

Minutes of Llanboidy Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 07th November 2018 at the Market Hall Llanboidy.

Members Present:

Chairman – R Williams

Councillors Present – Cllr. D Phillips, N Thomas, EW Jones, G Phillips, S Evans, J Phillips and O Young.

Apologies – R Davies and D Dent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record; proposed by N Thomas, seconded by EW Jones and agreed by all.

Declarations of Interest

D Phillips – Planning Application; Councillor Phillips is on the County planning Committee.

R Williams, D Phillips and N Thomas – Members of the Market Hall Committee.

Matters Arising

| Issue | Update | Action |
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| 1.Highways | There is a hole by the drain outside Maes Y Bryn. D Phillips reported that he had sent an email requesting an update on all issues have been reported to the County Council. He has not received a response yet. J Pearce advised to re-send all smaller issues to himself and T Williams. The drain outside Ty Capel Zoar is full and chippings are being washed away. Drain opposite Regwm West is full. Faulty street light outside Stag has been reported. | Clerk to ask Richard Walters Head of highways what could be done about the lack of horse warning signs. All Councillors agreed that signs of some sort must be erected. |
| 2. Access around Market Hall Llanboidy. | The clerk had sent an email to the hall secretary as requested and the matter was discussed in the last committee meeting. A letter has been sent from the Hall committee to Red Kite Solicitors, but N Thomas is going to arrange to meet with the solicitors. | Clerk to send copy of email to N Thomas. |
| 3. Park in Llanboidy | D Phillips had spoken to Carolyn Owen and a meeting is to be held at the Market Hall on 20.11.18 at 10am to look at getting the grant application started. | |
| 4. Cardi Bach Public right of way claim. | A meeting was held to discuss the future of the railway line. | |
| 5. Overgrowing trees | This work has been completed; matter closed. | |
| 6. Rights of way Initiative | The first footpath clearing event took place on Saturday 03.11.18. R Williams gave thanks to everyone that came to help. The group met at the Market Hall and cleared the paths past the school, Dyfryn Marlais, down to Felin Isaf and Parsonage. There is a little work left to do from Felin Isaf to Cilerwydd. It was agreed that the Council should look to do the same in Llanglydwen area. | EWJ to speak to local people and ascertain which footpaths need clearing. Clerk to speak to Brian Mogford to find out his availability for the end of January/beginning of February. |
| 7. Grass Cutting | Now being advertised. Advert closes on Friday 9 th November. | |

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| 8. Public Conveniences | Report that the toilets were not clean. Door closers are needed, or it may be a better option to have a door with latches. | Clerk to check cleaning log. |
| 9. Affordable Housing | One response has been received stating that they would be interested in affordable housing in the Llanboidy area. Carmarthenshire County Council will be sending out questionnaires to all households in Carmarthenshire. | |
| 10. Llanboidy in Bloom | The Council would look at tidying up the Village entrances and possibly putting up baskets of flowers on the lampposts. | |
| 11. Council Bungalows, Llanboidy | One bungalow has been filled. Council have been in to clear the second bungalow. D Phillips reported that he had asked if the houses might be made available local youngsters if there were no local over 50's that needed them. He was told that this was not possible. | |
| 12. Parking outside Cenotaph | Some of the residents have been spoken to and some improvement has been seen. | |
| 13. Weeding in the Car Park | This will now need to be done in the spring. | |

Correspondence

SSE Business Energy – Electricity Rate Change Notice. Tariff changing from 01.11.18
Carmarthenshire County Council – Play Sufficiency Assessment survey.
Llanboidy Market Hall – Thanks and receipt for the £1000.00 grant awarded.
NHS Wales – Information regarding launch of NHS111.
SSE Business Energy – Electricity Rate Change Advisement.

Planning

No planning applications received.

Accounts for Payment

| Payment | Details | Amount | Cheque |
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| SSE Swalec | Unmetered Christmas Lighting | £10.01 | 000902 |
| Miss K Richards | Clerk's Wages | N/A | 000903 |
| HMRC | Tax on Clerk's wages | N/A | 000904 |
| One Voice Wales | Invoice for Information Management Training | £40.00 | 000905 |
| Danfo | Cleaning of Public Conveniences – October 2018 | £162.00 | 000906 |
| SLCC | Membership Fee | £64.00 | 000907 |

Payment proposed by S Evans, seconded by EW Jones and agreed by all.

Other Business

- Member Payments – The clerk went through the document she had had received from the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales regarding payments to members. The table below details decisions made. These payments will be made available to all members from April 2019.

| Determination Number | Is a decision required by council? | Decision |
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| 37 – All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. | No - the payment of £150 is mandated for every member unless they advise the appropriate officer that they do not want to take it in writing. | N/A |
| 38 – Community and town councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses. | Yes – a council must decide how many payments of £500 it will make – to between 1 and 5 members unless they advise the appropriate officer in writing that they do not want to take it. | Not Applicable, Council in group C. |
| 39 – Community and town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses. | Yes – the payment of £500 is optional for up to 5 members. | Unanimously agreed that this would NOT be offered. |
| 40 – Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. | Yes – the payment of travel costs is optional. | Agreed unanimously that this would be offered at a rate of £0.45/mile. |
| 41 – If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members. | Yes – the payment of overnight subsistence expenses is optional. | Agreed unanimously that this would be available. |

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| 42 – Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties. | Yes – the payment of financial loss allowance is optional | Agreed unanimously that this would be available. |
| 43 – All community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month | No - the payment is mandated for every member if they are eligible to claim and wish to do so. | N/A |
| 44 – Community and town councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the mayor/chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500 | Yes – the payment to a Civic Head is optional. | Agreed unanimously that this would NOT be offered. |
| 45 – Community and town councils can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council up to a maximum amount of £500 | Yes – the payment to a Deputy Civic Head is optional. | Agreed unanimously that this would NOT be offered. |

- Council Notice Board – The clerk requested a notice board that would be used solely for Community Council business and adverts. It was suggested that a UPVC window be used and that it be erected on the public conveniences. Councillor D Phillips to source a window.
- Speeding in the lower village – The clerk had received an email from a concerned resident regarding speeding in the lower village; this issue had been reported previously. The clerk had contacted Sarah Thomas (PCSO) and she reported that she would organise another time for the traffic team to attend. The Council also agreed that they should find out if flashing coloured speed signs could be erected and if would be possible to have speed humps; D Phillips to speak to highways and organise meeting.
- White lines on road down from Whitland to Llanboidy – Issue also reported by resident; it is not possible to see the lines at all and difficult to see where you should be positioned on the road. Issue to be reported to highways.
- Membership of SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) – Clerk requested that the Council pay for her membership at a cost of £64.00; £59.00 for membership and £5.00 joining fee. All Councillors in favor.
- Projector – The clerk requested that a projector be purchased to display minutes etc. during meeting and to reduce the amount of printing that the Council and Councillors need to do. All Councillors in agreement.

- Registration with the Information Commissioners Office – It is a requirement under the Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations that every organisation that processes personal information register with the ICO. The cost for the Community Council is £40.00 fee. Clerk to register.
- Half year budget Monitoring and predicted spend. The Clerk presented the budget monitoring she had conducted and predicted spend spreadsheet to the Council. EW Jones had been through the accounts and associated paperwork prior to the meeting and signed to say that it was accurate. The Chair and clerk signed, paperwork is attached.
- A sign is required to advertise the fact that a defibrillator is available in Llanboidy. Clerk to get a price for this.
- G Phillips raised his concerns over the One Planet Wales development based at Rhiw Las. He reported that a one of the families were sending their children to a school outside of the area which was not in-keeping with the plan. The Councillors requested that a letter be sent to Jane Davidson asking for the matter to be investigated and to ask for a report on whether Rhiw Las are meeting the agreed targets of the plan.
- EW Jones had again received complaints regarding deliveries being made at M Williams, Llanglydwen and about the mess at the rear of the premises.
- EW Jones reported that the railings on the Tigen Bridge need some work.
- No ordinary meeting in December. Meeting to set budget for 2019/20 will be held on 05.12.18 @ 7.30pm.