

**SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**Ordinary Meeting of the Council**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 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.

Due to the confidential nature of the matters to be resolved upon, members of the public and press were excluded from part 2 of the meeting.

**Minutes 1/21**

**Present**

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

**Apologies 2/21**

- None

**Public attendance 3/21**

- Approximately 12

**PART ONE**

**Declarations of interest 4/21**

- DS Anything to do with Sully Centurions Cricket Club

**To approve the minutes of previous meetings 5/21**

- The minutes of the previous meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Cog Road Social Housing-Outline of policy 6/21**

- There was a presentation given by Mike Hallorhan of Wales and West Housing Association regarding the properties that will be made available at the new Taylor Wimpey estate at Cog. Katherine Partridge VOGC gave an overview of the property lettings policy that she had drafted. She explained the rationale behind the policy and the criteria involved for selecting applicants for the houses.
- Both took questions from Councillors on the subject. **Katherine Partridge resolved to re word the document in order that it included the wards of Sully, Lavernock, Cosmeston and Swanbridge.**

**To receive a report from the representative of the Vale of Glamorgan Council 7/21**

- **Flooding**
- Councillor Penrose gave an update regarding the recent flooding that had occurred in the village. He gave an overview regarding the extent of the flooding which included houses at

Conybeare Road and Highbridge Close. Also the main routes into the village of Lavernock Road, Sullymoors Road and Hayes Road.

- He explained that he had liaised with the relevant partner agencies, along with Councillor Mahoney and was looking to progress the issue with the NRW, Welsh Water and other stakeholders.
- It was apparent that there were a number of culverts that were blocked and were due to be cleaned but this work had not yet been completed by the VOGC. The councillor emphasised that he was not prejudging the issue but trying to ascertain what actually happened.
- **Section 106 monies.**
- The Councillor encouraged residents to write in and object regarding the allocation of the money to Ysgol Y Deri school and instead suggest that the school at Sully be re-banded and the money spent there instead.
- Mike Garland gave an overview regarding the planning application submitted for housing at Cosmeston. He stated that objections were still being submitted but there was no information forthcoming from WAG as to whether the application would be called in. He was waiting on an answer from the decisions committee and had written to the NRW highlighting concerns about possible contamination.
- Councillor Penrose suggested that residents in the Cosmeston and Sully areas should be asking the VOGC/WAG whether the considered location for the new school is the right one.

#### **Democratic Half Hour 8/21**

- A question was asked regarding the mitigation of the flooding issues in the area. Councillor Penrose explained that there was a maintenance/cleaning program which unfortunately hadn't been started yet on areas identified as a result of the last flooding that needed attention. He requested that the public provide pictures/videos that he could use as evidence.
- A question was asked whether there would be residents and indeed the community council who are willing to donate to the just giving page for those effected by the flooding.

#### **To consider and approve payments 9/21**

- Councillor Tatt declared an interest as one of the payments related to him
- After much discussion the payments were approved. This was after an explanation by Councillor Tatt regarding a lost receipt.
- **The council resolved that the payments be approved.**

#### **To consider matters arising from the meeting of the last ordinary meeting (24/11/20) 10/21**

- The clerk updated the meeting any updates were contained in an e mail that he had previously circulated to councillors.

#### **Items of Note from the Chairman 11/21**

- The Chairman explained that he had not been in the role very long but he had received no complaints from the public and that at the moment things were running smoothly.

#### **To consider the report of the clerk to the council 12/21**

- The clerk asked whether there were any questions in respect of his report that was circulated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. There were none.
- The clerk updated the council regarding an issue with a bench situated on the coastal path at Minehead Avenue that was very rusty, was unsafe and needed to be removed.

#### **To consider reports of working groups if applicable 13/21**

- N/A

#### **Reports from external bodies 14/21**

- Kay Bowring gave an update regarding the schools at Evenlode and Sully.

#### **Discuss the budget and precept requirements 15/21**

- The clerk was asked to enquire whether there were any grants available due to loss of income surrounding COVID
- **It was resolved that an extraordinary meeting of the council be arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> January to discuss these issues**

#### **Agree changes to standing orders/meeting protocols 16/21**

- The clerk had previously circulated a document, an amended copy of standing orders for the council to adopt and asked whether any councillors had any amendments or changes they wished to make.
- There was much discussion surrounding the issue. It was agreed that due to the fact that there were legal changes that the motion to adopt should be in writing.
- **The council resolved that there should be a written motion submitted in order that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.**

**I accordance with section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960. In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the meeting. 17/21**

#### **Update of staffing issues 18/21**

- The clerk updated the council regarding a long-standing staffing issue and a discussion took place as to the next action/best way forward. The clerk was asked to make some further enquiries.

#### **Review of the clerks training 19/21**

**The clerk to the council left the meeting. Notes of this issue in the meeting were taken by the Vice Chairman who asked that the minutes reflect certain comments made by Councillor Thomas. I do not intend to publish those comments as they are not necessary for the minutes although they will be available for any further action that is deemed appropriate.**

- **The matter was discussed, and the council resolved that the clerk should receive some financial training as soon as possible**

**The meeting concluded at 21.08hrs**