

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Ordinary Meeting of the Council
Tuesday July 6th 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 99/21

Present

- Martyn James (MJ)
- Lino Scaglioni (LS)
- Rod Thomas (RT)
- Steve Oaten (Clerk)
- David Sylvester (DS)
- Kay Bowring (KB)
- Robin Lynn (RL)
- Ian Barlow (IB)

Apologies 100/21

- Bob Lang
- Chris Tatt

Public attendance 101/21

- Approximately 11

PART ONE

Declarations of interest 102/21

- KB Stated that she was a member of Sully Village Group.
- DS Anything to do with Sully Centurions Cricket Club. The councillor had received dispensation from the standards committee to discuss playing field related matters but not to vote on them. Following on from his declaration the councillor cited some personnel reasons and the fact that the clerk had not put matters that he wanted onto the agenda he left the meeting

To receive a report from the VOGC representative Councillor Penrose 103/21

- The councillor started by addressing concerns regarding traffic issues on Cog Road and South Road. He stated that there would be a number of surveys conducted on both roads that would look at the speeds and volumes of traffic. This information along with other data such as the number of collisions would then be used for any further action required. He reiterated that the VOGC would not act unless they were in possession of data. The improvement of junctions on Cog Road was something that Councillor Mahoney and himself had taken up with VOGC.
- The VOGC were nearly up to date with the grass cutting in the village
- There was no sign of a report yet regarding the flooding that had occurred just before Christmas last year. There is an external company tasked with this but they keep putting the date back but councillors Mahoney and Penrose keep pushing for a report which has yet to be concluded

- The councillor then replied to a number of questions put to him regarding the traffic issue.

Democratic half hour 104/21

- The chairman changed the agenda in order that the public could ask questions of the councillor if they wished
- There was much discussion regarding the traffic issues in the village from the new development at Cog Road. There was a feeling that there had been an increase in traffic through the village and whether a Police presence may assist, would speed cameras be of benefit, when would the survey start. The general consensus was that a survey should start September in order to give an accurate reflection of traffic speed and volume. Councillor Penrose would ascertain whether the Police could attend the next meeting.
- A question was asked regarding the annual audit report and whether it had been made public as yet. No report had yet been issued
- A question was asked of Councillor Penrose regarding a recent meeting that had taken place between a local group and the VOGC and whether the re instating of the old railway line from Sully to Penarth had been discussed or the use of it as a cycle path or both. The councillor confirmed that the matter had been referred to and that there were a number of options being considered. There were a number of possibilities when it came to a new cycleway/footpath especially with the introduction of the new cycles at Cosmeston and possibly provision at Sully. It was felt that it could be widened for instance.
- Richard Thomas of the OFC gave an overview regarding the old railway line. There were tenders out regarding consultants to look at the provision of an active travel route between Sully and Penarth.

Reports from external bodies 105/21

- **Councillor Bowring** gave an update regarding Sully Primary School. They had installed new CCTV and there were other improvements planned for the school holidays.
- The new caretaker is settling in well and has contributed to several improvements in the school playground
- The school has been asked to consider supporting the proposed social farms and garden scheme at Cosmeston and an e mail has been sent to the head teacher.
- The date of the next governors meeting was the 28th September
- **Councillor Lynn** gave an update regarding Evenlode School. Much of the recent activity at the school was preparation for the new term in September.
- The finance committee at the school had met and money set aside for various projects
- The saplings holiday club will be going ahead this summer and parents advised to contact the school
- On the 16th June 2021 the school had an unannounced Health and Safety inspection by representatives of the VOGC. They scored 100% with no further action required
- The councillor intimated that he had attended an inset day at the school and met staff and pupils. He has also attended various courses consummate with his role as governor
- He stated that the deputy head of the school Hayley Hodgkins was retiring.
- The date of the next meeting was the 15th September
- **There had been no meeting of the chemical advisory board.**
- **Councillor Tatt who sits on the Community Liaison Panel was not at the meeting therefore there was no update**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting 106/21

- The community council approved the minutes of the previous meeting

To approve the schedule of payments 107/21

- The community council agreed the schedule of payments

To discuss and resolve the appointment of a representative to the OFC group 108/21

- The community council resolved that Councillor Lang be appointed to represent the community council on the OFC group.

To discuss possible rewilding areas in the village 109/21

- The matter was discussed, and the community council agreed to liaise with the VOGC and a local group with a view to inviting them to Sully to identify areas that could possibly be given up to rewilding

To discuss the social farms and gardens proposal in relation to WAG owned land in Lavernock 110/21

- The council had already written in support of the project and this was discussed. The information regarding the Social Farms and Gardens will be displayed on the council website

To discuss and resolve proposals by the SVG for the siting of a new picnic bench at Jubilee Park and also a tree provided as a result of the Queens green canopy initiative 111/21

- The community council discussed and resolved that the Sully Village Group could install a picnic bench and tree as proposed

It was agreed that the date of the next council meeting would be the 7th September 2021 112/21

Part 2

Staffing issues 113/21

- The clerk advised the councillors about the latest correspondence received from the solicitor/insurance company regarding the ongoing Employment Tribunal of David Roberts. There was a discussion surrounding this.
- The community council discussed the council website and its ongoing maintenance. The clerk had been exploring other options and had provided the councillors with details of them. There would need to be further discussion and proposals put forward for the next meeting.
- Councillor Thomas raised the issue of his membership of the OFC which was discussed.

The meeting concluded at 19.45 hours.

Steve Oaten – Clerk to the Council.

