

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTE

ORDINARY MEETING ON THE 6th NOVEMBER 2023

Councillors who attended the meeting Item 1	Parry, Bowring (Chair), Lynn, Judd, James, Cannon, Payne, Scaglioni
Apologies for Absence Item 2	None
Declarations of Interest	Councillor Bowring - Sully Village Group Councillor Judd - Jubilee Playgroup/Sully School Minor Authority Representative Governor/Saving Sully and Lavernock Group Councillor Lynn - Evenlode Rep/Lib Dem Councillor Payne – Employed WAG
Decisions taken at the meeting. (See below agenda items and the relevant resolution)	
Agenda item 3	The community council agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate reflection of the meeting that took place
Agenda item 4	The community council agreed the payment schedule as prepared by the Proper Officer
Agenda item 5	The Proper Officer updated the councillors in respect of a meeting with VOGC Councillor Wendy Gilligan and the chair that had taken place regarding the overhaul of bus shelters, and the use of Section 106 money. There was to be a further VOGC meeting where the issue was to be discussed but Councillor Gilligan advised that it did not take place due to the absence of Councillor Mahoney. A number of additional dog waste bins had been purchased for use by Mr Gordon Hadfield of the Seashore Grill. He has been gifted the bins on the BP field and has agreed to empty and dispose of the waste. A formal agreement has been drafted by the Proper Officer which was agreed by the community council for implementation on the 1 st December. The Proper Officer gave an update regarding the new recycling regulations coming into force next year. He had sought advice and guidance from the VOGC but had nothing definitive surrounding costs or collection procedures as yet. The Proper Officer

	was still waiting on some outstanding quotes for work at Jubilee.
Agenda items 6	There were no members of the public present at the meeting so no democratic half hour took place.
Agenda item 7	This item was discussed along with items 8 and 9 as they all related to the Proper Officers preparation of the budget for 24/25. The councillors present agreed with, and accepted the budget provided, which included the amounts outlined for grants and donations and the maintenance budgets for the Hall and Pavilion.
Agenda item 8	Explanation at item 7 above
Agenda Item 9	The budget prepared by the proper officer for 2024/2025 was agreed and accepted by the community council
Agenda item 10	Councillor Judd updated the full council regarding the possibility of two projects that were being looked into. 1. A youth cinema night 2. A Police run youth club. She had been in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and was seeking the approval of council in respect of funding. The community council agreed to provide Jubilee Hall, free of charge in respect of the youth club should the project come to fruition, and also to subsidise the youth cinema night to ensure that costs or overheads were met. The old school have initially suggested that there may be some funding available regarding the youth cinema. The councillor also received 31 responses on the youth forum which were described as disappointing but there is scope for further scoping exercises.
Agenda item 11	The Community Council agreed that the community also be asked to propose a worthy recipient of the Millenium Shield for deliberation and decision.
Agenda item 12	The Proper Officer advised the community council that the members allowance was now titled the Extra Costs Payment. It is mandatory for all councillors and the independent remuneration panel had fixed the amount at £156. This to be awarded to all councillors unless they elected to opt out and this was communicated to the Proper Officer in writing.
Agenda item 13	The community council agreed to provide Christmas trees for the Library, Old School, and the Pavilion as in previous years. The council also agreed in principle that should agreement

	<p>be reached, following any negotiations at Gwel Yr Ynys, that a tree be provided there as well</p>
Agenda item 14	<p>Sully Primary School had met. Councillor Judd became the Chair of Governors. The only news from the meeting was the submission, by the school, of an application for section 106 funding for a community classroom</p> <p>Chemical advisory board had met and the minutes provided by Councillor James were distributed to council</p> <p>Evenlode School met and Councillor Lynn advised that the schools finances were in a healthy position going forward. He had been appointed onto a head teacher performance appraisal panel and had received the necessary training.</p> <p>The Community Liaison Panel met on the 5th October. Councillor Parry updated the council. There is a new suicide project being launched by the Police. They also reported that the annual summer operation targeting ASB on the coast of the VOG had been relatively quiet and incident free. Commercial burglaries had seen a recent increase. The fire service reported that there had been some 194 fires with the peak in July/August. Councillors for the VOGC at the meeting gave an update regarding the Boundary Commission review that was taking place and which they were leading on. This would see the reduction from 27 to 20 community councils. Which would lead to the loss of 60 community councillors. The bigger councils having a maximum of 23 councillors and the least amount would be 7. All the VOGC councillors present at the meeting were in favour of the proposals.</p>
Agenda item 15 AOB	<p>The Chair reminded councillors of the date of the Carol Service which is the 17th December and the service on Sunday 12th November, Remembrance day</p>
Agenda item 16	<p>The date of the next meeting of the Council is a Finance Committee meeting on the 4th December 2023.</p>
Part 2 Agenda item 1	<p>There were no members of the public present at the meeting therefore there was no need to exclude anyone.</p> <p>The Personnel working group had met earlier in the day to discuss employment matters, Chaired by Councillor James, also present was Catherine Pearce, Councillors Scaglioni, Judd and Parry. The matter was then discussed by</p>

	<p>the full council. The personnel group agreed, following discussions, that there would be a need for a job evaluation and description to be prepared followed by a contract, wage structure and then an advert in order to employ somebody to work, part time, on the grounds. This would then be supplemented by outside contractors for specialisms which is what was working at the moment. Further work to be carried out in respect of a number of issues.</p>
Agenda item 2	<p>This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting and it was agreed that a formal agreement, which has already been prepared, be sent to Mr Hadfield.</p>
Agenda item 3	<p>This item was discussed, and a number of responses were circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor James had also distributed a response and the council accepted this to be the formal response of the council to the bowls club. The Proper Officer to make the necessary arrangements.</p>
Agenda item 4	<p>This item had been actioned by the Chair with advice sought as to the next course of action. There are still a number of options available which she will take further advice on.</p>
Agenda item 5	<p>This item was remitted to another meeting</p>
Agenda item 6	<p>There was much discussion regarding the playing fields and the users. The Proper Officer has been given certain actions regarding this, with one of them being to arrange a meeting between the Playing Fields Working Group and the cricket club.</p> <p>The council cleaner has been off sick and there is a need to arrange cover for annual leave and sickness on an ad hoc basis. The Proper Officer has been asked to make some enquiries.</p> <p>The Chair would like to explore the options of a new bench for the community field that is identified as a "Lets chat bench". Further work regarding costs etc will be looked at along with the relevant policies of the community council.</p> <p>The dates of the meetings for next year will have to be amended due to some of them falling on public holidays. The Proper officer will look to make the necessary amendments and circulate to councillors.</p>