

**SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council
Tuesday 1 September 2020 6.30pm.**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting will be held by way of the remote participation (Zoom) of the members of the Council.

Minutes

Present

- Phil Baguley (PB)
- Ian Barlow (IB) – telephone only
- Martyn James (MJ)
- Christopher Morgan (CM)
- Lino Scaglioni (LS)
- Chris Tatt (CT)
- Rod Thomas (RT)

Apologies

- David Sylvester [*Note: received by answerphone & picked up after meeting*]

Public attendance

- Approximately 20 persons

PART ONE

Declarations of interest

- None

Vale of Glamorgan report from Cllr Bob Penrose

- Community liaison meeting dates will be issued soon
- There is a Keep Cosmeston Green Zoom meeting on 10 September
- Anti-social behaviour at the jet ski slipway is noted. Offices will investigate
- Sully Road was recently closed due to a broken water main being fixed

Chair's Report

- Our last formal business meeting was 14 July, 7 weeks ago
- Since then we have had 3 EGMs
- The EGMs were 21 July, 10 August and 28 August. Attendance is:
 - Ian one
 - Rod none
 - David none
 - Christopher three
 - Chris three
 - Lino three
 - Phil three
 - Martyn three
- End product of the EGMs has been to employ Steve Oaten, SLCC's new permanent Clerk

- Steve is employed on the basis of 26 hours per week, starting 1 September
- We are delighted he has chosen to join us, we had almost 50 applicants for the post

Democratic session

- *Christopher* - PCSO Sid Taak unfortunately isn't here tonight; hopefully he will be present in October
- *Mike Bolas* – Will the Post Office reopen?
- *Phil Baguley* – Nick said another person is coming in to run it, but it has been delayed. It will happen soon
- *Jeff Britton* – Taylor Wimpey, part of planning agreement sums of money handed to Vale, has SLCC applied for any of these funds?
- *Bob Penrose* – No monies handed over, they are paid in percentage terms depending on development stages, when 25% of houses are built the first stage of payments are released. I am in touch with them on this. We welcome proposals from any groups in the village. Nothing has been lost as the process hasn't started. We will keep you up to date on this
- *Jeff Britton* – will ALL the money go to Sully?
- *Bob Penrose* – I believe Sully and Lavernock will have all of this money, myself and Councillor Mahoney will work hard to make sure this happens
- *Jeff Britton* – previous suggestions to have a Surgery on Glebe field are now needed. Surgery now not taking on more patients, school is almost full
- *Bob Penrose* – Library Trust has put forward proposal to use the field for car park, library and surgery. It is being considered. Education Dept. has asked to use part of the field for special schools, this may not happen as they've had no responses and may have now looked elsewhere. Welsh Church Estate Committee advised to use land for housing, but planning would be difficult, only offer on the table is the one from the Library trust
- *Martyn James* – SLCC released funds to a group to look at the wants and needs of the community via a survey. This plan can be used to advise on our applications for 106 monies
- *Rod Thomas* – we are on the case. Survey results needed first
- *Dorothy Hayes* – it is a matter of what agreement was signed between Vale and developer. I would hope that Bob has made sure a good amount of money will be set aside for us to help with issues that will come (transport/school). We could be overlooked if we haven't asked
- *Bob Penrose* – money is allocated under different titles for transport amongst other things. We won't be left high and dry
- *Rod Thomas* – Vale elected members decide on the 106 monies, we need a wish list. Then Councillor Penrose and Mahoney are responsible for securing it
- *Bob Penrose* – we will push for community requests
- *Christopher* – Our Future Community is the group running the survey, a leaflet went out to all residents. Have your say!
- *Bob Penrose* – Library Trust have their own monies, offer made to them doesn't reflect 106 monies, but hopefully the community would support their application
- *Lino Scaglioni* – OFC, did we give them cash to help them on their way?
- *Christopher* – yes, £1,200
- *Bob Penrose* – any update on camper van still in Pavilion car park, many residents contacted me
- *Christopher* – I have spoken to many, one asked what he is doing wrong, he doesn't stay there overnight. My view it could become a new trend. No laws being broken though I believe

- *Phil Baguley* – no laws broken; our car park is even on a website saying it is a good place for camper vans to go. He is a security guard, no problems in the car park since he arrived
 - *Dorothy Hayes* – this needs to be changed as we will have more vans. Cameras should be used for bad behaviour and the police
 - *Christopher* – asked Dorothy if this could cause problems
 - *Dorothy Hayes* – could go to planning saying we don't have sufficient provision for camper vans, then we could have a big problem
 - *Martyn James* – this is a planning problem, car park is for general use, not to be used for overnight use. If we clarify this, we could enforce it
 - *Bob Penrose* – Sully Sports are allowed to hold roughly 22 events without planning permissions (boot sales, car shows, circus etc.) as they are occasional events. In Pavilion car park – it is the only home of the man, so if staying day/night he is breaking the rule saying camper vans are not allowed there. We fought a campaign to stop travellers using public areas, this is not a licensed caravan site and mustn't be used as such. Condoning one sets a precedence
 - *Rod Thomas* – there is a sign on the Pavilion saying no overnight camping
 - *Christopher* – If the man is not there overnight, he might not be breaking any rules
 - *Dorothy Hayes* – ask Bob to go to enforcement officers for clarification on overnight stays. Urgently
 - *Bob Penrose* – land is leased annually by Vale Education Dept to SLCC. Whilst leased to SLCC it is their responsibility. Camping day or night has the same rules
 - *Dorothy Hayes* – Vale legal dept. will know; Bob can get a copy
 - *Bob Penrose* – SLCC should have a copy of the lease
 - *Martyn James* – planning, big difference between parking and use for motor homes
 - *Phil James* – we were going to have a gate, if we had one it would stop overnight camping. Man stays there by day and goes to Morrisons by night. Does no harm
 - *Dorothy Hayes* – he is setting a precedence
 - *Christopher* – I agree, opens floodgates to something else
 - *Bob Penrose* – I will liaise with you on this
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- *Vicki Judd* – update on gate?
 - *Christopher* – quotes obtained. Consequences for the local residents are a concern. Can the police deal with this?
 - *Phil Baguley* – if gate is by the Pavilion building there will be parking places that are sufficient. I found a bag of cocaine there recently
 - *Vicki Judd* – the gate could lead to drugs being used near the school. Area is not being policed. If people report incidents to the clerk maybe this would help?
 - *Bob Penrose* – it is not true that the police have had no reports, I have been in touch with them directly. We aren't getting action on things reported. Such as drug paraphernalia in all local car parks and theft of canoes from sailing club. All reported via 101 but nothing happens, they either don't get through or no action is taken. We have asked for a meeting so residents can speak to police directly. I was promised a meeting with the Police Commissioner, but it hasn't happened. Action needs to be taken
 - *Dorothy Hayes* – at the Police meeting, I attended at the BP Club Syd was on site and concerns were expressed to him. Coastal path is being used by drug users as they aren't seen. Syd must come to a community meeting and I know he is willing to do that
 - *Christopher* – I have his number and have called him for a few days but couldn't reach him
 - *Phil Baguley* – I walk dogs at 11pm, kids there regularly, setting fires, loud music, dumping litter. Police car was sat there a few nights ago, policeman was asleep in the car

- *Christopher* – I have contacted 101 twice recently and within 4 minutes I got through and had a crime number. Another issue resulted in an officer coming out straight away
- *Bob Penrose* – Smithies Avenue break ins, police responses were poor
- *Chris Tatt* – confirmed this was the case
- *Lino Scaglioni* – Police held the meeting in the car park of the BP, advertised on hub and SLRA, police came (4 officers), but only 4 residents turned up
- *Bob Penrose* – notice was put out on Friday, 2 days before, so not enough notice
- *Jeff Britton* – be careful if putting a gate up. Design is critical. Can lead to incidents, e.g.: wind can move a bar onto a car/person

Approval of the minutes of previous meetings

- Part 1 14 July Business Meeting
- **Motion** – Proposed as a true record by Phil, seconded by Martyn
 - For – all councillors
 - Against – Rod
 - Abstain – Ian
- EGM 21 July (all)
- **Motion** – Proposed as a true record by Martyn, seconded by Phil.
 - For – all councillors
 - Against – Rod
 - Abstain – Ian
- EGM 10 August (all)
- **Motion** – Proposed as a true record by Phil, seconded by Chris
 - For – all councillors
 - Against – Rod
 - Abstain – Ian
- EGM 28 August (part 1)
- **Motion** – Proposed as a true record by Chris, seconded by Phil
 - For – all councillors
 - Against – Rod
 - Abstain – Ian

Personnel

- Statement from Christopher: This Council already has GRIEVANCE and DISCIPLINARY POLICIES which I will be forwarding after the meeting. In the weeks ahead we will then be working on a BULLYING & HARASSMENT POLICY. Harassment is unwanted conduct which violates a person's dignity or creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment. It may be on the grounds of sex, marital status, race, disability, religion or beliefs, sexual orientation, age or gender reassignment. SLCC reiterates that it will not tolerate any instance of harassment or bullying, regardless of the grounds. There is no legal definition of bullying. But it is usually defined as repeated behaviour which is intended to hurt someone either emotionally or physically
- No challenges were made by anyone present on these points
- **Motion** – Proposed by Christopher, seconded by Phil: To give the Clerk clear direction, the Councillors of Sully & Lavernock Community Council will make strategic decisions. The Clerk will implement those decisions. This provides a clear single point of contact. Richard Noyes & Michaela Redford report to the Clerk. No Councillors other than the Chair and Vice Chair are permitted contact with Richard Noyes & Michaela Redford without express prior permission from the Chair or Vice Chair. Outside of Ordinary Meetings, EGMs, AGMs, Working Groups and other formal SLCC meetings, no Councillors except the Chair and Vice Chair are permitted contact with the Clerk without express prior permission from the Chair or Vice

Chair. **Pure social contact is excluded from this protocol.** The Clerk is permitted to maintain a log of contact from any Councillors excluding Chair & Vice Chair. The Head Groundsman & Cleaner are permitted to maintain a log of contact from any Councillors excluding Chair & Vice Chair. In the opinion of the Chair, if there has been a breach of the POLICY above, he/she or any other Councillor may move that the Councillor who breached be silenced or excluded from the next Ordinary Meeting and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forth with and without discussion. If the resolution of exclusion as stated above is disobeyed, the Chair may take such further steps as may be reasonably necessary to enforce it and/or he/she may adjourn the meeting.

- For – all councillors
- Abstain – Ian & Rod
- Lino's amendment added the line **pure social contact is excluded from this protocol**
- Rod says he won't sign up and is not giving up my democratic right

Finance

- **Motion** – Christopher proposes Paul Egan to be voted as Internal Auditor, seconded by Phil
 - For – all councillors
- Christopher asks Ian where a shoebox of cheques and paying in stubs have gone. He has searched for them twice. Other Councillors have also searched. Where are they? As Chair, IPO and RFO you are responsible and culpable
- Ian suggests getting the Clerk to search the office or referring the matter to the Police
- There was some discussion about when the shoebox was last seen, where it was seen, who had access to the office

Playing Fields

- Covid re-opening update from Christopher – the priority is to get the Jubilee Hall running for playgroup from next week. Other groups like scouts/brownies/art group can't return yet. Our aim is to get the kids settled in school first, ensure COVID risks are stable, then groups can return on a phased basis. We appreciate this is hard for some groups who want to return to normal life. We are determined to stick to this and do everything as safely as possible
- Boat Yard lease needs to be reviewed by all Councillors for signature by SLCC

Planning

- Phil Baguley has resigned from the Planning Working Group
- Taylor Wimpey update: we are in periodic contact with Ross from TW. We enjoy a reasonable relationship; we use it to highlight concerns, but we aren't using it to campaign against the development except for flagging up issues we spot or things VOG should know

Other Business

- Ian Barlow, leaves the meeting at 8.07pm preceding an agenda item - a vote of No Confidence & motion asking for resignation. Ian declares an interest and states "I was elected by 100s of people and have no intention of resigning. I will now leave the meeting and see you in October"
- **Motion** – proposed by Christopher, seconded by Phil, a vote of no confidence in Ian Barlow
 - For – all councillors
 - Abstain – Rod
- **Motion** – proposed by Christopher, seconded by Lino, Ian Barlow resigns
 - For – all councillors
 - Abstain – Rod

Correspondence received

- David Purchase in Uphill Close left us a message we couldn't hear clearly. Phil will contact him

Reports from external bodies

- Kay Bowring states there have been no governors' meetings since July. Both schools kept in touch about reopening and we have full confidence in the way in which both schools will be reopening. Evenlode have appointed a new Head Teacher
- Nothing from Chemical Advisory or Community Liaison

Chairman's Actions and Matters Arising

- None

Next Meeting will be on 6 October at 6.30pm