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

**held on Thursday 08thOctober 2020.**

**Present:** The Mayor D. Avery

Cllrs. L. Brown, A. Thomas, P. Jones, D.M Lewis, I. John, JDR Thomas, R. Stevens, R Treacy, J. Bradshaw

C. Cllr. J. Tremlett

Clerk Chris Delaney

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| 1  2 | Apologies  Cllrs. J. Hill  Disclosures of personal interest  None | | | |
| 3 | Chair’s invitation to the public to address the meeting  Members reported that people in the community were concerned about the number of dog owners who were walking their dogs off the lead, particularly on the Green Banks. The clerk confirmed that the area was covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order under the act and that currently the order required dog walkers to put their dogs on leads of no more than 2 metres in length when asked to by an authorised officer. The authorised officers are employed by CCC. | | |
| 4 | a) | | Approval of the Minutes of the last virtual Ordinary Meeting – 10/09/2020  The minutes were accepted and approved as a true record. |
|  | b) | Matters Arising from the Minutes  10/09/20  3. The clerk and Cllr. Tremlett updated members regarding residents parking in Frogmore Gardens. The clerk had received correspondence from a member of the community who occasionally parked there, which included correspondence from CCC and Cllr. Tremlett had talked to the CCC officers concerned. Members were informed that there was designated parking reserved for people living in the area, but this was off street reserved designated parking. Like anywhere else in Laugharne on street parking was technically on the highway and could not legally be reserved for people living in the immediate area. Parking on the highway is available to all.  The clerk reported that he had looked at the costs of electronic signs, that could be used to warn people about flood tides. They were now considerably cheaper and as they needed a power supply, he suggested locating it on the “Warning Sign” at the car park entrance. Some members felt that it would not be seen in that location and it was agreed that the Scrutiny Committee should hold a site meeting to look at possible locations.  7.Planning  There were further discussions regarding the damage done to the entrance gates to Seasons without planning consent and more trees being cut down by the company. Members had seen photographs and the clerk was asked to write to the appropriate officers.  8c) The clerk had sent members links to information regarding bonfires and the use of drones. Bonfires are not technically illegal, but if they are causing a public nuisance through excessive smoke or noxious fumes then the public could contact CCC as in those circumstances they could legally act. There was now legislation in place covering the licensing and operation of drones and anybody in breach of the regulations could be prosecuted. | |

**5. County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr. Tremlett brought members up to date regarding developments and improvements at the Boathouse and the writing shed. There was currently no access to the Boathouse because of the COVID regulations. She reported on the local Lockdown around Llanelli and was dealing with an issue regarding the collection of rubbish from the foreshore bins.

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

Payments

Cheque 2778 Clerks salary 400.03

Cheque 2779 Clerk’s Office Costs 40.00

Cheque 2780 HMRC 100.00

Cheque 2581 Mayors Allowance 1000.00

Cheque 2582 R. Thomas 600.00

Cheque 2583 JRB Dog bags 355.20

Cheque 2584 EDAF Black bags 153.60

**Total 2648.83**

**Income**

Donation 100.00

**Total Income 100.00**

**Accounts on 30/09/20**

Current 20799.99

Deposit 1 666.04

Deposit 2 1574.35

**Total funds available 23,040.47**

**7 Policy Issues**

1. **Planning**

Pl/00/296. New road through Maes y Deri to Seasons. Members commented that this western section of road like the eastern section was constructed prior to any planning application and had been in use for some time. It will clearly be used to bring in all the prefabricated chalets that the development has planning approval for. In this respect the council sees that this road has benefits for the community and will remove the inconvenience of large vehicles negotiating the narrow roads and street of the Township. In principle therefore members had no issue with the idea. However, members were concerned about the lack of construction detail and in particular the road junctions and drainage issues. They were also concerned about the environmental and heritage impact of the road. No assessments have been carried out, so no issues have been identified and subsequent mitigation put in place.

Members further agreed that they expected this documentation to be in place prior to any approval being granted. They also expected that the county council should stop any further use of the roads until the company are compliant with legislation. The council were also very concerned that not only have these two roads been constructed without following legal due process, but the company has carried out other works to trees, the burning of toxic waste and the entrance gateway without approval. These issues had been brought to the county council’s attention and members were shocked that the company has not had a legal action taken against them. The clerk was asked to convey these concerns to the county council planners.

PL/00/201 Removal and repair to the central spine wall of Island House. The wall is in a very poor state due to water ingress and members had no concerns with this proposal to partially demolish it and then rebuild it in stone.

1. **Christmas arrangements**

It was agreed that the council would continue with installing Christmas trees and lights as in previous years, but due to the COVID situation regrettably there would be no turning on ceremony this year. The Mayor would purchase the selection boxes which would be distributed to the children through the school and a small distribution point to be announced.

1. **15 Minute Heritage**

The clerk outlined this grant project sponsored by Cadw that would award grants from £3000 up to £10,000 for heritage projects in the community. It was agreed that an application would be made by the council and the council would lead on it in partnership with a number of community groups including the History and Civic Societies.

1. **Local Places for Nature**

The clerk informed members that he had received the equivalent equipment, plants and seeds from the sponsors for the butterfly garden rather than a grant for £500. He had originally thought of using the gardens but there was no sufficient space there. Members agreed to offer the kit to the school and/or the Festival Committee for the Cors Field.

**8. For information**

**a)** **Clerk’s Report**

The clerk had nothing further to report.

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**c) Other matters**

1. It was agreed that more signs were needed to deal with the dog problems that were a matter of community concern.

2. The number of trees being cut down around the Season’s complex remained a matter of concern.

3. It was reported that the culvert at the bottom of Back Lane was yet again blocked with leaves and twigs. The clerk was asked to contact the interested parties.

**9. The meeting closed at 8.00**