

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Tuesday October 26th 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 128/21

Present

- Steve Oaten (Clerk)
- Kay Bowring (KB)
- Robin Lynn (RL)
- Martyn James (MJ)
- Christ Tatt (CT)
- Bob Lang (BL)

Apologies 129/21

- Lino Scaglioni
- David Sylvester
- Ian Barlow

Public attendance 130/21

- Approximately 7

PART ONE

Declarations of interest 131/21

- KB Stated that she is a member of Sully Village Group.
- BL Anything to do with Sully Sailing Club.
- RL Governor of Evenlode School.

To approve the minutes of previous meeting 132/21

- The council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 9th September 2021.

To approve the list of payments 133/21

- The council agreed the list of payments and explanations provided where appropriate.

To approve the councils accounts year ending March 2021 134/21

- The accounts for the year were approved by the councillors present for submission to the external auditors.

To approve the latest asset register 135/21

- The councillors present agreed the asset register prepared by the clerk. It was to be sent to the external auditor with an explanation of the variances.

To approve and resolve the change of the finance and personnel working groups to committees 136/21

- The councillors present agreed to change the working groups to committees and accepted and adopted the Terms of Reference provided by the clerk for them.

To receive a report from the VOGC representative Councillor Penrose 136/21

- The councillor advised that the traffic survey had been completed in the village. It had recorded speed and volume of traffic and he would provide an update when the results were known.
- There was information circulated regarding signposts to the VOGC flooding section which outlined actions for residents in the event of flooding. This as a result of the flooding last December and the resulting report.

Democratic half hour 137/21

- There were questions of the councillor regarding his update which he provided answers and explanation where appropriate.

Reports from external bodies 138/21

- **Councillor Bowring updated the meeting regarding Sully Primary School**
- Staff pay review of office staff, all agreed to the Headteachers request.
- Building work on both the toilets and the kitchen have now been completed though there is still some refurbishment to be completed at the school.
- Attendance – Covid has been a concern though attendance figures are good considering the pandemic, approx. 96% at time of the meeting with Covid cases appearing to be in decline.
- Reports were given from Finance & General Purposes and staffing groups. Covid Grants have helped the current financial demands on the school with extra support staff etc.
- Installation of a new CCTV system is now complete. The caretaker has put up soundproofing panels during the summer holidays which has already made a big difference.
- Outside sheds need replacing as they are now deteriorating. These are used for outdoor playtimes.
- The Headteacher gave her report and stated that the Governors report to parents will be distributed in November.
- The school prospectus is currently being reviewed.
- Next full Governor's meeting will be held on 16th November 2021
- **Councillor Lynn updated the meeting regarding Evenlode Primary School**
- The AGM of the Evenlode Board of Governors took place on 15 September. Some new Governors have joined, and a couple have moved on. Probably the key item of interest to the public was the annual report to parents. This can be found under "News" on the school web site, scroll down to 17 September. The full scope of the report can be found on the Contents page. Major achievements for the year included:
 - Wellbeing statistics and evidence indicates that children in Evenlode are very happy children, despite the challenges they have faced this year.
 - All staff went above and beyond during closure periods to ensure all pupils' learning could continue at home, whilst also providing provision in the Hub setting.
 - Teaching staff further enhanced distance learning by becoming proficient in a variety of online tools including Zoom, Loom and creating year group YouTube channels. Parental feedback on home learning was extremely positive and appreciative of the quality of work planned and delivered.
 - The school maintained high standards and achieved very positive feedback from the local Consortia's improvement partner.

- The school has continued to work towards Curriculum 2022, examining our current curriculum and working on developing deeper teaching sequences. Teachers also completed action research on whole class guided reading.
- The Saplings Pre and After-School Care-Club worked tirelessly following the closure periods to restart provision quickly to ensure parents were supported and pupils were safe in a creative environment.
- Despite live events being on hold the PTA did a wonderful job raising £8,342 during the year.
- The PTA are to be further congratulated on an excellent BBQ held in the school grounds on 25th September, an afternoon filled with laughter and excitement for the children and relaxation for their parents.

There were no other external reports received

To discuss the opening of the community facilities and associated charges 139/21

- The community council agreed a 5% increase in respect of fees for the hires of the hall and pavilion. Costs for the playing fields having already been agreed at a previous date.

Any Other Business 140/21

- There was an action for the clerk to speak with a representative of BP Sports and Social Club
- There was general agreement regarding a survey to be conducted at Cosmeston
- The “Our Future Communities Group” had nearly completed their survey and were looking at arranging a meeting with the community council to discuss their findings

The community council agreed that the date of the next meeting will be the 9th November 2021

Part 2

In 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 the public were excluded from this part of the meeting

Staffing issues 141/21

- The clerk was able to update the council with the latest from the solicitors regarding the employment tribunal/probate situation involving David Roberts

The meeting concluded at 20.00 hours.

Steve Oaten – Clerk to the Council.