

**SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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**Ordinary Meeting of the Council  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 6.pm.**

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**

**Present**

- Ian Barlow (IB) – telephone only
- Martyn James (MJ)
- Christopher Morgan (CM)
- Lino Scaglioni (LS)
- Chris Tatt (CT)
- Rod Thomas (RT)
- David Sylvester (DS) – telephone only (Comms issues initially)
- Steve Oaten (Clerk)
- Sgt Johnson (SWP)
- Pc Butler (SWP)

**Apologies**

- Bob Penrose
- Kay Bowring (Sully School Rep)

**Public attendance**

- Approximately 30+ persons

**PART ONE**

**Declarations of interest**

- David Sylvester – Any items relating to Sully Centurions Cricket Club

**Chair's Report**

- The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the new clerk. He mentioned that there was a vacancy for a councillor in the Lavernock ward following the resignation of councillor Phil Baguely.

**Democratic Session**

**South Wales Police Q and A**

- The Chairman introduced the Police officers who had agreed to join the meeting to answer any questions that the public and Council may have.
- Both officers are part of the neighbourhood team who cover the Sully and Lavernock Community Council area.
- CT asked about the current situation regarding criminality in the area.
- The Sgt outlined that the volume of crime in the area had been low. There had been a number of issues at Cosmeston Park regarding anti-social behaviour/youth annoyance as well as breaches of the Covid legislation. Reports had been received from the park rangers as well as members of the public.

- Members of the public voiced concern regarding the use of the car park near the pavilion by vehicle users engaged in nefarious activities. A large number of nitrous oxide cannisters had been dumped along with illegal drugs paraphernalia on more than one occasion. The Police were asked if this area was part of an ongoing patrol strategy.
- Sgt Johnson explained that the meeting had arisen as a result of a number of these issues being raised on social media forums. They were however not being reported to the Police. The officer explained how and when to report matters to the Police. Times, date and location of what's happening. Phone, e mail etc.
- The officer explained the Police methodology regarding reported crime and the Police action in response to this especially when a number of offences are reported/committed in a specific area then this becomes a "hotspot" and is patrolled regularly.
- Residents need to report to the Police when issues are occurring in order that they can identify areas for directed patrol. There is not the intelligence or the resources to warrant attendance in the village which is patrolled by the dedicated PCSO when he is on duty.
- The officer confirmed that PCSO Taak had been moved back to cover the area and would be the single point of contact initially.
- Councillor Mahoney from Lavernock berated the officers regarding their lack of crime figures, he could not believe that they had not had or been aware of complaints from the public. He was disappointed that a planned Policing operation had not occurred when it was supposed to. He further questioned whether there was actually a dedicated PCSO for the area. He was less than impressed. There were no constructive questions from Mr Mahoney only his observations.
- Sgt Johnson responded to Mr Mahoney and explained that his observations were not for this forum. It was for the residents to voice concerns in relation to on going matters and not discuss issues that had been raised with senior officers and concluded.
- The matter of PACT meetings was raised and whether it was possible to go back to them. Sgt Johnson explained that there had not been any within the area for aa while. She agreed that it was a good way for the Police and the community to pass on information or concerns. She would make some enquires as to whether it was feasible for meetings to be held again.

## **20 mph Pilot Settlement**

- The chairman outlined to the meeting the proposal which was for Sully and Lavernock to become a pilot site for welsh government to introduce a 20 mph speed limit. The welsh government would be looking at a default 20 mph limit for welsh roads from April 2023 and they were looking for a number of pilot sites throughout Wales. Eight settlements across Wales to be identified for the pilot. The Chairman re iterated that the discussion was not around the idea of a 20 mph speed limit but whether the community would be a pilot area.
- The Chairman after discussion wanted to put down a vote as to whether Sully and Lavernock wanted to become a pilot site or not. He outlined the pros and cons as he saw them
- BP Disagreed with the proposal of the Chairman stating that there were a strong number of Sully residents who did not want to become a pilot site. He stated there were in excess of 200 people on the Sully hub who were opposed to the pilot and a 105 in favour. He had sent out 230 e mails and about 90 % of those returned were against the idea of the area becoming a pilot site. He said there were also a large percentage on the SLRA website who were also opposed to it.
- BP stated that if Councillor Mahoney and he had been asked by the Vale whether the area wanted to be a pilot site they would have said no based on the information that they had received.
- BP further went on to say that he did not think that this was the forum for a decision to be made based on the relatively low number of people able to contribute

- BP further stated that there were other sites in the Vale whose residents had actually requested 20 mph speed limits whereas Sully and Lavernock had not.
- A resident asked who put the community forward for the pilot in the first place. She went on to ask why the residents views were continually ignored and it appeared that this proposal was a result of pressure from a small group of people.
- It is fair to say that there were full and frank disagreements regarding the validity of the results or surveys, petitions and data in general surrounding the request for the community to be put forward as a pilot site and who actually did that. Contributors to this were residents, the 20,5 plenty campaign and local councillors.
- It was felt through the debate that the community council did not have the consent of the community to decide. They did not have enough information to make a democratic decision although there were arguments for and against this.
- The arguments for and against went on for some time. It was obvious that for a clear democratic decision to be given to the Vale of Glamorgan council it would need to be some sort of referendum.
- The Chairman made it clear that he was not a part of any pressure group and that he did not ask for a poll on the hub.
- The Chairman made a statement and asked Does SLCC endorse the proposal that we would like to become a pilot site for 20 mph yes or no.
- The following councillors voted yes The motion was seconded by IB. The votes yes were CM, IB, RT and DS
- Those against were CT and LS
- MJ abstained.

### **Our Future Community Update**

- Richard Thomas gave a comprehensive update regarding the place plan amongst other items. He highlighted the concerns of residents and gave an update as to the current feeling within the communities around Policing, Transportation etc.
- Ourfuturecommunities.wales for the place plan survey.
- There was a need to have a resident in the Cosmeston area to represent the community on the Community Council.

### **End of democratic session**

### **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

- The stated that he had been in receipt of the minutes of the previous meeting but had only sent them out earlier that day. A number of councillors stated that they had not seen the minutes which meant that their approval was deferred to the next meeting.

### **Personnel was moved to part 2**

### **Finance**

- **The list of creditors compiled by the clerk was authorised after some explanation.**

### **VAT Returns**

- The Chairman outlined to the meeting that the playing fields grant would not be released by the council until such time as the accounts for the council were submitted to them. There was

further discussion as to why they were not done and the fact that they were done last time by an accountant.

- **The clerk was mandated by the council to seek advice and assistance to get the accounts up to date in the sum of £650**

### **Playing Fields**

- The current situation regarding Covid and the opening of the hall and pavilion to other users was disgust. It was agreed that the status quo would remain although the clerk will sort out access to the key for the floodlights.
- Monitor the use of the pavilion and hall regarding misuse which may result in alarm code being changed.

### **Boat yard/Multi pitch lease**

- The clerk outlined to the meeting the renewal details in respect of the lease for Sully Sailing Club and also the multi pitch at the rear of the school. There were legal fees for the arrangements to be paid and then nominal fees payable for a number of years thereafter.
- The issue was debated and further explanation/clarity given where needed.
- **The clerk was mandated by the council to make arrangements for the renewal of the lease for the Boat yard and Multi pitch.**

### **Planning/Taylor Wimpey update**

- The chairman stated that he was in regular contact with the site manager and other representatives of the company and that recent issues regarding dust seemed to have been addressed.

### **Correspondence received**

- There was no correspondence requiring the attention of the council

### **Reports from external bodies**

- There was a report provided by Kay Bowring the representative for Evenlode school that had been circulated to the chairman. There were however no issues for this forum.
- LS mentioned a request from the head teacher at Sully Primary School for a path on the bottom field to enable better access for pupils. **This issue is being attended to by the clerk, the school head and representatives of the VOGC.**

### **Chairman's actions and matters arising**

- The chairman had nothing further to raise and thanked the public for their contributions before the need for them to leave due to confidential matters to be discussed in part 2 of the meeting.

