

**SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council
Wednesday 14th October 2020 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

Present

- Martyn James (MJ)
- Christopher Morgan (CM)
- Lino Scaglioni (LS)
- Chris Tatt (CT)
- Rod Thomas (RT)
- Steve Oaten (Clerk)
- Ian Barlow (IB)
- David Sylvester (DS) Joined the meeting late due to technical issues

Apologies

- None

Public attendance

- None

PART ONE

Declarations of interest

- DS Anything to do with Sully Centurions Cricket Club
- LS Purchase by the clerk of printed stationary

Chair's Report

- The Chair opened the meeting at 6.43pm and expressed his disappointment at how participants of the last meeting were spoken to by the public. The Police came in for criticism from some and he felt that it was unwarranted. He admitted the meeting had not gone how he had wanted and would run things differently from now on.
- The chairman would like all those in attendance to do so by way of video instead of on the phone as it was a better way to conduct business.
- He outlined that Sully and Lavernock would not be a pilot site for the reduction in the speed limit to 20 mph. This was following representations from the Vale councillors that the community did not want to become a pilot site and was not in favour of it.
- The vacancy for a community councillor for the ward of Lavernock will go to an election which will be held in 2021.

Approve the minutes of previous meetings

- There was a discussion regarding the minutes of the meetings of the 25th September and the 6th October 2020
- **The council resolved that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meetings that had taken place on those dates.**

Part 2. (Public and press excluded)

Outstanding employment matters

- The chairman gave an overview as to where we were with current employment matters. There was a long discussion as to the next appropriate action to take.
- **Resolved for the clerk and the chairman to seek the necessary professional advice and guidance**

Amendment of contract of employment

- The matter was discussed
- **The council resolved to amend the contract of the clerk**

Training budgets and professional subscriptions

- The council discussed a training budget and professional subscription for the clerk in line with his contract of employment.
- **The council resolved that they would pay the clerks professional subscriptions, but training would be deferred until after his probationary period**

Banking matters relating to HMRC and staff salaries

- The issue of the payment of staff on time and other necessary expenditure was discussed.
- **The council agreed for the clerk to explore the use of on line payments**

SLCC Zoom account for future meetings

- The chairman stated that whilst we had been using his own companies Zoom account for meetings he wanted the council to have their own. The cost of such being in the region of £11.99 per month. It could be easily reviewed and there was better public participation in Zoom meetings.
- **The council agreed for the clerk to set up a Zoom account for the Sully and Lavernock Community Council**

Reduction of SLCC Bank accounts

- The council discussed the number of accounts held by the council and the provision of services by the current bank.
- **The council agreed for the clerk to make enquiries and make recommendations as to the most suitable account(s) for their needs**

Winter renovations

- The council discussed the work and the costs involved in the renovations required for the bowling green and the cricket pitch in readiness for the next season. There was a

suggestion that the money owed for the green fees was declined on the understanding that the bowling club carried out their own renovations. It was suggested that possibly the groundsman employed by the community council could assist with any renovations with equipment owned by the council or "loaned in".

- **The council agreed that the clerk speak with the groundsman with a view to getting some remedial work done on both with a limited budget and possible collaboration with outside providers.**

Green Containers

- The chairman outlined that there were some minor repairs required to the storage containers. They need welding. There was some discussion as to the best way forward.
- **The council agreed that they should be repaired, and that DS would provide a contact number for a welder.**

Chairman's actions and matters arising

- The Chairman raised a number of issues.
- The millennium shield recipient is due to be decided during the run up to Christmas and discussions took place regarding the nomination process.
- Christmas trees for the village. Councillors will need to decide how many and where which will be re visited.
- The result of the planning working group meeting and their deliberations regarding the application for hundreds of houses at Lower Cosmeston Farm. There was a discussion regarding the best way forward and it was agreed that there needed to be united approach and that more work was needed before any response was given.

The meeting was concluded at 8.40pm.