

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERSILI A LARNOG

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Tuesday February 23rd 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 33/21

Present

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

Apologies 34/21

- None

Public attendance 35/21

- Approximately 17

PART ONE

Declarations of interest 36/21

- DS Anything to do with Sully Centurions Cricket Club

Report from the VOGC representative 37/21

- Councillor Penrose updated the community in relation to a number of items. There was a meeting of a number of stakeholders regarding the recent flooding in Sully. However, Welsh Water failed to appear. The VOGC are looking at their emergency response to the flooding's. They will be looking to co-ordinate with the Fire Service in the future and respond accordingly. In respect of the lack of sandbags these will be held at the library on South Road for when residents need them. There will be a preparation of a SECTION 19 Report to Welsh Government which will be prepared by a private company. There have been a number of grants issued in respect of those flooded with £1000 for those not insured and £500 for those who were insured.
 - S106 monies from the Taylor Wimpey site on Cog Road – regarding Sully School and education Councillors Penrose and Mahoney continue pushing the point home and stress that no decision has been made. They are looking for a new school in Sully and not for the existing one to be added to. Financially it would appear to cost more to re-model it.
 - Cosmeston housing – over 5000 signatures have been obtained on a petition and strong objections raised regarding additional housing at Cosmeston. The matter has been deferred to another meeting. The Welsh Government have been asked to call in as it would appear to fall outside the LDP. The idea is to put the plan in to the Welsh Government instead of the VOGC as there would be nothing to stop it. Vaughan Gething was spoken to but declined to address the issue.
 - Ysgol y Deri school – cabinet have approved the proposal for an outreach school at Cosmeston.

- Glebe fields – originally there was approval from the Church to sell the land to the Library trust who were looking to provide a new Health Centre, Library and parking. It would appear that on advice from the VOGC the Church are looking to sell the land for housing to achieve the best monetary value. They are looking at an application to extend the area of housing in the village. The area has always been used for sports and other activities and it is suggested that the community look to contest this and obtain village green status to protect it from the developers on environmental grounds and wellbeing for the community. There was evidence that cricket was played way back in 1949. There will need to be research and input from residents regarding the village green status.

To approve the minutes of previous meetings 38/21

- The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th January 2021 were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting. MJ proposed them as accurate. CT seconded this proposal. Vote for was CT, MJ and LS. Against was DS, IB and RT. It was carried with the vote of the chairman LS and the minutes were approved as accurate.

Democratic Session.

- A member of the public RT asked a question which was not an agenda item, regarding the employment of the groundsman and his role and responsibilities. An explanation was provided by the clerk.

Sailing club 39/21

- Permission for shed to house a new ride on mower. It was proposed they be allowed to erect the shed by DS and this was seconded by RT and all councillors voted in favour. There was an action for the clerk to write to the sailing club for the risk assessment and insurance policy.

To consider and approve payments 40/21

- The list of payments was approved by the councillors present after some clarification.

To approve the adoption of the Zoom meetings protocol 41/21

- The document was circulated back in 2020 and a slight amendment asked for by IB. This has now been completed. Councillor RT proposed the document is approved. This was seconded by CT and all councillors were in favour.

New bench at Minehead Avenue 42/21

- The clerk advised the council that a new bench had been sighted at Minehead Avenue following the removal of the old one due to H & S concerns. Bob Lang advised the meeting that the gift of monies towards the bench was from 3 families – Lake, Dyke and Lang – in respect of dearly departed loved ones.

Land at Lavernock Road 43/21

- There was an explanation given by the clerk that expressions of interest had been made in relation to the sale of a plot of land owned by SLCC at Lavernock Road. The clerk explained that he had obtained the deeds for the land and had sought a valuation of it which would cost £500.

- RT gave an in-depth explanation regarding the land and possible use of WAG land surrounding it.
- There was a discussion amongst councillors and the general consensus was that the council is not willing to pay a fee for the valuation and is not looking to sell the land at the moment.

Windows at Jubilee Playgroup 44/21

- The clerk gave an explanation to the council of a grant that had been obtained by the playgroup that would be used to provide a number of brand-new windows in the hall. The only proviso was that the SLCC provide a home for the playgroup over the next 5 years. Any obligations for repayment fall to the playgroup and not the SLCC. It was proposed by DS and seconded by RT that the windows be replaced with all councillors in agreement.

Playing fields maintenance of equipment 45/21

- The clerk gave an explanation to councillors that it is required once a year that various pieces of machinery require annual maintenance. The clerk had attempted to obtain 3 quotes as required however the only company to provide a quote was the company that carried out last years maintenance which came in at £1040. It is apparent that a number of companies appear reluctant to engage with SLCC to provide quotes due to previous dealings with the council.
- There was a discussion regarding this and was put by one councillor it is an investment in the machinery for the future. All councillors agreed that the quote of £1040 be accepted and the machinery maintained.

User fees for council provided amenities 46/21

- This was brought up at the last meeting. Councillors had already been provided with information that had been circulated however it was decided that this would be discussed at another meeting.

The meeting concluded at 19.48 hours.

Steve Oaten – Clerk to the Council.