

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laugharne Township Community Council held on Thursday 18th December 2014 in the Millennium Hall, Laugharne.

Present: Mayor R. Stevens

Cllrs. I. John, D. Jones, K. Gough, A. Isaacs, J D R Thomas, D.M. Lewis, S. Brown, J.

Bradshaw, J. Lynch, L. Brown,

CC Cllr. J Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

- 1 Apologies
All members were present
- 2 Disclosures of personal interest
There were none
- 3 (a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 13/11/2014
The minutes were agreed as a true record.

(b) Matters Arising from the Minutes
13/11/14
5b) The clerk informed members that he had written to the Boat Club regarding the proposed terms and conditions related to the proposed new club slip and also for a further site meeting to clarify the exact details of the slip. The club would be meeting early in 2015 and would contact the clerk following their meeting.
5c) The Mayor was congratulated and thanked by members for all the Christmas arrangements, as was all those involved in the arrangements. The fireworks had been particularly well received. Members expressed concerns about the costs involved and the ongoing need to continually replace the lights. It was agreed to agenda a fuller discussion at a meeting early in the new year.
6a) The clerk informed members that the MP was in contact with CCC regarding the need for a footpath to Broadway and further meetings were being proposed for the new year.
6d) Members were informed that new drains were being designed for Church Street prior to the trees being replanted.
- 4 Accounts for payment and a note of income received
Payments

2202	CJD Salary November	£	357.88
2203	CJD Office Costs November	£	40.00
2204	HMRC November	£	89.60
2205	Heritage Screen Print	£	498.00
2206	Gomer Press	£	1047.00
2207	Xmas Trees	£	744.00
2208	Memorial Hall	£	140.00
2209	C. Hovey	£	120.00
2210	A. Bell	£	120.00
2211	R. Thomas	£	183.00
2212	Poppy Appeal	£	20.00

2213	Avery Electrics	£	1888.80
2214	Carmarthen Lights	£	787.20
	Total	£	6035.48

Income

	Fee	£	30.00
	Total	£	30.00

Balances 30/11/14

Current account	£	12,800.15
Reserve Account	£	662.82
Gratuity	£	867.91
Total	£	14,330.88

5 Policy issues

(a) Planning

No planning applications had been received.

(b) Mwche Turbine

The Mayor and clerk had attended a recent meeting of the group objecting to the turbine. Members were informed that the judicial review would be heard on 19th January. Details of how the action was being financed were outlined and members agreed to contribute a further £500 to the fund. It was felt that the turbine would have a detrimental impact on the view from Laugharne. This would adversely affect tourism and visits to Laugharne and therefore the local economy.

(c) Scrutiny Committee Issues/Projects

The Mayor and clerk had met with Cllr. Tremlett and a Highway's officer from CCC regarding extra yellow lines and enforcement of existing yellow lines. Two locations had been discussed. Firstly to extend the existing yellow lines from the junction of Victoria Street northwards along King Street for a further 5 metres. Members agreed that this would provide a better vision splay and supported the idea. The second location was on the eastern side of King Street by Dragon Park. It was agreed that the yellow lines by Rosetta should be extended southwards in front of Dragon Park. This was a pinch point traffic flow and it was hoped that this would ease the problem. The clerk was asked to inform CCC that the council had agreed to the extensions. CCC would need to undertake statutory consultation prior to any implementation.

The clerk reported that he had received correspondence from the Marine Licensing Team of the NRW regarding the Corran and the need to dredge the river. The MLT had asked a number of technical questions and as a result the clerk had asked CCC for assistance. They had recommended an experienced engineer and he and the clerk had met to look at the issues. The river had now

cut a new channel, which was isolating and silting up the former pool and large slip. The issue was complex and the solution expensive. It was agreed to continue to investigate what could be done and to arrange a site visit.

The clerk had received correspondence from the NRA's Biodiversity Team regarding planting willows to screen the treatment works. He had arranged a meeting for the 6th January and it was agreed that the Mayor would also attend.

d) **Community Grants**

The clerk read out correspondence from the PTA requesting a grant to assist them in purchasing additional IT equipment for the school. Cllrs. Thomas, Lewis and Bradshaw declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. Members agreed to offer the PTA a grant of £1500 towards their project.

e) **Talacharn**

The clerk informed members that as a result of various projects, including the Heritage Walk and web site, he had become involved with the council's translator and others regarding the Welsh place-name for Laugharne. Both "Talacharn" and "Lacharn" are currently in use, but Talacharn is the place-name now in common use on signs and letterheads. However the official/standard name for Laugharne in Welsh is "Lacharn". The clerk had written to the Welsh Language Commissioner's Standardisation Panel and they had responded stating that they felt that "Lacharn" was the Welsh place-name for the township, while "Talacharn" was the name for the Lordship of Laugharne.

Members were reminded that "Talacharn" was the name for Laugharne Township on the charter and that while "Lacharn" was in common verbal use, in this verbal context it was a shortening of "Talacharn", not its proper place-name. It was comparable to shortening "Aberystwyth" to "Aber". Members agreed that the place-name of the township in Welsh was "Talacharn". The clerk was asked to continue this discussion with the WLC's Place-names Panel.

6 **For information**

(a) **Reports on Groups and Meetings**

The Mayor informed members that he had attended a meeting in Carmarthen, organised by Carmarthen Town Council to discuss the Swansea City Region Economic Area and exactly what it meant for the economy of the west Wales area. He felt that it was an interesting initiative by Welsh Government but how and whether it would work in practice remained to be seen.

(b) **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported on various pieces of general correspondence. Following discussion at a recent meeting recording coastal warning signs and buoyancy aids along the Green Banks walk way he had written to CCC. He had been informed that the buoyancy aids were regularly checked by CCC and he now had a contact name in CCC should there be any future problems.

(c) **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Tremlett thanked the Mayor for the very enjoyable Christmas arrangements and informed members that three local businesses had received grants to improve the visual appearance of their properties.

(d) Other matters

1. The clerk was asked to arrange for the careful pruning of the cherry trees along the main road through Laugharne.
2. The clerk was asked to arrange for the seat in Orchard Park to be repaired.
3. The clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting of the Scrutiny Committee in January to look at outstanding works that had not been completed.
4. There were a number of pot holes in the car park and the clerk was asked to arrange for these to be filled in and tarmaced.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm