

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERSILI A LARNOG

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council
6.30pm Monday 5th February 2024**

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. The Community Councils remote meetings protocols applied.

Part 1

1. Minutes 19/24

Present

- Steve Oaten (Proper Officer)
- Vicki Judd (VJ)
- Kay Bowring (KB)
- Nicky Parry (NP)
- Jackie Payne (JP)
- Robin Lynn (RL)
- David Cannon (DC)
- Lino Scaglioni (LS)

Apologies 20/24

- There were apologies received from Councillor James. Councillor Bowring extended her apologies as she was late to the meeting which was chaired by Councillor Parry.

2. Declarations of interests. (Previously verbally disclosed and as the councillors were in attendance applies to all meetings) 21/24

- JP. Works for the WAG
- VJ. Jubilee Playgroup/Chair of Governors and Minor Authorities Rep Sully School/Saving Sully and Lavernock Group/Trustee Sully and Lavernock Community Library Trust
- RL. Council Rep Evenlode School/Member of the Liberal Democratic Party
- NP. Trustee Sully and Lavernock Community Library Trust

3. To approve the minutes of previous meetings 22/24

- The councillors present approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 8th January 2024. They agreed they were an accurate account of the meeting that had taken place. LS Was absent from that particular meeting so was unable to comment.

4. To approve the schedule of payments 23/24

- The Community Council agreed and approved the schedule of payments. Any explanations required were provided by the proper officer.

5. To receive updates from the proper officer/councillors regarding actions from the previous meeting (If applicable) 24/24

- There were updates provided by councillors and the proper officer.

Councillor Cannon and the Proper Officer gave an update to the council regarding a meeting that they attended, with the section 106 officer, Lucy Butler. The councillor had submitted a number of projects on behalf of the council where they were seeking funding. It was well received with positive comments regarding possible funding streams. Whether they are from the 106 allocations, The Strong Communities Grant or Shared Prosperity Fund has yet to be decided. There are further meetings planned with these various stakeholders and also with Dave Knevitt to discuss any plans for buildings that the community council lease from the VOGC. There was feedback to indicate that this may be advantageous for the Community Council as other funding may be available for building refurbishment. There is a very short window for any applications to this funding to be submitted so the Proper Office will seek to contact those identified with a view to establishing the criteria and whether applications can be submitted on time and report back to the community council.

Councillor Judd advised that she would be looking to arrange another young person's cinema night, at the Old School sometime in March.

- The Proper Officer advised that the bowling green had been cut and the waste removed.
- 6. Democratic Half Hour. The public were invited to make representations on business being transacted at the meeting or propose items for the agenda of the next meeting (Time constraints applied) 25/24**
- There were no members of the public present at the meeting so there was no requirement for a democratic half hour. There had been no questions or queries submitted regarding items on the agenda from the public either.
- 7. To discuss and resolve upon a request from Sully Community Library regarding their lease 26/24**
- The councillors were asked to agree a request from the Library Trust that the Community Council seek an extension from the BP Club on the Library lease. The lease between the BP and the Community Council is due to run out in 2025. The library are looking at section 106 funding and need a long lease to reflect their commitment to obtain that funding. The Proper Officer had made some initial enquiries with the BP Club, and it was agreed by the Community Council that the way forward is a meeting between all the parties involved. The Proper Officer was asked to make the necessary arrangements and respond formally to the Community Library Trust.
- 8. To discuss and resolve upon recommendations from the recent section 106 meeting with the VOGC 27/24**
- This item was discussed at Agenda item 5 and actions agreed. There was no further discussion or debate regarding this.
- 9. To discuss and consider the merits and costs of a newsletter, its distribution, and community engagement in general 28/24**
- The Councillors discussed this matter and agreed that there was merit in establishing a newsletter. There needs to be further research to establish costs, what sort of format, the frequency of distribution, content, advertising etc. The Proper Officer was asked to make some enquiries into the matter and report back to the Community Council.
- 10. To receive a report from the representatives on external bodies of Sully and Evenlode Schools, Chemical Advisory Board and the Community Liaison Panel 29/24**
- Sully Primary School – Councillor Judd advised that there had been a recent meeting where finance was high on the agenda. Sickness was an issue amongst the staff and the pupils. As a result of staff shortages, costs in respect of temporary staff were proving expensive. There is a drive by the VOGC to improve attendance across the Vale due to low attendance figures. It was obvious that the local demographic had changed.
 - Evenlode School – There had been no recent meeting therefore Councillor Lynn had nothing to report.
 - Chemical Advisory Board – Councillor James was unable to attend so no report provided.

- Community Liaison Panel – Councillor Parry had attended the last meeting. The Police reported that there was an ongoing shoplifting initiative at Holton Road in Barry and also a “What three words” suicide prevention strategy for 25 miles of the coastline between Barry and Cowbridge. There was no update for the Eastern side of the VOG so the councillor has asked that at the next meeting, the Operational Police Inspector for the area provide a report. The representative from the Fire Service was unavailable and they received an input regarding the cost-of-living crisis and social poverty. There is also now a community councillor that sits on the panel that looks at the merits of Strong Community Fund applications.

11. Any Other Business 30/24

- The Proper Officer updated the community council with regard to a number of items. They related to the utilities at the Sailing Club, they would now be paying more. There are issues with the hosting platform and storage of e mails. Councillors advised to delete what is not relevant. There are issues with persons filling the council bins with bags of general waste. The Proper Officer advised that the bins would be locked and the situation monitored going forward, especially in light of the new arrangements coming into force on the 1st April. There had been a request for a donation which would become the subject of an agenda item at another meeting.

12. The date of the next meeting of council members, of the Full Council, is on Monday 4th March 2024 31/24.

Part 2 32/24

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

There was no requirement for the declaration or exclusion of the public as there were none present.

Item 1. 33/24

- The Proper Officer had provided copies of a Job Description etc to Councillor James for further work by the personnel committee which is being progressed. The Chair intimated that she would liaise with a view to moving the process on.

Item 2. 34/24

- There were no confidential updates to be provided.

Item 3. 35/24

- This item was remitted to the Personnel Committee to progress. The Proper Officer was asked to look into whether there was already a procedure or process in place, elsewhere, that the community council could look at and possibly adopt. He will report back to the Community Council.

Item 4. 36/24

- The Proper Officer had provided councillors with a briefing note following a meeting that had taken place between the Sully Centurions Cricket Club, Councillor Bowring, and himself. The discussion centred around the subsidies afforded to the cricket club in previous years and whether that was sustainable going forward. They provided little in the way of revenue for the community council, with the costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the playing surface during the season being well above any fees that were paid. There were of course other costs that could be attributed to them along with other sporting users of the facilities, so much discussion took place. The mood of the council was very much that they wanted cricket to still be played on the community field but not at any cost. There had to

be reasonable costs associated with this provision of facilities. The council have asked the proper officer to look at an agreement between the cricket club and the council, some sort of lease arrangement to be entered into, agreeable to all parties.

Item 5. AOB 37/24

- There were no items raised at this point in the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 20.45 hours.

Steve Oaten - Proper Officer to the Council.

..... **Chair.**