councillor Scaglioni was proposed and seconded
- Councillor Thomas was proposed and seconded
- The subsequent vote was in favour of Councillor Scaglioni who was elected Chairman

To consider the election of a Vice Chairman 65/21

- Councillor Sylvester was proposed and seconded
- Councillor Tatt was proposed and seconded
- The subsequent vote was in favour of Councillor Tatt who was elected as Vice Chairman

To appoint council bankers 66/21

- The clerk addressed the meeting and the council resolved to retain Barclays Bank as the current bankers. The clerk was awaiting the relevant paperwork regarding the addition of signatories to the account who had been identified at a previous meeting

To appoint councillors to working groups relating to Finance, Playing Fields, Personnel and Planning 67/21

- The matter was discussed. It was outlined that it was only a short time ago that the groups had been constituted when the new councillors were elected. The council resolved that the groups would remain as then with no changes.

To appoint representatives to external organisations Sully Primary School, Evenlode School, Chemical Advisory Board and the Community Liaison Panel 68/21

- The council resolved that councillors are appointed as follows
- Councillor Bowring – Sully Primary School
- Councillor Lynn – Evenlode School
- Councillor James – Chemical Advisory Board
- Councillor Tatt – Community Liaison Panel

Report from the VOGC representative Bob Penrose 69/21

- The councillor updated the meeting that a grant had been obtained from Welsh Government, an amount of £150,000 to assist with the flooding issues that had occurred in Sully on the 23rd December 2020. There are a team of experts who will examine the properties effected with a view to ascertaining whether the measures in place to prevent a recurrence are sufficient. There will be a report from independent engineers with recommendations going to Welsh Government regarding the issue. There will be ongoing work throughout the summer in preparation to prevent any possible further flooding.
- The councillor was asked regarding the dust issues at the site of the Cog Road development, houses being built by Taylor Wimpey. He explained that Councillor Mahoney and he had complained to Taylor Wimpey and the shared regulatory services at the council. Taylor Wimpey had in fact engaged environmental engineers to advise them along with environmental health.
- He gave an update regarding the planning application at Cosmeston stating that there had been no change and they were still waiting on whether the Welsh Government would call in and deal with the planning application. Everything was effectively on hold due to the impending election.
- Regarding the section 106 monies. He stated that Councillor Mahoney and himself are arguing regarding the proposal that two million pounds of section 106 money goes to Ysgol y Deri school. The VOGC maintain that they have made no decision yet regarding this money. He stated that none of the 106 money had been paid across.
- The councillor stated that Cosmeston Park already had the parking meters installed but no charges will be implemented until such time as the current pandemic was over. There is consideration being given to parking permits for those living locally. There is a six week consultation initially. The VOGC have employed their own enforcement officers who will be issuing fines.
- The councillor updated the meeting regarding the deterioration of the coastal footpath towards Minehead Ave. An issue that had been brought up previously and he had already made the relevant department aware. He did however remind the meeting that users should really take precautions due to the uneven nature of the path, wear the appropriate footwear etc and that some of the path was privately owned and not the responsibility of the council.
- The councillor advised that there is a new electric bike station in situ and functioning at Cosmeston Country park. He also stated that once money is available then the VOGC will be looking at expanding the scheme to Sully where land at the BP club on South Road had been identified as available.

To receive a report from the representatives on external bodies 70/21

- Councillor Bowring stated there had been no meeting at Sully School
- Councillor James had nothing to report from the Chemical Advisory Board
- Councillor Lynn newly appointed to the role so therefore had not attended a meeting

- Councillor Tatt reported that there had been a meeting of the Community Liaison Panel and stated that they had received a report from the new Chief Inspector Annabelle Rees to the effect that there had been 1700 crimes last month, mostly in Barry. Burglary and violent crime were down. Incidents of “rogue traders” were on the increase. The Police had a plan in place to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour through the summer period between Cardiff Bay and Ogmore. The Police were keen when able to attend meetings of the community council to engage with the public once this became practicable.

Declarations of interest 71/21

- Councillor Sylvester declared an interest regarding anything to do with Sully Centurions Cricket Club

Introduction by the Chair of an additional item, a letter written by new councillor Robin Lynn 72/21

- The chairman outlined to the meeting the reason for the letter and stated that all councillors had seen a copy. There was a cost involved in the printing and distribution of it. The council resolved to pay the relevant costs and for the letter to be distributed

Consideration of a youth forum 73/21

- Councillor Bowring updated the council on this subject which is in obedience until covid restrictions are lifted
- The councillor gave an update regarding the compilation of a local directory and gave thanks to local resident Nicky Parry for her contribution. It is still work in progress

Approval of a contribution of money to the Our Future Communities Group 74/21

- The clerk explained why the item was on the agenda and this was expanded on by the Chairman. The council resolved that an amount of £1200 be given to the group on receipt of invoices and full information regarding quotes and specifically for what its for

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings of the 22nd February 2021 and the 23rd March 2021 75/21

- The council approved the minutes of the previous meetings as being an accurate record of those meetings

Democratic Half Hour 76/21

- Mike Garland addressed the meeting outlining the work of groups that he is involved in and the projects they have on going. In relation to the new Cosmeston Housing Development they had found a solicitor who was willing to take the matter on but the SSG and keeping Cosmeston Green Group would be looking for some financial assistance in the future. This was remitted to the Finance Working Group.
- Richard Thomas of the OFC (Our Future Communities Group) advised that they would be seeking the support of the community council as they looked at improving pedestrian links between Sully and Penarth utilising the old railway line. In principle this was supported by the majority of the council
- Vicki Judd asked what the total costs were in relation to the “clerk debacle” and whether anymore of this year’s precept money would be spent on it or would there be money spent in the community. The clerk gave an explanation as to the current position.
- Phil Baguley made some observations regarding the requests from the OFC for money and that of the Saving Sully Group. He asked that the council be consistent as its public money and apply the same principles

To approve payments 77/21

- Payments were approved along with additional items of amounts to Councillor Bowring £40.90 for a Welsh flag and Councillor Lynn £20.55 for postage

To consider the proposals of the playing fields working group in respect of fees applicable 78/21

- The councillors discussed the issues of who pays what in respect of the users of the sports field. The proposals put before the council were as a result of a meeting with the cricket club and the playing fields working group.
- As a result of the discussions, it was remitted to the playing fields working group for them to establish the rates that bowlers pay in order that the appropriate charges could be levied.

To consider 20/20, limited over cricket, practice or otherwise 79/21

- This item was withdrawn

To consider the siting of a clothes recycling bin in the car park of Jubilee Hall 80/21

- The council resolved to allow the bin to be sited at the car park of Jubilee Hall

To consider the next steps in the opening of council facilities 81/21

- The matter was discussed by the council and it was decided that the clerk needed to make further enquiries in relation to this and seek advice/guidance from One Voice Wales and that the Finance Working Group meet to discuss the issues

To consider the disposal of property belonging to the youth club 82/21

- The council discussed the issue and agreed that the clerk compile a list of the property and dispose of the property appropriately

The meeting concluded at 20.40 hours.

Steve Oaten – Clerk to the Council.