

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE MAY 2017 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

My report to the Community Council is as follows:

1. Painting in Jubilee Hall – The painting work in the Jubilee Hall has now been completed.
2. Elections – Councillors will now be aware of the changes following the local elections for The Vale of Glamorgan Council and this Community Council. There is still a vacancy for a further Councillor in Lavernock and following advice from The Vale of Glamorgan Council notices have been placed on the notice boards and the Council's website to commence the co-option process. The closing date for applications is 22 May 2017.
3. Village Green Application at Sully Sports and Social Club – The joint application with The Saving Sully Group is proceeding and following a progress report request to The Vale of Glamorgan Council this Community Council have been advised that the Objector's solicitors have no further points of clarification that they wish to raise. The Vale of Glamorgan Council are now preparing a report to present to the Licensing Committee to obtain approval to appoint an independent inspector to hear the application at a non-statutory inquiry. Subject to the Licensing Committee's approval the, independent inspector will then be appointed and a date set for the inquiry to be heard.
4. Grounds Maintenance – The roller has now been serviced at a very reasonable cost and should provide another years trouble free service.
5. Defibrillators – The Saving Sully Group held a very successful sponsored walk to raise money for a defibrillator. At the moment the sponsored walk has raised just over £2,500 with some further monies to come in. This is a sterling effort and shows what the Community can do when it comes together in this manner. I believe that the target to be reached for the provision of all the units that the Saving Hearts Matter wanted to provide either has been reached or is very close. Members will recall that the Community Council is acting in the payment for all the units so that it can recover the VAT and that the donations will be paid to the Council to enable this to be undertaken. This morning I met with Richard Thomas (who has been very instrumental in co-ordinating the efforts) and an electrician to discuss the positioning of the unit outside the Jubilee Hall. This unit is in memory of a former member of the Community Council, Roger Dykes. The unit will be positioned on the outside wall of the Jubilee Hall, just underneath the kitchen window as the electricity supply can be easily accessed from there. Finally, on this matter, I am grateful for the assistance provided by Anne Thomas and Helen Flowers-Thomas in respect of the refreshments provided to the walkers when they returned to the Jubilee Hall. Thanks must also go to Gordon Hadfield at The Sea Shore Grill for providing refreshments during the walk. This sort of communal effort is something that should be encouraged in the future to improve facilities in the area. I have indicated that as the statutory body covering the area the

Community Council will monitor the maintenance of the units on an annual basis and I trust that members will endorse this action as being the only real sensible option.

6. Scout Group – It has been proposed that tonight’s agenda should include a matter in respect of the appointment of a representative to the Sully Scouts Executive Committee. Members will be aware that at the present time we do not have any representatives on any of the groups or bodies that use the Council’s facilities on a regular basis i.e. Guides, Brownies, Jubilee Playgroup etc. Since this request, I have spoken and met with the Group Scout Leader, Mr Ivor Davies and another member of the Scout Executive Committee. Mr. Davies advised me that he could see no valid reason for this Community Council to be represented on the Scout Group Executive Committee. Furthermore he advised that the constitution of the Scout Group did not provide for it and he was not aware that his Executive Committee had requested it. Mr Davies also advised me that Cllr Barlow had recently been appointed as a member of the Scout Executive Committee. Mr Davies also advised me that any co-opted member would require to undergo a DBS check and also complete Training Module 1 in accordance with the Scout Group’s POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules). The information supplied to me by Mr Davies was confirmed by the other member of the Scout Executive Committee who in addition advised me that they were looking for persons who could make a positive and practical contribution to the running of the Group rather than an ‘observer’. Therefore, my advice to the Council is that this Council should not appoint a representative onto the Executive Committee of the 1st Sully Scout Group.
7. Community Survey Working Group Composition – It was also proposed that the composition of this working group be included in the agenda. This group, very much like the ‘Garden Party’ Working Group is not a standing, continuous working group and was formed to undertake just one task. It is anticipated that the work of this group will be completed well before the end of this current calendar year when there will be no further requirement for it to exist unless it is decided that a further survey is required at some time in the future. Former Councillor Colin Stephenson declined to sit on this working group as he had already decided to step down as a member and therefore felt that his contribution would not be meaningful as he would not be involved for the majority of the lifetime of this working group. The only change would be the addition of a new Chair and Vice Chair if these personnel were to alter. The current working group is also ably assisted by the co-option onto the group of a resident, Mr. Lyn Arnold who has considerable specialist expertise in this area. In view of the fact that the existing members of this working group are already well established in the progress that has been made my advice to the Council is that no changes should be made except that which has already been referred to.
8. Bowling Green – I have received, on behalf of this Council several complimentary remarks about the current state of the bowling green. The President of the Club, Mr Brian Griffiths approached me recently and said that it was playing superbly. This is pleasing to note as it has taken several years to get it

to this condition and the ongoing task is to make sure that it continues in the same state.

9. Jubilee Playgroup – I have to advise members that the Jubilee Playgroup is changing its status to that of a CIO from a charity and is also changing its name to Jubilee Pre-School. This will not affect the day-to-day care of the children that attend but is more of an administrative requirement by their governing body.

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