

Present:

Cllrs Mrs Philippa Davies, Andrew Howell, Terry Griffiths, Keith Evans, Doug Davies, Wyn Evans, Miss Beth Davies, Peter Davies, Mrs Eileen Curry, Mrs Carolyn Reed-Rees (acting Clerk) and Tom Cowcher (Chair)

Personal:

Cllr Tom Cowcher advised that Nia, the Clerk, is still off due to ill health and also that our previous Clerk, Mary Davies, is now in a hospice in Llanelli and it was decided to send a letter to her family (Clerk to arrange to do so).

Cllr Cowcher also welcomed Llinos, our interpreter, back and congratulated her and her family on the recent birth of her son, Gruffydd.

The Chair thanked everyone for their assistance over the past year and Cllr Keith Evans thanked both the Chair and Vice Chair for their work over their period in Office.

1. Election of Chair:

Cllr Mrs Eileen Curry proposed, given the fact that (a) the Clerk is going to be absent for a number of months due to ill health and (b) the ongoing matters that are currently being dealt with by the Community Council, that Cllr Tom Cowcher remain in the Chair for a further year to keep some continuity. Cllr Wyn Evans proposed that Cllr Terry Griffiths should take over the Chair as he has been Vice Chair for the past year and that the usual system should be followed. A vote was taken, the result of which was 4-3 (1 abstained) in favour of Cllr Tom Cowcher remaining in the Chair for the forthcoming year.

2. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office to include the Code of Conduct was signed by the Chair.

3. Election of Vice Chair:

Cllr Andrew Howell proposed the present Vice Chair (Cllr Terry Griffiths) should remain in Office and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Election of Planning Committee & Planning Applications:

The following were proposed and unanimously agreed:

Cllr Tom Cowcher – Capel Dewi; Cllr Mrs Philippa Davies – Pontsian; Cllr Wyn Evans – Llandysul, Cllr Andrew Howell - Llandysul and Cllr Eileen Curry – Tregroes.

5. Election of Finance Committee:

The following were proposed and unanimously agreed:

Cllrs Doug Davies, Wyn Evans and Andrew Howell.

6. Internal Auditor:

It was proposed that Ron Foulkes remain our Internal Auditor and this was unanimously agreed.

7. Internal Control:

It was proposed that Cllr Mrs Carolyn Reed-Rees remain as our Internal Checker and this was unanimously agreed.

8. Risk Assessment:

It was proposed that our current Risk Assessment should be forwarded to Ron Foulkes for his approval and forwarded to all members for their information.

9. To Receive Statement of Accounts:

Cllr Keith Evans reminded members that the Accounts had in fact been reviewed and confirmed at the last meeting and that everything was in order.

10. Vacant Seats:

Although one application has been received, Cllr Keith Evans advised that the vacant seats must be advertised in order to comply with the required regulations. The Clerk is to be requested to arrange for posters to be produced that can be distributed at the next meeting for members to display and methods of advertising to be discussed at the next meeting. This item therefore to be placed on the Agenda for next month. Clerk also to check with CCC regarding the regulations in order that they are complied with. (The applicant was present at the meeting as an observer and was advised that her application would be held until the appropriate time.) Cllr Mrs Eileen Curry suggested that any applications could be pointed in the right direction to find out about the duties and expectations of a Community Councillor, which may be of assistance.

(Cllr Peter Evans arrived at this point.)

11. Apologies:

Cllr Aled Jones

12. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Keith Evans – Carmel Chapel; Cllr Eileen Curry – Carmel Chapel; Cllr Beth Davies – Llandysul Show, Prengwyn Sheepdog Trials (now to be known as 'Prengwyn Show') and Llandysul Carnival.

13. To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 14-4-14:

The acting Clerk advised that the words 'Notes relating to' should be removed and this was duly carried out and signed by the Chair. The Minutes were then proposed and carried as being a correct record of the Meeting.

14. Matters Arising:

4. Invoice from V Davies has now been received for payment

5. Rais yr Iaith – Donation of £50.00 was proposed by Cllr Andrew Howell and seconded by Cllr Wyn Evans. Country Fair – Accounts have not been received and it was agreed to pay the donation previously agreed in the sum of £5,000 at the end of the event (to be held in June)

6. Grit Bin in Maesymeillion – It was confirmed that this grit bin is not required to be replaced.

8. Radio Beca – OVW has advised that to become a Member may cause complications and that it would be preferable to make a donation, if possible. Cllr Keith Evans proposed that we write to Radio Beca to ask whether they are able to accept a donation from us (as non-members) and, if so, this can then be considered.

9. Consultation Document - Cllr Andrew Howells reported, having perused the document, that there was nothing that concerned us within the document.

10. Absenteeism from Meetings – Cllr Tom Cowcher confirmed that the Clerk had spoken with Cllr Beth Davies on this matter.

15. Country Fair – Accounts have been received.

15. BDO – Annual Return – 31-3-14:

The acting Clerk advised that the return had not been presented with the other papers and this will be followed up with the Clerk to ensure that the Return is completed, ready for signing at the June Meeting, in time to forward the Return by the end of June.

16. Donations:

Llandysul Show - £800.00 Proposed by Cllr Andrew Howell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Philippa Davies and carried.

Prengwyn Sheepdog Trials ('Prengwyn Show') £500.00 Proposed by Cllr Keith Evans, seconded by Cllr Andrew Howell and carried.

Llandysul Carnival £500.00 Proposed by Cllr Keith Evans, seconded by Cllr Philippa Davies and carried.

Carmel Chapel: Request of £7,000.00 for renovation works in order to make access to the Chapel easier for the elderly/disabled. It was decided that we should write to the Chapel offering our support but asking if they have applied to CCC for funds and they should have more funds available for such applications. This item to be put on the Agenda to be discussed again next month. It was suggested that, although voluntary work accounted for a lot of the work to be carried out, perhaps the 'specific trades' aspect of the work could be put forward to CCC.

Llandysul Aqua Centre - Accounts were received too late for members to view and discuss. This is therefore to be placed on the Agenda for next month. (Clerk has forwarded Accounts to members for them to view.)

(Cllr Peter Evans apologised and left the Meeting at this point)

17. Correspondence:

A list of emails that have been forwarded to members was distributed to all. Cll Mrs Eileen Curry pointed out that the training course relating to Consulting with the Community/Community Engagement would be beneficial as we struggle to involve members of the public. Cllr Andrew Howell offered to obtain more information and report back on this training.

CCC - Household rubbish collections for Bank Holiday weeks – noted; Notification that the precept for the current year has been paid; Notice that the CCC AGM has been postponed – noted; European Parliamentary Elections Notices were distributed to members for display in notice boards.

OVW – Letter confirming Membership Fees to be paid. It was unanimously agreed that we should remain members and pay the fees.

SLCC - Advice of training – It was noted that the Clerk will still be away unwell so will not be able to attend.

Welsh Government – This paper was handed to Cllr Eileen Curry who offered to read the document and report back next month. To be placed on the Agenda for the June Meeting.

Bwcabus – Leaflet was handed round for members to read.

Play for Wales – Leaflet was given to Cllr Philippa Davies.

Swalec – It was noted that this item has been listed under 'Correspondence' in error. (See 'Invoices' below)

Invoices:

Cyngor Sir Ceredigion £330.00 for waste bags; Ron Foulkes £25.00 for auditing accounts; Mrs V Davies £72.00 for cleaning bush shelter in Capel Dewi (for the period of one year – as advised by Cllr Doug Davies); Swalec £624.62 for unmetered Christmas Lighting; Cllr Andrew Howell £97.60 relating to expenses incurred – travel to OVW Meetings.

18. Website:

Nothing to report this month. (To remain on the Agenda.)

19. Awel Deg:

Cllr Keith Evans advised that it appears some staff have been suspended and some made redundant but there are numerous rumours. It was suggested that we should send a letter to Mr Parry Davies, the Strategic Director, to ask what is happening and to ask if he would be prepared to attend our Meeting to speak to us on the matter. Clerk to send letter.

20. Painting of Benches:

A quote has been received for carrying out repairs to and painting of 46 x benches. It was decided that the Clerk should check back on our records to make sure that we do indeed have 46 x benches and to check when any remedial work to benches was last carried out (and at what cost) We also need to request at least two other quotes for this work and members are to check how many benches are present in their Wards and what work is required to be carried out on them.

21. Maintenance/Planting:

It was decided to ask the Clerk to request Deiniol Evans to carry out the brush cutting for this year as a continuation to the contract and that the Clerk will make a diary note to obtain new quotes for a period of two years for next year/the following year. (Clerk to check whether the price will remain the same for this year.)

It was decided to ask the Clerk to request Richard Bramley of Farmyard Nurseries to carry out the planting of troughs for this year as a continuation to the contract and that the Clerk will make a diary note to obtain new quotes for a period of two years for next year/the following year. (Cllr Andrew Howell advised that Mr Bramley had indicated the price would remain the same for this year.) Clerk to again request an invoice from Farmyard Nurseries for work already carried out.

(It was suggested at this point that the Clerk may find a calendar such as 'Google' useful for the recording of such repeated events in the future.)

Trees in Maesymeillion – Cllr Mrs Carolyn Reed-Rees advised members that residents of Maesymeillion are very concerned about the safety of the large trees in front of homes throughout the village, after at least seven were blown down in the recent storms. These trees have preservation orders on them. The residents are arranging for an inspection to be carried out by a tree surgeon but would like the support of the Community Council going forward when they apply to CCC to have the trees removed (where applicable).

22. Attendance at Meetings:

This matter was covered under Matters Arising (14 above)

23. Planning (Cllr Peter Davies left at this point)

Notice of Development Control Committee Meeting 14-4-14- Noted

A140282 Openreach Broadband Cabinets – no objections

A140267 Variation of conditions – Llyn y Fran Road – no objections

A140343 Variation of conditions – proposed new school – no objections

Approval Notices – all noted, as follows: A140179 Mrs Ebbsworth replacement fence;

A140040 Mr Halton erection of dwelling; A140085 Mr & Mrs Rees erection of shed;

A140123 Mr & Mrs Rees amendment of condition; A130593 Mr Jones conversion of former carhouse to dwelling.