

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laugharne Township Community Council held on Thursday 13th November 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

Clerk Chris Delaney

- 1 Apologies
Cllrs. J. Bradshaw, J. Lynch, L. Brown,
- 2 Disclosures of personal interest
There were none
- 3 (a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 09/10/2014
The minutes were agreed as a true record.

- (b) Matters Arising from the Minutes
10/07/2014

6d) The clerk informed members that he had contacted the specialist contractor to deal with the Japanese Knot weed. However it was now too late in the season and it would be scheduled for the spring.

09/10/14

5b) The clerk informed members that he had written to CCC regarding the need for additional yellow lines and for the enforcement of the existing yellow lines.

- 4 Accounts for payment and a note of income received

Payments

2195	CJD Salary October	£	357.88
2196	CJD Office Costs October	£	40.00
2197	HMRC October	£	121.60
2198	R. Thomas	£	208.00
2199	E. Harries	£	71.04
2200	HCI Data	£	83.40
2201	Tenby Media	£	84.00

Total **£ 965.92**

Income

CCC Grant	£	2839.20
Fee	£	500.00

Total **£ 3339.20**

Balances 31/10/14

Current account	£	14256.67
Reserve Account	£	857.88
Gratuity	£	662.78

Total **£ 15777.33**

5 Policy issues

(a) Planning

Members were informed that Welsh Government had reviewed and accepted the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan. It is anticipated that CCC will formally adopt the LDP in December 2014 and it will come into force soon after. It will replace the Carmarthenshire UDP 2001-2016.

Members were also informed that the objectors to the proposed turbine at Mwche had succeeded in gaining a judicial review of the decision by CCC to approve planning for the turbine. This would be heard in January.

W/30800 New Building adjacent to Long Entry, Llansadurnen granted
9/10/14

W/27727 Pludd's Meadow development site variation of condition 1,
approved 24/10/14

W/28641 Malt House change of use from farm to hotel accommodation. This application had been referred to Welsh Government as there was a conflict with national policies in relation to development and flooding. The inspector concluded that planning permission should be refused and this was confirmed by the minister.

(b) Scrutiny Committee Issues/Projects

The clerk had written again to CCC regarding extra yellow lines and enforcement of existing yellow lines. He had not heard back from CCC. Members felt that this was becoming a very serious issue and CCC should undertake a site visit. The clerk would arrange this. Members were informed that the Mayor was arranging for a drawing to show improvements to the existing parking along the Strand. This would involve diagonal rather than parallel parking.

The clerk reported that he had contacted the NRW regarding the Corran and the need to dredge the river and remove weed growth further upstream. He now understood that there was a maintenance programme in place to clear the river of vegetation. He had been advised to contact the Marine Licensing Team regarding dredging and he had written to them and was awaiting their response.

The council had met on the foreshore on the 16th October to look again at the proposed location of the new Boat Club slip. After a lengthy discussion members agreed in principle that the project could proceed provided certain conditions were met. The clerk was asked to write to the club outlining these conditions.

The clerk updated members with changes to signs and notices on the foreshore. The clerk had obtained a quotation for the new notice and information board and members confirmed their decision to purchase it and

erect it adjacent to the crossing point on the new pavement.

He clerk had contacted CCC's Biodiversity Officer regarding planting willows to screen the treatment works. She felt that as this was an area designated as both a SSI and SAC, NRW should be consulted and the clerk was asked to write to them.

c) **Christmas Arrangements**

The clerk confirmed that arrangements were in place for the Christmas trees and lights. There would also be fireworks on the night. The Mayor confirmed arrangements for the Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 2nd December and that all the arrangements for turning on the lights on Saturday 6th December at 6.00pm were in hand. The clerk was asked to write to the Corporation to see if they would sponsor a box of fireworks on the night.

6 **For information**

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

Cllr. Thomas informed members that he had attended a governor's meeting, which was the first joint meeting of the two governing bodies of Laugharne and Tremolet schools. He informed members that C.Cllr. Tremlett was the Chair and that he was Vice Chair.

A number of members had met Simon Hart MP in Broadway to look at the lack of a pavement to Orchard Park and traffic calming measures. Local resident, Mr. P. Thompson was also present. It was noted that Simon Hart M.P. would contact CCC about these issues. The owners of Coygan Quarry were aware of these issues and had been present at a meeting in Llansadurnen to discuss quarry traffic coming through the village. The company had agreed to help the council with an application to the Aggregates Levy Fund by providing data about vehicle movements through Laugharne and Llansadurnen.

(b) **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported on various pieces of general correspondence. There was also a letter from the Chair of the PTA regarding a possible grant to the PTA to help them provide additional IT equipment for the school. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting

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

Cllr. Tremlett informed members of the budget issues faced by the county council. CC had agreed to hold a road-show and undertake community consultation prior to formulating a list of cuts to service provision.

(d) **Other matters**

1. Members were informed that the trees in Church Street would not be replanted, until the drains under the road were improved.
2. Several issues regarding Orchard Park and Dylan's Walk were raised. These were the responsibility of the county council and Cllr. Tremlett would contact the relevant CCC officers.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm