

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

MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2022 AT 19.00HRS

Present: Chairperson: H Hughes  
C Bainbridge  
R Dalton  
M Griffiths  
J James  
G B Jones  
A J Morris  
A Thomas  
In Attendance: County Cllr: R P Quant  
Clerk: M Walker  
9 Members of the Public.

**APOLOGIES**

254. Cllrs D Pryce Jones and D Tweedy. Cllr Rhyddian Davies tendered his resignation by letter due to work and family commitments.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

255. Many members of the public attended the meeting and were given the opportunity to express their views and concerns following Storm Barra and the lack of maintenance to the shingle bank in particular to the areas between the rock structures where shingle has reached property boundaries. Concerns were also raised in respect of the area opposite the Premier Stores where overtopping occurred resulting in flooding on the road and subsequently down into Cambrian Terrace. The Chairman proposed that the council sends a letter to CCC expressing these concerns and noting that the Council fully supports County Cllr Ray Quant in all that he has and continues to do in respect of coastal defences. This was seconded by Cllr Bainbridge with all members voting in favour.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**

257. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the remote monthly meeting held on 6 December as being a true record. Proposed by Cllr Bainbridge and seconded by Cllr Morris. All members voted in favour.

**MATTERS ARISING**

258. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

259. One Voice Wales.  
Coronavirus updates.  
The Residential "Use" work courses return for 2022.  
Well-being of Future Generations National Stakeholder Forum.  
Policy Announcements at the Compulsory Purchase Association (CPA) Wales National Conference 2021.  
Dyfed Powys Police - Top Tips for a happy and safe cyber Christmas leaflet.  
Christmas shut down dates.  
Appointments to the Ceredigion Local Access Forum.  
Welsh Tax Acts Bill.  
Eligible Community Councils Qualifications of Clerks (Wales) Regulations 2021.  
Funding available for nationally important heritage in Wales and the UK.  
Shaping Wales Future - National Stakeholder Forum.  
Welsh Government Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales – reports.  
Town and Community Councils – shaping Wales' future.  
Training sessions for January, February and March 2022.  
National Heritage Memorial Fund's COVID-19 Response Fund.  
Advertisement for Chair to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.  
Welsh Government draft budget 2022-23.

December update of the guide to taking part in the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and a song for the commonwealth.

Ceredigion Area Committee Tuesday 18th January 2022.

260. Welsh Government.

Health and Social Services News.

Climate Change Bulletin December 2021.

Coronavirus COVID-19 News.

Current consultations.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils.

The appropriate sum under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limit for 2022-23 is £8.82 per elector.

261. Ceredigion County Council.

Coronavirus updates.

Ysgol Dyffryn Cledlyn to close temporarily due to confirmed COVID-19 cases.

A day to Promote Welsh Language Rights.

Guided audio tour recounts untold stories from Aberystwyth's colourful past.

Flood Warning in force at Borth 7/12/21.

Ceredigion waste collection service this festive season.

Pilot Project success in supporting mental health in Ceredigion.

Service Level Agreement between CCC and BCC to clean the toilet block between October and March.

Calls for no reduction in number of ambulances.

Letter from the Retuning Officer for the Council's attention.

Appointments to the Ceredigion Local Access Forum.

Full steam ahead for Ceredigion resident in new role on the tracks.

Weekly news.

Help us protect all frontline public services.

Ceredigion Schools move to distanced learning from Monday 20 December 2021.

Christmas packs to promote children and young people's wellbeing.

Reopening schools by taking careful steps.

Christmas and New Year waste collections.

Cynnal y Cardi small leader grant fund.

Work to council leisure facilities nearing completion.

Roadmap for Ceredigion.

Seeking advisors from Ceredigion Businesses – Your chance to get involved with the Mid Wales Growth Deal.

New support for businesses affected by COVID-19 restrictions to become available in 2022.

Walking, cycling and horse riding opportunities in Ceredigion.

Ceredigion schools to fully reopen on 10 January.

Details of a Zoom meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> January on Borth Coastal Defence - Phase 3 Update.

Update on the re-opening of the Council's leisure facilities.

EUSS: citizens reminded to switch from pre-settled to settled status when eligible.

262. Ecodyfi. Details of the Ecodyfi Annual Forum on zoom 14 December and a job opportunity in the Dyfi Biosphere.

263. Sandbags. A letter asking whether the council could consider applying for funding to purchase bags and sand in preparation and distribution in the event of a storm/flood. It was agreed to get advice on how to help the community and to raise awareness of what is available in terms of protecting homes.

264. Boundary Commission for Wales. The representations received by the Boundary Commission for Wales during the Initial Consultation Period have now been published.

265. Wildlife Trusts in Wales. Welsh Beaver Project – Consultation Workshops.

266. Menter Mon. SMART Towns' 2021 Highlights.

267. Emergency Plan. Borth & Ynyslas Storm Barra information and summary.

268. Donation Requests. Y Tincer and Mynwent y Garn. These will be determined at the March meeting alongside all other donation requests.

269. Dyfed Powys Police. Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025.

270. RNID. RNID and Carers Wales Webinar on Hearing Loss: Supporting Carers - Weds 12 January.

271. Boundary Commission for Wales. The second consultation period will open on 17 February and close on 30 March.
272. Gallagher Insurance Brokers. A request to check that all Councils are not underinsured with a recommendation that the council conducts an Insurance Cost Assessment on a regular basis.
273. Ceredigion County Council. A service level agreement between BCC and CCC for the cleaning of the beachside toilets by the RNLI for signing by the Chair of Council.
274. Welsh Government. Details of qualifications a clerk to a community council must hold in order to satisfy one of the three conditions for a council to resolve itself to become an eligible community council for the purpose of exercising the general power of competence.
275. Sea Wall Breach at Ynyslas. A letter from an Ynyslas resident concerned about the damage caused by the recent storms to the timber sea wall at Ynyslas.
276. Ceredigion County Council. Emergency road closure, Lon Glanymor for BT repairs 9th-10th January.
277. Smart Towns. A project funded by Welsh Government to provide support for towns in Wales.
278. Bronheulyn. An e-mail from Ceredigion County Council indicates that according to Land Registry the land is unregistered and from a flood defence perspective, as outlined by NRW, the Council has no role in maintaining it for those purposes.

## ACCOUNTS

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| 279. <u>Balance of Accounts at 14 December 2021</u>                     |          |
| Nationwide  | 30229.71 |
| Charitable Bank Acct  | 12591.94 |
| Business No Notice Acct   | 18836.94 |
| Deposit Account   | 3749.37  |
| 280. <u>Income</u>  |          |
| Scottish Power – Wayleaves  | 69.99    |
| Deposit A/C – int to 2/12/21  | 0.09     |
| Business No Notice A/c – int to 2/12/21                                 | 0.47     |
| Charitable Bank Account – RNLI rent                                     | 500.00   |
| 281. <u>Expenditure</u> – Members <u>resolved</u> to pay the following: |          |
| Charitable Bank Account monthly charge                                  | 5.00     |
| HMRC- PAYE Oct, Nov, Dec  | 391.60   |
| M Walker – salary £522.00, off exp £19.98                               | 541.98   |
| Heledd Davies – translation November and December minutes               | 219.55   |
| St Mathews Church – funding request                                     | 5000.00  |

Proposed by Cllr Bainbridge and seconded by Cllr Griffiths with all members voting in favour.

282. Audit 2020/2021. The audit has been completed by Audit Wales and Borth Community Council was given an unqualified audit with no matters giving cause for concern.
- Other matters arising and recommendations which do not affect the audit opinion but should be addressed by the body are:
- The Local Government Finance Act 1992 only allows the Council to set a precept to fund planned expenditure and a reasonable level of unforeseen expenditure. The Act also requires the Council to take its reserves into account when setting the precept.
  - The Council has carried forward reserves at 31 March 2021 of £58,139, compared with its annual precept of £21,870. The Council has maintained consistently high level of reserves for at least five years, between 2.5 and 3 times its annual precept.
  - To ensure that it sets a lawful precept, we recommend that the Council reviews its reserves and details its plans to apply these reserves when setting its 2022-23 budget and precept”.

## PLANNING

### 283. Application for Full Planning Permission.

A211072. Change of use of redundant Tourist Information Centre to a wheelchair accessible flat. Ty Pantyfedwen, Borth. Tourist Information Centre, Cambrian Terrace, Borth. BCC will submit the following: **“Whilst the Council welcomes wheelchair friendly accommodation we believe that the development will be determined by other bodies”**.

## BUDGET AND PRECEPT

284. The Clerk distributed up to date expenditure and balance figures up to the 31st December 2021 together with a financial plan for 2022/23 which was presented and discussed in detail by Cllr Quant. It was resolved to budget as follows for the financial period 2022/23.

|                                      |         |
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| Clerks Salary                        | 7990.00 |
| Office Expenses                      | 200.00  |
| Clerks Gratuity Fund                 | 80.00   |
| Insurance                            | 1500.00 |
| Chairpersons Allowance               | 200.00  |
| Maintenance                          | 4000.00 |
| Winter Maintenance                   | 200.00  |
| Amenities – Hall Revenue             | 8000.00 |
| Community & Arts Facilities          | 2400.00 |
| Donations                            | 2500.00 |
| Miscellaneous                        | 640.00  |
| Contingency                          | 1000.00 |
| Audit Fee                            | 350.00  |
| Translation                          | 1200.00 |
| Toilets adj to RNLI – winter opening | 4500.00 |
| Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa                 | 1000.00 |

**Total: £35760.00**

285. It was resolved to approve the budget and to set the precept at 55% which amounted to **£19668.00**. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Morris with all members present voting in favour. The Chairman extended his thanks to Cllr Quant for his assistance in preparing the budget figures.

## ST MATHEWS CHURCH FUNDING REQUEST

286. Cllr Quant declared an interest and temporarily left the meeting. A request for grant funding of £5000 was considered towards upgrading the existing toilet block to provide disabled access facilities. Cllr Bryn Jones proposed that the Council grant the £5000, this was seconded by Cllr Morris with all members present voting in favour.

## BOAT PARK

287. Cllr Hughes organised a recent meeting where members met to discuss the way forward. Notices will be posted on the boat park encouraging those who haven't already done so to register their boats with a recommendation that all boats are insured.

## FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

288. Cllr Hughes has received a quotation from a local company to provide equipment to enable the Council to hold face to face meetings in accordance with WG guidelines. The company would provide the council with ongoing maintenance. Cllr Hughes proposed that we accept the quote for £1244 + vat, this was seconded by Cllr Jones with all members present voting in favour. The Clerk was asked to clarify whether translation facilities would be a requirement.

## SIGNAGE ON THE PROMENADE

289. The Clerk was asked to order 2 new banners from Redesigns.

## **VIEWPOINT ON CLARACH ROAD**

290. Ongoing.

## **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

291. Cllr Hughes has been researching equipment and prices for an outdoor gym in Borth. A street lighting issue on the cliff front has been reported. Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Bainbridge for all the work she has done in securing funding to restore the playground which to date exceeds £45k.

## **COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

292. Cllr Bainbridge confirmed that the new playground equipment will be delivered mid February. She is at present looking into new seating for the area. Cllr Bainbridge said that the two recent events held in the Star of the Sea were very successful.

Cllr Dalton is concerned that following Storm Barra the coping stones on the wall opposite the Premier need putting back in situ. The Council is undecided as to the best course of action as the wall played no part in preventing the overtopping of the sea during the storm. However in the meantime it was suggested that the Council could ask the emergency plan wardens to stack the coping stones neatly against the sea wall. The Clerk was asked to log the damage with the insurance company. The residents in the vicinity of Bronheulyn Cottage remain concerned that the owner has removed part of the boundary wall at the rear.

Cllr James referred to an accident at the crossroads in Clarach during the summer due to cars parked on pavements. Cllr Quant said this was an issue for Tirymynach CC to deal with.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

293. Cllr Quant gave a covid update. He asked that the letter from Borth CC to CCC expressing concerns following Storm Barra be sent within the week.

## **NEXT MEETING AND MATTERS FOR AGENDA**

294. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm. Agenda items for the next meeting to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to include Coastal Defence and Flooding, Signage on Promenade, Viewpoint on Clarach Road 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.