

MINUTES OF A BORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON

TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 19.00HRS

Present: Chairperson: H Hughes
R Dalton
G B Jones
A J Morris
D Pryce Jones
A Thomas
D Tweedy
In Attendance: County Cllr: R P Quant
Clerk: M Walker
3Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

295. Cllrs C Bainbridge, M Griffiths and J James.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

296. None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

297. To remind Cllrs that any matters of interest which may arise during the meeting must be declared.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

298. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the remote monthly meeting held on 10 January as being a true record. Proposed by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr Pryce Jones. All members voted in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

299. None.

CORRESPONDENCE

300. All correspondence from One Voice Wales, Welsh Government and Ceredigion County Council were forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. No issues were raised by members relating to the correspondence. Other correspondence not requiring any action was received from Social Farms and Gardens, Smart Towns, Ecodyfi, Dyfed Pension Board Fund, a copy of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025, Clerk & Councils Direct, NBB Outdoor Equipment catalogue and Play for Wales magazine

301. BroAber360. An application for a lottery grant is underway and the organisation is requesting the Council supports the continuation and development of BroAber360 for the coming financial year.

302. Bryn Owen Holiday Park. An acknowledgement from Bryn Owen following concerns from a nearby resident about the construction activities at Bryn Owen Holiday Park and the possible implication on the drainage network and the risk of flooding in the area. A follow up letter confirms that CCC has instructed Bryn Owen to "cease all activities on site immediately".

303. Borth Community Hub. An invitation to attend the unveiling of their new mural on Saturday 12th February.

304. St Matthews Church. A thank you letter for the Council's financial contribution towards a new disabled toilet block.

305. Council Insurance. Following an e-mail to the Insurance Company it has been confirmed that Borth Council is not insured for the damage to the coping stones on the wall opposite Premier Stores. The Chairman has arranged a meeting to review the Council's Insurance policy.

306. The Queens' Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Mugs. A collectible mug to commemorate the jubilee. After a brief debate members agreed to the purchase of 2 boxes of mugs (72 mugs in total) at a cost of £527.23 inc vat and p&p. The mugs will be distributed to all children residing in the village under the age of 11. Cllr Bainbridge in her absence has volunteered to organise the distribution with the help of Cllr Thomas. In respect of organising any other Jubilee event it was agreed to wait for the carnival committee to hold their AGM to see whether they are planning any events.

307. Proposal for an Intensive Poultry Unit near Talybont. An e-mail expressing concern about the proposal. It was agreed that as BCC is not a consultee it should not make any comment in respect of the planning application.

308. Council Vacancy. The Clerk confirmed that notices to fill the vacancy are displayed on the noticeboards, Borth Community Info website and on the Council's Facebook page.

309. Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa. A request for financial assistance in order to maintain current provision and in planning activities for the development and enjoyment of our children. Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Pryce Jones seconded the payment of £2000 which was included in the 2021/2022 budget. All members voted in favour.

310. Litter Bins. A letter from a local resident requesting more litter bins from CCC and a copy of the response sent from the council in answer to that request. The Clerk was asked to respond stating that the comments and concerns were noted and that BCC would monitor the situation.

311. Donation Request. Wales Air Ambulance. All donations requests are considered at the March meeting of Council.

ACCOUNTS

312. Balance of Accounts at 14 January 2022

Nationwide	30229.71
Charitable Bank Acct	500.94
Business No Notice Acct	17560.94
Deposit Account	3749.37

313. Income

CCC – Playground Grant	10000.00
Rent of Land at Gerydon	100.00

314. Expenditure – Members resolved to pay the following:

Charitable Bank Account monthly charge	6.60
Forestry Services Ltd – Xmas Tree	180.00
Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa	2000.00
M Walker – salary £522.20, off exp £9.99	532.19
Heledd Davies – translation January minutes	121.95
R W Jones – Remembrance Day wreaths	71.00
Proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Dalton with all members voting in favour.	

PLANNING

315. Application for Full Planning Permission.

No planning.

COASTAL DEFENCE AND FLOODING

316. An e-mail from Ceredigion County Council in response to the letter regarding the impact of Storm Barra on the coastal defences and on the community of Borth has been distributed to all councillors in advance of the meeting. The Council discussed the response from CCC and concerns were raised. It was proposed that Cllrs Hughes and Morris send a letter to CCC requesting that they are directly involved in the annual monitoring of the shingle bank and CCC allocate an annual coastal maintenance budget specifically for Borth. Cllr Quant explained that the Wales Coastal Monitoring Centre is responsible for the annual monitoring of the shingle bank and that CCC has limited funds for coastal defence maintenance for the whole of the Ceredigion coastline.

FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

317. The Clerk has sought advice from OVW in respect of translation facilities when face to face meetings are resumed. The directive is that the matter is entirely for the Council to consider as long as the Council provides translated minutes following a meeting. Cllr Quant gave members an update on Covid restrictions now that the upstairs rooms can be used in the community hall.

SIGNAGE ON THE PROMENADE

318. The Clerk confirmed that she has placed an order for two new banners. The Clerk also mentioned that there is huge concern in respect of dog mess on the pavements in Borth. A member of the public attending the meeting advised that she has been in contact with CCC to ask whether they are in a position to provide stencils asking dog owners to clean after their dogs. These would be used for painting on pavements to make dog walkers mindful about cleaning up after their dogs.

VIEWPOINT ON CLARACH ROAD

319. Ongoing.

CHAIRMANS BUSINESS

320. The Chairman informed members that he has arranged a meeting at the community hall on the 11th February to review the Councils insurance policy. Any findings or changes will be reported at the March meeting of Council.

COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES

321. Cllr Dalton said that the damage to the wall opposite the Premier following Storm Barra needs to be addressed before the tourist season. Cllr Quant said he would ask the CCC architect to inspect the wall.

Cllr Tweedy informed members that he has been painting a mural at Ynyslas Visitor Centre.

Cllr Pryce Jones said the bins were overflowing at the car park opposite Brynowen. Cllr Quant asked for opinion in respect of the safe zones by the Chemist. It was decided that they served no purpose at present and in that case Cllr Quant will ask for them to be removed.

Cllr Morris acknowledged following several e-mails that Cllr Quant is still in communication with CCC with a view to getting the waterway cleared on the road to the Zoo.

Cllr Thomas whether there were any plans to get the drains cleared on the high street. It was confirmed that work on clearing the drains and the replacement of new drainage from the toilet block at the north end of the village to the YHA has begun.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

322. Cllr Quant said that CCC is waiting for parts for the lights which are not working on the cliff and gave a brief covid update.

NEXT MEETING AND MATTERS FOR AGENDA

323. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm. Agenda items for the next meeting to be held on Monday 7th March 2022 to include an update on Broadband roll out by Broadway Partners, Coastal Defence and Flooding, Signage on Promenade, Insurance Review Meeting, Council Vacancy, Wall opposite Premier Stores, Donation Requests, Borth 2030 update and Face to Face meetings. Any other items are to be notified to the Clerk. Cllr Hughes will issue a link to the remote meeting in advance.