

SLCC AGM WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2020 6PM (ADJOURNED FROM TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2020)

HELD VIA ZOOM

NOTES TAKEN BY HANNAH FOR PUBLICATION ON SULLY VILLAGE HUB and SLRA

1) Apologies - None

2) Present: Christopher Morgan, Phil Baguley, Chris Tatt, Martyn James, Lino Scaglioni – via video link. Rod Thomas, Ian Barlow and David Sylvester via phone dial in.

26 members of the public connected via video

Chairman - Christopher Morgan thanked everyone for joining the meeting and informed everyone that they are muted and only there as observers, however next week a meeting will be held online that will enable members of the public to participate.

This is part 2 of the AGM, part one was concluded last week via phone meeting with no members of the public present.

3) Declarations of interest - None

4) Approval of minutes of AGM part 1 held Tues 2nd June 2020 – Proposed by PB, seconded by DS. Approved by all councillors

5) Appointment of working group members

FINANCE WORKING GROUP:

Vote:

- Christopher Morgan (Automatic)
- Chris Tatt (Automatic)
- 1 nomination for Lino Scaglioni
 - Proposed by – PB
 - Seconded by DS – accepted by Lino
 - Voted in by: PB CT CM MJ IB DS RT - Elected
- 1 nomination for Phil Baguley:
 - Proposed by – LS
 - Seconded by – MJ – accepted by Phil
 - Voted in by: IB, MJ, LS, CM, CT, PB, DS, RT - Elected
- 1 nomination for Martyn James
 - Proposed by – CT
 - Seconded by – PB – accepted by Martin
 - Voted in by: CM, PB, LS, CT, MJ, IB, DS, RT - Elected

No other nominations received

JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS WORKING GROUP

Vote:

- Christopher Morgan (Automatic)
- Chris Tatt Vice (Automatic)
- 1 nomination for Phil Baguley
 - Proposed by – MJ
 - Seconded by – LS – accepted by Phil
 - Voted in by: CM, PB, LS, CT, IB, DS, RT, MJ - Elected
- 1 nomination for Lino Scaglioni
 - Proposed by – PB
 - Seconded by – CT – accepted by Lino
 - Voted in by: CM, PB, LS, CT, IB, RT, DS, MJ - Elected
- Martyn James
 - Proposed by – CT
 - Seconded by – PB – accepted by Martyn
 - Voted in by – CM, PB, CT, LS, MJ, IB, DS, RT - Elected

No other nominations received

PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP

Vote:

- Chris Tatt (Automatic)
- 1 nomination for Martyn James
 - Proposed by – PB
 - Seconded by – CT – accepted by Martyn
 - Voted in by – PB, CT, CM, LS, MJ, IB, DS, RT - Elected
- 1 nomination for Lino Scaglioni
 - Proposed by – CT
 - Seconded by – PB – accepted by Lino
 - Voted in by – MJ, CM, CT, PB, IB, DS, RT, LS - Elected
- 1 proposal for the seat to be filled by an independent member of the public
 - Proposed by – CM
 - Seconded by – CT
 - Votes for: CT, LS, CM, MJ, PB - Carried
 - Votes against – IB, RT, DS

Discussion on the election of a member of public:

Christopher - People with the relevant HR training/experience will be sought by the SLCC.

Ian – cannot support it without knowing who the person would be first. Raised a point of order - standing orders don't allow SLCC to appoint members of public.

Christopher - this is permitted according to the standing orders.

Ian - agree to disagree.

Lino - we are voting to create a space to be filled by a local HR expert, not voting for a person.

David – if we are voting for a position, how do we decide when the person is not on the committee?

Christopher – we will reach out to the community in the days ahead and choose the most qualified person and we will consult with the full council on it.

- 1 proposal for a seat to be held for the next newly elected councillor
 - Proposed by – CT
 - Seconded by – MJ
 - Votes for – CM, MJ, CT, PB, LS, RT - Carried
 - Votes against – DS IB – not prepared to vote if they don't know who the new councillor will be.

Discussion on the vote to hold the one seat for the next newly elected councillor:

Ian - no elections can be held until next year due to covid regulations and it could be as late as April 2021.

Christopher – the position can be filled, the Vale confirmed this.

Lino - a new councillor should be in place in 14 days.

Ian – how does Councillor Scaglioni know this?

Christopher – the position will be advertised tomorrow.

Ian - if an election is called it cannot take place until 2021.

NOTE – In the next 14 days if an election isn't requested by a minimum of 10 members of the public then a councillor can be co-opted onto the SLCC at NO cost to the community. If an election is called then another bill of up to £5,000 will be taken from the community pot! If an election is called residents can contact the Vale to view the list of names on the election request sheet.

PLANNING WORKING GROUP

Vote

- Christopher Morgan (Automatic)
- Chris Tatt (Automatic)
- 1 nomination for Ian Barlow
 - Proposed by – PB – not accepted by Ian
- 1 nomination for Phil Baguley
 - Proposed by - CM
 - Seconded by – LS - accepted by Phil
 - Voted in by – IB, MJ, PB, CM, CT, LS, DS, RT - Elected
- 1 nomination for Martyn James
 - Proposed by – PB

- Seconded by – CT – accepted by Martin
- Voted in by – PB, CM, CT, LS, MJ, IB, RT, DS – Elected
- 1 proposal for the seat to be filled by an independent member of the public
 - Proposed by – CM
 - Seconded by – CT
 - Votes for – CM, CT, PB, MJ, LS, RT - Carried
 - Votes against - IB, DS – not prepared to vote when they don't know who will fill the position.

Discussion on the vote for the independent member of the public:

Christopher - People with the relevant skill set will be sought by the SLCC. The council needs to look outside of the SLCC for somebody with relevant expertise and source them by reaching out to the community.

Lino – good idea, depending on nature of the problem, if they have an expert in the group they can refer to them for expert advice.

David – what would happen if more than one person applied?

Christopher – It would be fantastic as we would have more than one to choose from.

No other nominations received

6) Appointment of representatives to external organisations:

- Governing Body of Sully County Primary School
 - 1 nomination for Rod Thomas –
 - Proposed by Ian Barlow
 - Seconded by David Sylvester – accepted by Rod Thomas
 - Voted for: IB, DS, RT
 - Voted against: CM, CT, PB, LS, MJ
 - 1 nomination for David Sylvester
 - Proposed by Phil Baguley – not accepted by David
 - 1 nomination for Kay Francis-Bowring (non councillor)
 - Proposed by – CT
 - Seconded by – PB – accepted by Kay
 - Votes for – CM, CT, PB, LS, MJ, RT – Elected
 - Votes against – IB, DS

Discussion:

David – Sully and Evenlode should be joined into one position with both Rod Thomas and Kay as governors. This was not carried.

Ian – suggested that Evenlode expect to have a Lavernock based resident, proposed Martyn to take the post, this was seconded by David Sylvester. This was not accepted by Martyn and voting resumed.

- Governing Body of Evenlode County Primary School
 - 1 nomination for Kay Francis-Bowring

- Proposed by – PB
 - Seconded by – MJ – accepted by Kay
 - Votes for – CM, CT, LS, PB, MJ, RT – Elected
 - Votes against – IB, DS
- Chemical Advisory Panel
 - 1 nomination for Martyn James
 - Proposed by – LS
 - Seconded by – PB – accepted by Martin
 - Voted for by – CM, CT, LS, PB, MJ, IB, DS, RT - Elected
 - Community Liaison Panel
 - 1 nomination for Chris Tatt
 - Proposed by – PB
 - Seconded by – DS - accepted by Chris
 - Voted in by – CM, CT, LS, PB, MJ, IB, DS, RT - Elected

Discussion:

Christopher – can this position be left open because all councillors have a duty to fill it?

Ian – the elected SLCC representative meets with the Vale 3 times a year.

Christopher – apologies, everyday is a school day!

Christopher thanked Ian for keeping him on the straight and narrow. Voting resumed.

7) Appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2020/21 period – normally this is referred to the Finance Working Group – this was agreed upon.

8) Review of the Annual Financial Risk Assessment – This is also normally referred back to Finance group, however the review hasn't been done. It was agreed to refer it back.

9) Application for funding from Our Future Community: A local group looking to put together a place plan for Sully, requesting £1200 from the SLCC to be used to finance the place plan over the next 6 months. The document is a road map on how to develop our community.

David - is the OFC constituted and do they have a bank account?

Christopher – OFC aren't constituted and don't have a bank account, if the SLCC provide the £1200 grant the OFC request that the money be held for them until they have their own account.

David - proposal - the money is not agreed upon now and OFC request it again when they are constituted and have a bank account.

Ian – seconded, if it was given now the money would just sit in the SLCC account which doesn't seem appropriate.

Christopher - confirmed that the OFC wanted to ask for money anytime they need it between now and when they have their own account. So they could for example approach the SLCC with a request for £100 for a specific cost and it would be taken from the £1200.

Lino – as we are holding a meeting with the public soon this should be left until then as it is public money they are requesting.

Chris – what are their aims?

Christopher – They will prepare a place plan which is encouraged by the Planning Wales Act, local councils are encouraged to adopt place plans and then develop a strategy in line with the wishes of the community. They plan to use survey analysis, workshops etc. to find out what the community wants and need £1200 to meet their costs.

Martyn – the need for a place plan is there, the funding they request would be held within the SLCC account. The Finance working group could agree to a 3 month plan and the pay formats within that period. It would be wise to agree now in principle, so that the SLCC doesn't appear to be opposing a place plan. It is worth noting that the community are cautious due to it being public money.

Chris – does the plan include Lavernock? Have the OFC taken into account the survey carried out in 2017 which cost the SLCC a large amount of money, it had a great response rate and was a very extensive survey?

Rod – this plan has been in place for 6 months. I am a member of this group. They are the best people in place, doing our job for us, doing what the council should be doing. It does include Lavernock.

Phil – councillors who are members of the OFC should not be voting on this, due to conflict of interests.

Christopher – counter proposal - ask OFC to present their case directly to council. Make amendment along these lines. Seconded by Rod Thomas. Voted for by IB, CM, LS, CT, RT, MJ. Votes against – DS. PB abstained. Vote carried that OFC will make their case in the weeks ahead.

10) Formal response to the consultation for car parking charges at Cosmeston

David Sylvester – most people are coming from outside the area and should pay like they do elsewhere, like in Barry Island. Charges supported.

Martyn – hadn't heard about it until a week ago. It is appalling that the Vale haven't tried harder to get the information out. With children and families locally using these facilities it is wrong. It is doubtful that the park needs the large funds they will acquire.

Phil – very hard on Lavernock residents as people will park on the road outside to avoid paying the charges.

Ian – Requested full details on the charges be circulated to all members and discussed.

Christopher - agreed to circulate it. Noted that Councillor Penrose opposed this. Charges are £1 for 2hrs, £2 for 4hrs, £4 all day. Consultation ends 21st June, so it needs to be voted on soon.

Phil - conveniently timed by the Vale during the covid crisis when everyone is too busy to notice!

Chris – opposes this strongly in the same way Bob Penrose has.

Rod - agreed with Chris

Lino – SLCC should oppose them as it is unfair on Sully and Lavernock residents.

Christopher - Straw poll suggests the SLCC will oppose, but will wait until full details are circulated and discussed.

11) Appointment of a Clerk –

Lino – consult with One Voice Wales before we start the process of appointing a clerk.

David – why is there a need to consult with them when it is an SLCC decision.

Christopher – because they have template job specs, pay scales and processes to follow to ensure the recruitment process is correctly followed.

David – until the previous clerk situation is finalised we shouldn't appoint a clerk. If the previous clerk was reinstated and another clerk was there it would be unfair as they would be replaced within weeks.

Chris – I propose we appoint a clerk ASAP.

Ian – point of order – this is not to be discussed in front of the public.

Proposal by Chris Tatt to appoint a clerk ASAP seconded by Phil. Voted for by PB, IB, CM, MJ, LS, CT, RT. Votes against – DS. Motion to appoint a Clerk carried.

12) Discussion on holding a one hour public meeting using Zoom to be held on June 17th 2020 7.30pm. Sully and Lavernock residents only. Questions will be addressed during the meeting and councillors will answer as many as time allows.

Voted for by all councillors so the public meeting will go ahead.

Final words from Christopher Morgan – “Keep an eye out on the SLRA or Sully Village Hub for information on the public meeting – please attend and ask questions. I will do my best impression of Fiona Bruce on Question-time, go and get yourself some light refreshments and see you all again soon!”