**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laugharne Township Community Council**

**held on Thursday 11th June 2015** **in the Millennium Hall, Laugharne.**

**Present:** Mayor I. John

Cllrs., D. Jones, K. Gough, D.M. Lewis, L. Brown, J. Lynch, R. Stevens, J. Bradshaw

C.Cllr. J. Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

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Members of the public were present and made representations regarding the proposed development on the old pottery site and the public car parking behind the pharmacy. In particular they raised concerns about the latter and its possible implications for parking matters across Laugharne. They were informed that these were two separate, although connected issues. The application was a planning application and would be determined under planning law. An overall parking scheme or strategy for Laugharne was yet to be discussed, consulted upon or developed.

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| 1 | Apologies  Cllr. S. Brown, J D R Thomas, A. Isaacs | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Disclosures of personal interest  Cllrs. I. John, D. Jones, & J. Bradshaw declared interests under item 5d) | | | | | | | |
| 3 | (a) | | Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 14/05/2015  The minutes were agreed as a true record. | | | | | |
|  | (b) | | | Matters Arising from the Minutes  18/12/2014  6d) The clerk confirmed that he had written to th Chief Executive of CCC regarding the replanting of the trees in Church Street.  09/04/2015  5b) The clerk updated members of the proposed wind turbine at Mwche. The application had now been withdrawn by the applicant and the matter was now closed. The clerk was involved in discussions regarding the distribution of the residual funds in the campaign account.  14/05/2015  5a) Planning Application W/31696. The clerk had written to CCC regarding the application expressing the council’s concerns. He informed members that from information on the CCC web site there were many objections to the scheme including many statutory bodies and the MoD.  5c) The clerk informed members that he had investigated the situation regarding the rugby field and it was not part of the adjacent land currently on sale.  6b) The Scrutiny committee had met with representatives of the Boat Club regarding keeping some boats on land near the youth club seating area. Members agreed that 6 small boats could be kept there at the club’s own risk.  d) The clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC regarding the proposed double yellow lines and the state of Back Lane ROW. | | | | |
| 4 | Accounts for payment and a note of income received | | | | |
|  |  | | | | **Payments** | |  |  |
|  | 2012  2013  2014  2015  2016  2017  2019  2020 | | | | CJD Salary May  CJD Office Costs  HMRC  R. Thomas  M. James Audit  JRB Dog Bags  C Hovey  A Bell  **Total** | | £  £  £  £  £  £  £  £  **£** | 363.25  40.00  90.80  483.00  110.00  352.80  140.00  168.00  **1747.85** |
|  |  | | | | **Income**  Car Boot  20/5/15 £85, 27/5/15 £70, 3/6/15 £70 10/6/15 £110  **Balances 30/04/15** | | | | |
|  |  | | | | Current account £ 8796.83 | | | | |
|  |  | | | | Reserve Account £ 662.94 | | | | |
|  |  | | | | Gratuity £ 928.14 | | | | |
|  |  | | | | **Total £ 10,387.91** | | | | |
| **5** | | **Policy issues** | | | | | | | |
|  | | (a) | | **Planning**  W/ 32042 W/32043 Demolition, restoration and development of housing and public car parking at the Old Pottery and Gaisford House King Street. Members discussed this and supported the whole project although the clerk as asked to write to CCC as members felt that the proposed number of dwellings could be reduced. The provision of car parking in this part of the Township was essential. | | | | | |
|  | | (b)  c)  d)  e) | | **Budget 2014/15**  The clerk presented the annual return for 2014/15. The accounts had been audited by the internal auditor and he had signed off the return. These were accepted by council and signed off by the Mayor and clerk for submission to the external auditor.  **Projects and Aggregates Levy**  The clerk updated members on current projects. An Aggregates Levy application was discussed. It was felt that this should be for a suitable community project. There was a need for community organisations to work together to identify an appropriate project. It was agreed that the next step was to hold a meeting of relevant organisations. The clerk was asked to arrange this.  **Grants to Community Organisations**  Members who had declared an interest did not take part in relevant discussions. The following grants were agreed following discussion:  Ysgol Dyffryn Tâf £50  Laugharne Senior Citizens Club £250  Carmarthen CAB £100  Wales Air Ambulance £200  Laugharne Church Burial Ground £600  Llansadwrnen Church Burial Ground £600  Llandawke Church Burial Ground £600  Laugharne Chape Burial Ground £600  Laugharne Tenants and Residents £1000  Laugharne Festival Committee (Cors Field) £1000  Laugharne Festival Committee (Festival) £250  Members considered a grant request from the Hall Committee. They were very supportive but the clerk was asked to write to the Secretary asking for further information and the most recent copy of the accounts.  **Code of Conduct**  The clerk updated members on recent updates to the Code of Conduct which he would place on the web site. Members were asked to bring themselves up to date with the code. | | | | | |
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| 6 | **For information** | |
|  | (a) | Reports on Groups and Meetings  Members reported on a meeting with the Corporation regarding further partnership working. It was agreed that there should be monthly public walks around selected public footpaths and the council was asked to look at planting the narrow strip of overgrown land adjacent to the highway by Great House. The clerk was asked to contact the gardener’s regarding this. |
|  | (b) | Clerk’s Report  The clerk reported on various pieces of general correspondence. Welsh Government had written regarding the Public Health Wales Bill, which included the provision of public toilets. There would be a requirement for county councils to have a strategy in place to deliver accessible toilets for the public. |
|  | (c) | County Councillor’s Report  Cllr. Tremlett informed members about county council matters including a Social Services Consultation regarding services to the elderly. New street name signs were now in place in Orchard Park. |
|  | (d) | Other matters   1. The clerk was asked to place the matter of extending the foreshore car park on the next agenda. 2. The clerk was asked to agenda the question of charging motor homes for overnight parking. 3. The Scrutiny Committee was asked to meet regarding the youth club area. 4. The clerk was asked to contact the ROW team regarding the timber steps on the Sir Johns Hill Walk 5. The clerk was asked to agenda the matter of litter and dog fouling. |
|  | The meeting closed at 9.30 pm | |