

Sully and Lavernock Community Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

12th November, 2019

Minutes

169/2020 Present

Councillor Barlow (Chairman), Councillors Baguley, Bowring, Jones, Scaglioni, Sylvester, Tatt and Thomas.

170/2020 Apologies for Absence

None.

171/2020 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sylvester declared an interest in all matters relating to Sully Centurions Cricket Club.

172/2020 Report of the Representatives of the Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council

It was noted that Councillor Penrose had apologised for absence and that accordingly no report was available.

173/2020 Democratic Session

Prior to the Session commencing the Chairman advised the meeting that he had recently received an offensive anonymous letter in relation to his role as Chairman of the Council. He invited members of the Community to contact him directly if they wished to discuss issues relating to the Council however he considered offensive, anonymous letters to be quite unacceptable. The Chairman also made reference to relationships between Members of the Council and described the hate and vitriol to which he had been subjected by

certain Members. He pointed out that no Member of the Council other than he had been prepared to accept the post of Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Council held in May, 2019. He further indicated that he had done so on the basis of being supported by all members of the Council and that, in the case of certain members of the Council, that support had most certainly not been forthcoming.

The following matters were raised by members of the public and responses provided by members of the Council:

- (a) Mr M.F. read a statement in relation to a social media attack on his family and integrity. Members of the Council indicated that they were appalled by the content of what had been written.
- (b) The appointment of a replacement Clerk to the Council.
- (c) Mr J.R. indicated that he intended to present a letter in relation to an employee issue to the Council.
- (d) The defective electronic 30MPH sign at the junction of South Road/Arlington Road .
- (e) The position in relation to a report being provided by the Welsh Audit Office in relation to aspects of the operation of the Council.
- (f) The recovery of fees outstanding from users of the facilities of the Council.

174/2020 To Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22nd October, 2019 (Part 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd October, 2019 (Part 1) were approved as a true record.

175/2020 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd October, 2019 (Part 1)

139/2020 (114/2020) To Authorise Payments:

- (b) Councillor Thomas indicated that Defibrillator Case at the Jubilee Hall was undamaged.
- (c) Councillor Tatt indicated that he was progressing the matter of payment of fees by Sully Bowling Club.
- (d) Councillor Tatt indicated that an invoice had been received from R.Griffit in relation to water supply repairs.

145/2020 To Consider Health and Safety Matters;

It was noted that the chain located adjacent to the Sailing Compound had not as yet been replaced. Councillor Thomas agreed to obtain costs for a replacement barrier.

146/2020 To Consider the Reports of Meetings of Working Groups:

The Vice Chairman indicated that the Minutes of the Personnel Working Group held on 6th September, 2019 were not available. He assured members that the Minutes would be circulated in advance of the December meeting of the Council.

148/2020 To Consider and Approve Payments:

Councillor Tatt indicated that a cheque had been prepared in favour of "Carpentry World."

153/2020 To Consider Matters which the Chairman Considers should be Urgently Referred to the Council:

Councillor Bowring reported that she had obtained sponsorship for two Christmas trees. Councillor Thomas agreed to provide the third tree at the Library and agreed to source the three trees. It was agreed that the tree at the Old School should be 15 feet tall and that every effort should be made to ensure that all trees were in place by 1st December, 2019. It was also agreed that the Brownies/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts should be invited to assist with the decoration of the tree located at the Old School.

176/2020 To Consider Correspondence Received

- (a) Letter received from Sully Sailing Club: It was agreed that the Cricket Sight Screens remain in their current location however that the Cricket Practise Frames be returned to their previous location at the western perimeter of the Junior Pitch.
- (b) The Chairman read to members E-Mails received by him from Ms N.P. and Ms H.B.M. in relation to correspondence they had received from D.Roberts, the former Clerk to the Council. They both indicated that they did not wish to receive such correspondence which they considered to be inappropriate. The Chairman further advised that a significant number of items of correspondence had also recently been received by the Council and its Members from the former Clerk. He indicated that the level of correspondence was currently at a level of approximately one item per day.

The issue of correspondence received from the former Clerk by the Council and others was discussed. The Vice Chairman provided information obtained from the Office of the Information Commissioner in terms of vexatious complainants. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that D.Roberts, the former Clerk to the Council, be declared a Vexatious Communicant and Complainant. It was agreed that the Chairman advise D.R. of the decision of the Council and also that he advise the Information Commissioner accordingly.

177/2020 To Consider Planning Applications Received

It was noted that no Planning Applications had been received. It was agreed that Councillor Jones undertake the role of monitoring planning applications received and advising of the need for a meeting of the Planning Working Group to take place.

178/2020 To Consider the Report of the Chairman

The Chairman advised that he wished to make reference to no particular issues which were not included on the Agenda.

179/2020 To Consider Health and Safety Matters

It was noted that Councillor Thomas had agreed to obtain costs in relation to replacing the chain preventing access to the Playing Field which was located adjacent to the Sailing Compound.

180/2020 To Consider the Reports of Meetings of Working Groups

Finance Working Group

It was noted that no meeting had taken place.

Personnel Working Group

It was noted that a meeting of the Personnel Working Group had taken place on 5th November, 2019. It was agreed that the report should be considered during Part 2 of the Meeting.

Planning Working Group

It was noted that no meeting had taken place.

Playing Field and Jubilee Hall Working Group

It was noted that no meeting had taken place.

181/2020 To Consider the Reports of Representatives on External Bodies

- (a) Governing Body of Sully County Primary School : Councillor Bowring reported that no meeting had taken place.
- (b) Governing Body of Evenlode County Primary School : Councillor Bowring reported that she had not as yet attended a meeting of the Governing Body and had received no contact from the Governing Body.
- (c) Community Liaison Panel : Councillor Tatt reported that the next meeting was to take place on 29th January, 2020.
- (d) Chemical Advisory Panel : Councillor Jones reported that the next meeting was to take place on 10th December, 2019.

182/2020 To Consider and Approve Payments

The list of requests for payment as prepared by Councillor Tatt was considered and approved. Councillor Tatt advised the Council in relation to the current financial position. It was agreed that it was necessary to submit a VAT return, to maximise income and to identify potential reductions in expenditure.

It was agreed that it was necessary to continue with the fire alarm monitoring service provided by "Dragon." Councillor Bowring reported in relation to a recent maintenance visit undertaken by the CCTV System maintenance contractor.

183/2020 To Consider a Social Media Matter to which Councillor Jones wishes to Refer

Councillor Jones indicated that he wished to withdraw the Agenda Item. The Vice Chairman reported in relation to issues in respect of Aspinalls Planning Consultants. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that concerns in relation to Aspinalls should be reported to the South Wales

Constabulary and that the Vice Chairman be provided with full authority to deal with the matter.

184/2020 To Agree the Dates/Times of Forthcoming Working Groups

It was agreed that meetings of Working Groups would be arranged as required.

185/2020 To Agree the Date/Time of the Next Meeting of the Council

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on 3rd December, 2019 commencing at 6-15P.M. in the Sports Pavilion.

186/2020 To Note Arrangements in Relation to the Annual Christmas Carol Service

The Chairman reported that the Annual Christmas Carol Service would take place at the Old School on Saturday, 21st December, 2019 commencing at 6-00P.M. He indicated that he had discussed the arrangements with the Vicar, Reverend Ormrod, who would attend the Service.

187/2020 To Consider Nominations in Relation to the 2019 Millennium Shield

The Chairman advised Members that it would be necessary to nominate the recipient of the 2019 Millennium Shield at the December, 2019 Meeting of the Council.

188/2020 To Consider Matters which the Chairman Views should be Urgently Referred to the Council

The Chairman advised that he considered that no matters other than those on the Agenda required consideration by the Council.

In accordance with Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 it was resolved that members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Dated.....

