

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

My report to the Community Council is as follows:

1. General Election – The Jubilee Hall will be used for the General Election voting on Thursday of this week as members will be aware. The co-option meeting for the vacant position of Community Councillor for the Lavernock Ward will be held on Monday next 12 June 2017 in the Pavilion. Members will be aware that there are 3 applicants to be considered.
2. Village Green Application at Sully Sports and Social Club – The joint application with The Saving Sully Group is proceeding and since the last meeting there have been no further developments in this application.
3. Machinery Maintenance – We have a few problems with the Jacobsen mower recently but a new ignition switch has been fitted which has hopefully solved the problem.
4. Defibrillators – Members will have seen my email following my meeting with Rogers Dykes' partner, Rhian Thomas regarding the plaque in memory of Roger. The electricity supply will be installed at the Jubilee Hall on Monday 3 July 2017 and the installation of the actual unit will follow shortly after. I am hopeful that we will get Rhian to officially unveil the unit. Members will be aware that the Community Council are acting as the purchasers of the machinery and following a meeting of the Saving Sully Group last night have received a donation of £2,600 in respect of two of the units to include the boxes to house them in. There is a cheque to authorise tonight from the Community Council in respect of the payment for the unit in memory of Roger Dykes. I am trying to arrange a meeting with The Old School Hall regarding the transfer of the funds that they have raised via various means. I am actively seeking more donations from local groups and also the Welsh Church Acts Estates Trust as this body has given out grants for such projects before.
5. Bowling Green Fence – It has been brought to my attention that there is a problem with the north side of the bowling green fence insofar as it has become slightly unstable. I have contacted the contractor who originally installed the fence to return and stabilise before the problem gets any worse.
6. Flag Pole – The replacement flagpole for outside the Pavilion has been ordered and is due for delivery some time this week. The Chair has suggested that it be placed directly outside the Pavilion and not be replaced at the previous location. This will necessitate the removal of the old flagpole base.
7. Sign Posts – Jubilee Hall Lane – Following the digging up of the lane down to the Jubilee Hall last summer the signs have not been replaced. The post was installed several weeks ago but the signs giving direction to the Jubilee Hall have still not been installed and I have emailed The Vale of Glamorgan Council several times in connection with this. I have received earlier today an email asking me to

confirm the signs that I require even though I have already provided them with the details.

8. Sight Screens – After last weekends cricket the sight screens were not put back in their normal place alongside the Sailing Club compound and were still in situ following the match until Monday morning, when the Council ground staff had to move them back into position. I have written to the club expressing disappointment that they had been left in their match position all weekend and that the Council ground staff had to move them. This afternoon, as a result of the high winds and the sight screens not being secured one of them toppled over. The Chair of the cricket club Mr David Sylvester has been advised of this by telephone.
9. Jubilee Hall Maintenance – There have been a couple of matters that have arisen since the last Community Council meeting in relation to the maintenance inside the Jubilee Hall some of which relate to Health and Safety matters. The gents' toilet door has had to be replaced as it was starting to come apart on the inside. The toilet door locks have also been replaced in the gents toilets so that they can be unlocked from the outside as I understand that that was an issue at the Youth Club one evening recently. We have finger guards to protect the children against 'jamming' their fingers some of the doors I recently noticed that there may be an issue in relation to the toilet doors and so therefore I have arranged for finger guards to be fitted to the remaining doors in the Jubilee Hall where children may 'jam' their fingers. I have also identified a problem in the kitchen at the Jubilee Hall relating to Health and Safety. The kitchen unit tops need to be replaced as the covering near the sink taps has disintegrated and one of the joins on the work top has cracked. These are repairs that need to be undertaken as soon as possible and I have discussed this with the Chair and we have agreed that this is a priority and needs to be addressed with the minimum of delay. The skirting board on the south facing aspect of the hall has also disintegrated and needs to be replaced as a matter of urgency and once again I have discussed this with the Chair and this work will also be carried out with the minimum of delay.
10. Locks – The lock on the notice board outside the Jubilee Hall has broken and so therefore has been replaced by an alternative, as it is not possible to get a replacement lock for the type of fitting. Locks have also been fitted on the 2 'wheelie' bins adjacent to the Jubilee Hall, as the Council has been the subject of 'fly tipping' into its bins especially on the weekend.
11. Fly Tipping – I received a visit from 2 enforcement officers of The Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of a report of fly tipping on the beach of litter which had the name of the person who may have undertaken this illegal act on and I was able to advise them of the location of the offending article for them to follow up.
12. Coastal Path – Following my recent meeting with Gwyn Teague of The Vale of Glamorgan Council the additional dog bins have been ordered and received and they will be installed within the next 7 days along the coastal path at the agreed locations. Since our meeting I have made further contact with Mr Teague to ascertain when the bin at the eastern end of the path will be moved to a more suitable location together with the piece of artwork that also needs to be re-

- located. Mr Teague has advised me that he has put in a formal request to the appropriate department for this work to be done.
13. Land adjacent to play area at Jubilee Hall – Members will recall several months ago that I wrote to one of the owners of the land regarding its future use and this Council's desire to acquire it. Following discussions with the Chair I have again written to the owner to see if we can open any sort of dialogue with them.
 14. Smoke Detectors - Pavilion – Following the identification of a problem with one of the free standing smoke detectors in the Pavilion I considered the overall position with smoke detection in the building and contacted the Council's electrician to see if there was a better system that could be installed to better protect the users in the case of a fire. The electrician has suggested the installation of an interlinked mains/battery back up smoke detection system covering the kitchen/main hall and exit routes. All detectors are maintenance free, fitted with 10-year lithium batteries and come with a 10-year guarantee. The cost of the parts is £341.26 and labour of £160.00 – total £501.26.
 15. Welsh Water – I have been in contact with Welsh Water and I have managed to arrange a visit from one of their engineers next week to look at the ongoing problem. They have not been able to identify from their records the identity of the person/company who came onto the site several weeks ago.
 16. Lighting problems at Jubilee hall – Following the installation of the replacement cladding to the exterior of the Jubilee Hall and the changing of the external lights there have been problems with one of the banks of internal lights in the Jubilee Hall. The problem was identified as being relating to the installation of the external lights by the cladding contractor. I have tried to recall the cladding contractor back to site but I have been advised that he is working away at the present time. I therefore had to call electricians in to identify and rectify the problem. The problem was identified to the incorrect wiring of the bulkhead lights that were installed by the cladding contractor. If members look at the invoice from Rob Hudd Electrical they will see a full report of the problem and the work that was undertaken to rectify it. With members agreement I consider that the Council should contact the cladding contractor to seek re-imburement of the cost that the Council has had to pay to rectify the situation, which in total amounts to £106.
 17. Press Release – Members will be aware of the press release that I have circulated in connection with the new Councillors at this Council and the appointment of Cllrs Thomas and Tatt as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The Chair has asked for some changes to be made and I will re-circulate this amended version as soon as possible and I shall be grateful for any amendments or comments before I submit it to the local press. There will be an embargo on its release until such time as it is formally approved.
 18. Insurance Claim - Members will be aware of an insurance claim made against the Council relating to an incident that occurred in June 2015. I have been in contact with the Council's insurance company and I have provided further evidence, photographs and information relating to this incident. I am pleased to say that as a result of the information given to them they have decided to defend the claim robustly.

19. Roadway to Pavilion – I have discussed with the Chair the condition of the roadway adjacent to the Pavilion and we have perused the quotes that we received in 2016. We are now in the process of obtaining further quotes to completely relay the surface, which would be a total of 400 sq meters to the quality of the roadway similar to that of the road down to the Captain’s Wife. So far the Council has made ‘patch’ repairs that are not really solving the main problem. This would help all users to access the lower car park. It is anticipated that the total cost to bring the roadway up to an acceptable standard will be in the region of £10k.

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