

MINUTES OF Y BORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY
3rd OCTOBER 2022 AT 19.17 HRS

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	H HUGHES
		R DALTON
		A HUGHES
		G B JONES
		A J MORRIS
		N SALMON
		A THOMAS
		H WILLIAMS
		C BAINBRIDGE
		M GRIFFITHS
		D PRYCE JONES
<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>CLERK</u>	I RAILTON
		3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

APOLOGIES

112. Cllr Pryce Jones and Cllr Salmon to join via Zoom but both unable to join due to technical issues. Cllr Thomas advised would have to leave at 20.25 hrs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

113. Public welcomed Dylan and Cllr H Hughes gave warm welcome and thanks for attending. James Davies asked if the storm boards could be put in around the village with the impending bad weather.

James Davies also asked if Ceredigion County Council could be chased about vacuuming the silt from the drains. Cllr H Hughes acknowledged this. Clerk to raise a CLIC to report with council

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

115. Issues raised following September's minutes are as follows;

(minute 90) Cllr Williams would like it added that the declaration of interest discussed was in relation to being a volunteer with the Scouts and the watering of the flower beds.

(minute 99) Cllr Morris corrected Clerk that the land opposite Premier Stores was not being discussed for 'purchase' rather 'register in the name of BCC'

Cllr Williams also raised a question in relation to the cheque that had been written for Mr Romary for £100 since the last meeting. It was asked whether there was a 'limit' for cheques that could be written and approved outside of the meetings.

It was addressed that within the September meeting (minute 90) it was asked that the Clerk would ask Mr Romary for an amount that would suffice for bulbs and paint for the beds in question. The previous Clerk had suggested no more than £25 per bed was usually allocated. Mr Romary had returned to the Clerk promptly following the September meeting and given an itemised proposal of £100.

As this was a timely matter (Mr Romary suggested the bulbs needed to be purchased and planted as soon as possible and no longer had time to paint the beds) and far below the expected quote, it was considered reasonable that the cheque be written and delivered before the October meeting.

Discussion raised from the following minutes whilst being reviewed

(minute 83) Cllr A Hughes wanted it raised with Welsh Government that the Council was extremely disappointed that the Workshop Events on democracy and engagement were not having an event in Mid Wales, rather just North and South.

Email received from Cllr A Hughes to be sent on to reflect this. Clerk to send on

(minute 85) Cllr H Hughes had meeting with golf club re their defibrillator which they are now keeping. Council discussed location of other defibrillators and how they are linked to 'The Circuit'

(minute 101) Cllr M Griffiths said has spoken to Ray Quant and he does not want to be recognised in the way discussed. Cllr Bainbridge and Cllr M Griffiths will go back to Mr Quant and discuss further.

(minute 108) Cllr Bainbridge asked if previous Clerk is due to receive funds. Cllr H Hughes advised this is in hand and seeking guidance from One Voice Wales.

Clerk asked if it would be more useful for minutes of meeting to be circulated earlier so **minor amendments** can be made if needed at Clerks discretion in advance before sent to translator. Also to allow those who miss meetings to catch up quicker.

This was agreed and Clerk said would send to Councillors with a 1 week review period before sending off to translator. Any issues which need discussion will remain to be discussed at council meetings.

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting (and the amendments) held on 5th September as being a true record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Morris . All members voted in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

116. Following previous discussion of Council's Environmental Policy, Clerk has asked whether so many paper copies of previous minutes and agenda are necessary. Councillors discussed that they are happy to bring laptops and tablets to reduce paper wastage. Clerk will reduce printing for next month and see if this is suitable. The copies that are printed will also be done double sided.

117. Letters approved to be written from Council to Ieuan Ellis, Ronnie Davies and Ray Quant for congratulations. Cllr Morris proposed that letters of this nature should be done in a timely manner at the discretion of the Clerk and the Chair rather than waiting until Council meetings. Cllr Jones seconded this. All voted in favour

118. Dead birds on beaches. Council will continue to raise awareness via social media and keep eye on situation. DEFRA informed of recent findings.

CORRESPONDENCE

119. All correspondence from One Voice Wales, Welsh Government and Ceredigion County Council was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. No issues were raised by members relating to this correspondence. Other correspondence not requiring any action was received from Borth Community Hub.

120. New Dog Bin Request A member of the public has requested a bin for dog waste outside the Dolau Bach y Borth meadow/dog walking area. Clerk to raise CLIC as there is a Ceredigion County Council owned Dog Waste bin on the same stretch. Cllr Williams proposed to raise a CLIC in support of this Cllr Dalton seconded. All voted in favour

121. Letter of Renewal from Insurers Brokers have quoted £1334.15. Last year's premium was £1223.01 due 8th October 2022.

Council have agreed to pay this year's premium. Proposed Cllr Dalton and seconded Cllr Williams. All voted in favour

Cllr H Hughes proposed a working group outside of Council meeting where the 'assets of Borth' are better established. Cllr Bainbridge seconded. All voted in favour

Clerk to organise this. All welcome including members of the public who may be able to assist.

Query sent to insurers re defibs, electric car charging points and more recently the boat park. All read out to Council to answer concerns re policy cover. Cllr Bainbridge asked about Public Liability Cover and Clerk confirmed amount of £10,000,000.00 on previous policy document.

Cllr Jones proposed that it should be minuted on a regular basis that the boat park has been checked over and any concerns noted, potentially quarterly.

Cllr A Hughes concerned about a boat that is blocking steps and will get a sign that reads 'keep clear' in Welsh and English. Council agreed costings for this to no more than £30.

Cllr Williams proposed and Cllr Jones seconded. All voted in favour

Cllr A Hughes to send photograph to Clerk showing boat in question so can ask via social media as to it's ownership.

Council agreed review needed on boat ownership but may be wrong time of year to establish this but will be done in the future.

122. Ray Quant Re Lightening Testing of Monument Email received confirming the amount needed to test the Borth Memorial would be £250. Emails received back from Cllr Williams, Cllr Jones, Cllr Bainbridge, Cllr Morris, Cllr H Hughes and Cllr Pryce Jones all in favour. Approval of payment was proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Griffiths. All voted in favour. Clerk to inform Ray Quant OK to proceed with works.

123. Drainage Rates Reminder from NRW M Walker advised original invoice not received and the same has happened previously. Bill received for £280.94. Cllr Morris questioned dates NRW were billing for. Clerk confirmed bill states 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. Cllr Griffiths expressed concern re pipe going into the sea. Cllr Morris explained to Council that the pipe was extended as part of Phase 1 Sea Defence but has now become a mini groyne. Ongoing NRW issues being looked at by Cllr Morris. A reminder was given to Council to note if they see work being done and a suggestion was made that this could be marked off on map that was shown to Council previously by NRW showing which area's had been cleared. Clerk will search for this.

124. Translator Request visitor to Borth wrote asking for information on how to translate a speech for a wedding. Referred to Heledd Davies with her permission. Matter resolved

125. Memorial Benches a request for a memorial bench or similar has been received. They are open to suggestions from the council about what is available and how to action this. Council suggested a shield in their parent's name to be presented at the Carnival. Clerk will contact resident and see if they like the suggestion.

126. Facebook Message (1) Old Community Hall Site resident wrote asking about ownership of the old Community Hall site and whether it could be cleared to provide additional off-road parking. Council confirmed land is owned by private group so cannot assist. Matter resolved

ACCOUNTS

127. BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS AT 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022	
Nationwide	£25312.45
Charitable Bank Acc	£14,095.44
Business No Notice Account	£7,451.30
Deposit Account	£3,830.90

128. INCOME	
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CANNOT CONFIRM INCOME AS NO STATEMENT RECEIVED

129. Expenditure Members resolved to pay the following. Proposed by Cllr Bainbridge and seconded by Cllr Jones . All Voted in favour.

Charitable Bank Account - charges	TBC
I Railton – September Salary	£663.65
I Railton - Printer Ink	£36.99
Heledd Davies – September Minutes Translation	£113.40
George Romary – Flower Beds	£100.00
M Walker – from Chaimans Fund	£100.00
Natural Resources Wales – Bog Clearance	£280.94
I Railton- SLCC Membership & Joining Fee	£144.00
I Railton – ILCA Course & Exam Fee	£72.00

130. Clerk has contacted HSBC who need approved minutes along with forms to get internet banking set up. Nationwide to be confirmed.

PLANNING

131. Application for Full Planning Permission

A220597 Placement of a temporary static caravan, to allow the applicants to live on site whilst the demolition of the existing MOD structure commences and during construction of the new dwelling. Land to the East of Renfrew Drive, Ynyslas, Borth SY24 5JY

Comments received from Council that there are concerns re retrospective planning permissions and that there is some friction in the local community. Clerk will pass on to the planning office.

A220630 Not included as transpired was not our area.

A220641 Removal of old rear extension. Glasfryn, Glanwern, Borth SY24 5LT

Cllr Morris observations received via email. Cllr Dalton advised that planning now needed to remove as well as add an extension.

NO OBJECTIONS TO THE ABOVE

COASTAL DEFENCE AND FLOODING

132. Cllr H Hughes updated on situation as has been chasing up. He is not satisfied and will be taking up further. Cllr Dalton raised that old groynes are now sticking out. Cllr Morris raised that if the inspection has happened that it is insufficient. He is not reassured and agrees with Cllr H Hughes concerns that no straight answer has been given. Cllr Griffiths advised that she saw someone from CCC with a tape measure on Wednesday. Cllr Jones and others asked that Cllr H Hughes raise issue with Chief Executive.

WALL OPPOSITE PREMIER STORES

133. Clerk read email from Huw Bates advising that David from the firm is due to get back to us for a meeting re the ongoing issue. Councillors discuss how one document shows a signed form to say the area was owned by the then Borth Town Council.

Cllr Bainbridge and Cllr Williams asked whether there are any rules that show if land is presumed to be owned, it becomes common-law owned if over a long period of time. Cllr Griffiths noted that when she owned a property near the land in question she was given a piece of the land but returned this in writing.

Cllr Jones proposed putting notes through residents doors to see if they had any patch of the land in question on their deeds.

Cllr A Hughes asked Council to understand purpose of discussion and whether the Council actually wanted to seek ownership or not. This was received with a mixed response.

Cllr Williams suggested seeking legal guidance who specialise in this area of conveyancing.

It was resolved to chase David at Huw Bates Solicitors for a meeting to continue to try and resolve. Added to next months agenda.

RECOGNISING RAY QUANT MBE

134. Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Bainbridge to contact Ray Quant again to discuss

DISABILITY ACCESS AND PARKING IN BORTH

135. Clerk presented results from social media survey (Facebook and Twitter) which has resulted in several residents emailing in their concerns. It is a split that half who responded wanted more road parking access (eg more blue badge spaces, residential carpark etc) and the other half expressed concerns regarding the narrow points of the pavements.

Cllr Morris noted sympathies with both sides. It was asked if the Borth 2030 Group had bought this up and Cllr A Hughes said it was part of their wellbeing discussions.

Cllr Williams suggested raising with the Equality Department in the County Council as it is breaching DDA. Clerk will raise this to pursue.

Cllr Bainbridge also raised concerns about the speed of traffic on the road. Cllr H Hughes said that Highways wont be able to change at the moment until the new lower speed restrictions have been implemented.

Issue has been added to November Agenda to discuss further.

COUNCIL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

136. Research to start into new website for the Community Council. It was proposed by that an agreed amount of £150 be authorised if needed before next meeting to purchase a domain name and start the process. Proposed Cllr Bainbridge seconded Cllr Jones. All voted in favour

Clerk suggested as part of this a 'logo' competition could be run to design something the Council could use.

Cllr Bainbridge will find document used in another local competition which outlines rules and ownership rights etc. It was agreed to revisit in November.

CLIC SYSTEM UPDATE

137. Cllr Hughes advised the CLIC system is getting better. County Councillors should be getting to the point where they are able to see CLIC's raised by the Clerks but not at that stage yet. Hybrid working in Ceredigion has led to some issues. Not everything is working correctly but a further meeting in December is planned to try and resolve. Will move to January's Agenda.

BOAT PARK AND OUTSIDE TAP

138. Boat Park and Insurance issue previously discussed (minute 121) regarding insurance renewal. Outside tap matter had briefly been discussed before but it would seem a water butt would be more environmentally friendly.

Cllr Williams raised that it would need to be one with a fitted lid to stop anyone or anything falling in. Cllr Jones drew diagram briefly showing how water could be diverted from the downpipe of guttering. This would need to be raised with CCC as it is their guttering. Clerk will raise CLIC with CCC and ask for their response. It was noted that the butt would need to be high enough to be able to place a watering can underneath as this would be used to water the surrounding flower beds. To be discussed further in November.

CHAIRMANS BUSINESS

139. Cllr H Hughes said most points covered within the meeting. He has given a cheque and cash to previous Clerk and asked that she get something to remember us by.

COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES

140.

Cllr Jones raised query about telephone line on the road to the Animalarium which appears to be drooping into the reeds. Cllr Morris said this has been down for years. Cllr Jones also informed that the next Borth Health Group Meeting was scheduled for October 10th.

Cllr Morris advised that the verge side reeds, south side, have been strimmed. He had a meeting with Owen Jenkins yesterday who said that it was not him. Assumed either NRW or Network Rail to see the

crossing but whoever has undertaken the work does not appear to have experience of cutting reeds as it is quite messy. Leets are to be re-added to the agenda to discuss further in November.

Cllr Williams reported back on the 'Summer of Fun'. 83 families were involved and it has been noted as a great success. There is lots of feedback on this and Cllr Bainbridge advised the next school governors meeting was to be the 18th October.

Cllr Bainbridge said leaving the 'activity trail' to Borth 2030 as no point in covering twice. Also a survey has been issued out to councillors and clerk for CHC. Reported that the school is pleased about Summer activities.

Cllr Griffiths raised concerns about the beach and re-iterated that it needs to be sorted promptly. It was also raised that there had been feedback from the pubs that Councillors were saying things about others behind their back. Cllr Griffiths expressed concern about this and stated that we should all be working together. Cllr H Hughes said that this was against the code and Cllr Griffiths should raise with the Clerk.

Cllr A Hughes reported back on defib training that this went well with 12-14 people attending and more expressing an interest for the future. The leader of the group will contact Clerk to discuss expenses that have been pre approved in July's meeting (minute 73) for £30.

Cllr A Hughes will look into whether first responder training is possible. Cllr Williams asked if mental health first aid training would be beneficial.

Cllr Dalton reported that the dog walking banners have now been removed from the beach and a Ringed Plover bird has been spotted in Ireland.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

141. Cllr H Hughes said most has been covered during the meeting. Cllr H Hughes has been to a site outside of Borth relating to leat clearance. Ongoing issues.

NEXT MEETING MATTERS FOR AGENDA

142. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.55pm. Agenda items for the next meeting to be held on November 7th 2022 to include Sea Defence and Flooding, Wall Opposite Premier Stores, Council Website, Climate Change, Leat Clearance, Bike Parking. Any other items are to be notified to the Clerk. Clerk will issue a link to the hybrid meeting in advance.