

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laugharne Township Community Council
held on Thursday 11th September 2014 in the Millennium Hall, Laugharne.**

Present: Mayor R. Stevens

Cllrs

L. Brown, J. Lynch, J. Bradshaw, M. Lewis, K. Gough, I. John, S. Brown

C.Cllr J. Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

Public: No members of the public were present

1 Apologies

Cllrs, D. Jones, A. Isaacs, J D R Thomas

2 Disclosures of personal interest

3 (a) Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 10/07/2014
The minutes were agreed as a true record.

(b) Matters Arising from the Minutes
05/06/2014

4) Following on from the decision to not re-fill the dog bag dispenser by the bridge, it was decided to commence re-filling the one by the barrier

5c) Members were disappointed to learn that the Under Milk Wood Road Run event would not take place in 2015 in Laugharne. The organiser had received a lot of abuse from those who had taken part, particularly on social media after the event and had decided to stop the race at Carmarthen in 2015. The organiser was thanked for his efforts over the years and the chair agreed to write thanking him.

5d) The clerk reported the Bobby Van scheme was no longer in operation and the cheque had been returned. He had not yet sent out the Youth Club cheque as there were doubts as to whether the club would continue to run from the autumn.

6d) The clerk informed members that he had written to CCC regarding the issues of planning for the Cross House and planning approval had now been given.

10/07/2014

5a) The clerk informed members than he had passed on a cheque to the action group fighting the Mwche wind turbine. The group had engaged a Barrister to see if there was sufficient evidence to ask for a judicial review.

6b) The clerk reported that the cockle beds would now remain closed until at least the 31st March 2015. There had been some illegal collecting of cockles, which had been reported to the fisheries.

6d) The clerk and other members had been unable to locate any Japanese Knotweed on the foreshore.

4 Accounts for payment and a note of income received

Payments

2172	CJD Salary July	£	358.08
2173	CJD Office Costs July	£	40.00
2174	HMRC July	£	89.40
2175	R. Thomas	£	579.60
2176	C. Hovey	£	140.00
2177	A. Bell	£	140.00
2178	Action Group Fund	£	200.00
2179	Heritage Screen Print	£	1479.60
2180	P. Brace	£	1198.00
2181	P.Brace	£	200.00
2182	P. Jones	£	210.00
2183	CJD Salary August	£	358.05
2184	CJD Office Costs August	£	40.00
2185	HMRC August	£	89.40
2186	R. Thomas	£	579.60
2187	Tenby Media	£	500.00

Total £ **6201.73**

Income	Precept	£	8950.66
	Car boot	£	765.00
	VAT	£	4152.50
	Fee	£	2750.00

Total £ **16618.16**

Balances 31/08/14

Current account	£	15020.91
Reserve Account	£	837.74
Gratuity	£	662.72

Total £ **16521.37**

Car boot 17/7/14 £30. 24/7/14 £105. 31/7/14 £90. 7/8/14 £75
14/7/14 £70. 21/8/14 £75. 28/8/14 £70. 3/9/14 £115.
10/9/14 £100.

5 Policy issues

(a) **Planning**

W/30329 Market Street coffee shop alterations and sign. Granted

07/08/2014.

W/30800 Detached property adjacent to Long Entry Llansadwrnen

Members had no issues

W/30650 Extension to garage to form workshop Swn Y Mor Llansadwrnen
Members had no issues.

(b) **Corran Ford**

The clerk had met the NRW who had no objection to the scheme but a formal application was required. The NRW bio-diversity staff preferred a gabion base to the ford rather than concrete. The Scrutiny Committee had met on site and felt that a concrete base was more suitable and this would be the basis of the application to NRW. Members were keen to proceed but at present the application could not be submitted as drawings from the contractor were required.

c) **Accounts 2013/2014**

The clerk reported that the accounts had now been audited by the external auditor and they intended to issue an unqualified certificate and reported that there were no issues. The council approved the annual return and report. The RFO and Mayor both signed it and it would be returned to the auditors for their final approval.

d) **Parking Issues**

Members discussed a number of issues regarding parking in the community. There had been no apparent progress on providing additional parking off King Street. At times, because of the flow of traffic through Laugharne, it can be difficult for vehicles to safely negotiate King Street. There was a need for additional double yellow to provide additional space for vehicles to pass. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the county council. Throughout the summer the foreshore car park had been very full. The township was now a key tourist destination and attracting more visitors. It was agreed that the Scrutiny Committee would meet on site to look at this issue.

e) **Notice Boards**

Following a request from the WI for a community notice board, the clerk reported on possible locations. It was agreed that the notice board should replace the existing one on the Grist and should be similar to the new Wales Coast Path panel and the new finger posts. It was agreed that the Scrutiny Committee should look into this.

6 **For information**

(a) Reports on Groups and Meetings

There had been no meetings.

(b) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on various pieces of minor correspondence. Members were reminded of the ceremony to commemorate William Fuller VC. The clerk was asked to send out the link to the Welsh National Marine Plan and agenda this as an item for the next meeting. The Boat Club had written regarding a new slip located off the foreshore walk way. Members felt again that this was an issue for the Scrutiny Committee.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Tremlett raised a number of county issues which were discussed. Seasons had developed a proposal for the Ferry House and she urged members to attend a meeting and exhibition at Browns about the proposals.

(d) Other matters

1. The issue of warning cars about the dangers of flooding in the car park was discussed and again the Scrutiny Committee was asked to look at this issue.
2. Members sought clarification about the type of items that could be sold at the car boot. Members felt that this was an issue for buyer and seller and this should be looked at on an individual basis.
3. It was agreed that the Christmas Lights would be switched on, on Saturday the 6th December. The Mayor would make the necessary arrangements for Father Christmas and the choir.
4. The clerk was asked to obtain a quote for planting willows and other suitable trees to screen the treatment works.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm