

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laugharne Township Community Council held on Thursday 9th October 2014 in the Millennium Hall, Laugharne.

Present: Deputy Mayor I. John

Cllrs. L. Brown, J. Bradshaw, K. Gough, A. Isaacs, J D R Thomas,
Clerk Chris Delaney

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor took the chair

Public: Representatives of the Boat-club were at the meeting. They presented their proposals for a new slip into the river, running off the pathway on the bend before first spots. This would be considerably shorter than first thought and would not necessitate any barriers. It would not be an intrusion on the view to the Boathouse. Boats would be left under the cliff and vehicle access would rarely be required. The representatives also commented on issues with the R. Corran as it was badly silted and needed dredging. Members thanked the club and informed them the matter would be discussed later in the meeting

1 Apologies

Cllrs. D. Jones, J. Lynch, D.M. Lewis, S. Brown, R. Stevens, C.Cllr J. Tremlett

2 Disclosures of personal interest

There were none

3 (a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 11/09/2014
The minutes were agreed as a true record.

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

5a) Members were informed of the current situation with the Mwche wind turbine. It was understood that the documentation was being reviewed by a judge.

6d) The clerk and other members had been unable to locate any Japanese Knotweed on the foreshore. The council was informed that it was still there and the clerk would be shown its location.

11/09/2014

5a) **Planning**

Several members had visited the exhibition and presentation regarding the future development of Ferry House. Currently these proposals had not been submitted to CCC for planning permission. Members expressed concerns in relation to the public footpath and the overall design. These would be discussed fully when the application was presented in due course.

6d) Members reported that the commemorative event for William Fuller V.C. had been well attended and a great success.

The meeting was adjourned at this point to allow a member of the public, Mr. W. Thompson of Broadway, to inform members of discussions he was involved with regarding traffic issues in Broadway. He was particularly

concerned with the volume and speed of quarry traffic passing through Broadway and had arranged a meeting with CCC and the CEO of the quarry company to discuss the issues. He was unaware of the council's similar and related concerns and wished to keep the council informed. He agreed to liaise with the clerk.

4 Accounts for payment and a note of income received

Payments

2188	CJD Salary September	£	357.85
2189	CJD Office Costs September	£	40.00
2190	HMRC September	£	89.60
2191	R. Thomas	£	483.00
2192	External Audit	£	354.00
2193	JRB Dog Bags	£	352.80
2194	A Bell & C. Hovey	£	240.00

Total **£ 1917.25**

Income

Car boot	£	405.00
Fee	£	9.86

Total **£ 414.86**

Balances 30/09/14

Current account	£	12,250.72
Reserve Account	£	847.84
Gratuity	£	662.78

Total **£ 13761.34**

Car boot 17/9/14 £110. 24/9/14 £80. 01/10/14 £85. The clerk informed members that to date income from the car boot was £2035.

4. b) The Annual Return had been signed off by the external auditors. There were no matters and the Return was presented to the council. The Return for 2013/14 was accepted and approved by the council.

5 Policy issues

(a) Planning

W/28517 & W/29106 Alterations to Hurst House for a new spa and gym facility. Granted 16/09/2014

(b) Scrutiny Committee

The committee had met on site and discussed a number of issues. These included, on and off street parking, the proposed Corran ford, the proposed slip way for the Boat Club, flood signage, a willow screen near the treatment works and a notice board. The clerk had written to CCC regarding extra yellow lines and enforcement of existing yellow lines. The response from CCC was that the authority was looking at a unified parking plan incorporating the proposed off street parking off King Street and suggesting that the issue of on street parking should be left until this had been completed. Members felt that the issues of yellow lines and enforcement, while related to a lack of parking, were about assisting traffic flow through Laugharne and public safety. The clerk was asked to contact CCC again.

The committee had looked at additional parking on the foreshore. Other than opening up the green area to parking as previously discussed, the other option was to take a small strip of land off the land side of this area. Then put in place herringbone parking rather than the parallel parking at present provide. This would provide more spaces with a minimal impact. The Mayor was making arrangements to have the proposal drawn up.

The clerk reported that the application & drawing for the ford had been sent to NRW and he was awaiting their response. He would contact the NRW regarding the need to dredge the river and weed growth further upstream.

As there had been a large number of apologies for the meeting members agreed that they would not make a decision regarding the proposed slip way until the November meeting. The clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting on 16th October at 5.00 to look again at the proposed location.

Members agreed to relocate the existing “Danger Flooding” sign to the entrance to the car park where a rules and regulations sign is located. This would great visitors entering the car park and be more visible. In addition it could accommodate a temporary sign on which could be chalked times of very high tides. The other sign would swap location with the “Danger” sign.

Members agreed to erect a new two sided notice board adjacent to the crossing point on the new pavement. This would provide community news, tide tables and warnings and the map of facilities. The existing notice board by the entrance to Trebentir would be removed.

Members received costs for planting a willow screen by the treatment works. It was agreed to ask the advice of CCC’s Biodiversity Officer before making any decision on this proposal.

c) **Christmas Arrangements**

It was confirmed that the lights would be turned-on, on Saturday the 6th December. The usual contractor would carry out the work and the Mayor would make all the necessary arrangements for the evening. There would again be fireworks and it was agreed that the Mayor, the council and the

contractor would buy boxes as in previous years. The clerk was asked to order the trees as last year and to make any necessary arrangements.

d) **Welsh National Marine Plan**

Members discussed this document and the consultation. It was clearly relevant to Laugharne and it was agreed that the council should respond. Members had no issues with this initial scoping document and draft vision. The clerk was asked to respond positively to the consultation.

6 **For information**

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

There were no reports from meetings.

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on various pieces of minor correspondence.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Tremlett had apologised.

(d) Other matters

1. A number of issues regarding the Long Lanes were raised and discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm