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

**held on Thursday 12th December 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Laugharne.**

**Present:** The Mayor L. Brown

Cllrs. D. Avery, I. John, R. Stevens, A. Thomas, R Treacy, D.M Lewis, J. Bradshaw and JDR Thomas

C. Cllr. J. Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

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| 12 | Apologies Cllr. Pam JonesDisclosures of personal interestThere were no declarations of interest. |
| 3 | Chair’s invitation to the public to address the meetingMembers of the public were present. Mr. A. Lane outlined to the council a proposal for a major tree planting programme throughout Laugharne involving a partnership between the Community Council and the Corporation with community support. He envisaged a planting scheme throughout the community involving 20,000 trees that would be completed by mid-April 2021. Grants were available and a broad variety of young, easy to plant trees was suggested. Members expressed support for the scheme which could be considered as part of the Environmental Action Plan. |
| 4 | a) | Approval of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting – 14/11/2019The minutes were accepted and approved as a true record.  |
|   |  b) | Matters Arising from the Minutes 10/09/197b) the clerk informed members that he had contacted Coleg Sir Gar and Pembrokeshire College regarding Youth Representatives.10/10/19Members were informed that the closing date for calling an election had passed and the clerk had posted notices of co-option with a closing date of 20/12/2019.Item 5 Members outlined to Cllr. Tremlett some ongoing issues with the recycling facility. She confirmed that St. Martin’s Church was now on a weekly collection rota, which with the extra provision in place meant that the bins were rarely full.A covert camera had been put in place for approximately one week with no evidence of any inappropriate fly tipping occurring. The Department was awaiting delivery of a new camera bin.  The department could then look at redeploying it at the site for a period of time as it will be used across the county as and when needed. Members felt that signage was needed as well, such as “No blue, black or any bags to be left at this recycling site”. The poor surface areas identified during the site visit had been attended to by the Highway Section.  However, the main issue for surface deterioration is inadequate drainage and run-off of surface water down through the site. 14/11/20197a) The clerk had written to CCC planers outlining the issues raised by members regarding planning application W/39678 Swn y Môr, Llansadwrnen.7c) The names of the Speed Watch volunteers have been given to the police and the next stage of the process had begun.8c) The clerk informed members that he had located the art work for the facilities and attractions map and would look at revising and updating it. |

**5. County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr. Tremlett updated members on a number of issues in the community that she had been dealing with. CCC had served a notice on the owners of Island House, because of safety concerns, The house had now been boarded up to prevent access to the building which was in a dangerous state.

6. **Accounts for payment and a note of income received**

Payments

2741 CJD Salary November £ 388.32 2742 CJD Office Costs November £ 40.00

2743 HMRC November £ 97.00

2744 R. Thomas £ 900.00

2745 A. Bell gardening £ 315.00

2746 Avery Electrics £1728.00

2747 Extra Christmas lights £ 375.85

2748 Mayor’s allowance £1000.00

**Total** **£4844.17**

**Income**

**Balances 30/11/2019** Current Account £18505.44

 Reserve Account £665.33

 Gratuity £1472.82

 **Total £20,643.79**

**7 Policy Issues**

1. **Planning**

Members were informed that Seasons had responded to the Planning Contravention Notice and that as a result CCC would be serving an Enforcement warning Notice regarding the new road being built.

W/39795 & W/ 39812 Tree maintenance Wogan Mews. Members had no issues with the crowning and pruning of the trees involved.

W/39876 Strand Bungalow Replacement dwelling. Some members had concerns about the appropriateness of the design of the proposed dwelling in its location. However, the majority of members had no issues with the proposal.

1. **Environmental Matters**

Members discussed the revised and updated action plan, which was approved. It was noted that the plan already included tree planting schemes throughout the community in line with the earlier presentation by Mr. Lane. The issue for the council was that most of the land in council ownership was not suitable for tree planting either because it was tidal or it was environmentally significant and legally protected as tidal marshland, not as woodland.

Members were informed that the Mayor and clerk had attended a second meeting in St. Clears to discuss the possibility of a new rail stop. Currently there were 4 locations on a Welsh Government shortlist for a rail stop, including St. Clears. It was important therefore to gain community support to take to Welsh Government from the area. A campaign was being developed and would be launched in the area in the New Year using tradition community engagement tools and social media.

**8. For information**

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

 There was nothing further to report.

 **b) Clerk’s Report**

 The clerk had nothing further to report

 **c) Other matters**

 1. Members expressed concern about day time garden fires shrouding parts of Laugharne in smoke

 2. It was reported that the bollard on the Corran crossing was very loose and needed re-bolting.

**9. The meeting closed at 9.15**