

MINUTES
General Meeting of the Council held on line
on Monday 22 May 2023 at 6.30pm

Councillors Present:

Cllr Gareth Davies (Chairman), Dave Pain, Pete Evans, Mandy Daniel, Carolyn Hodges, Andrew Loat, Tom Kendall, Linda Keeler

Also present : Meinir Jenkins (Clerk-minutes)

1. Apologies and Personal Matters

Apologies

Cllr David Greaney

Personal matters

None

2. Disclosure of Personal Interests.

None

3. Any questions from the public.

No members of the public were present

4. Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held 17 April 2023 were accepted as a correct record

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 17 April 2023

Fly Tipping – Rose Cottage

The problem of fly tipping has improved. Cllr Mandy Daniel to monitor the situation and to contact the Clerk if a complaint needs to be sent to Ceredigion CC.

Llanbadarn Fawr Horticultural Show – It was learned that there are possibly 3 or 4 boxed of trophies and cups. Some of which need to be recovered from former Committee Members. Cllr Gareth Davies confirmed that he would endeavour to do this over the Summer. Permission has been sought from families that have donated the cups to gift them to Aberystwyth Show.

War memorial

The floor uprights near the war memorial were still not working. Clerk has chased Tom Edwards several times, but will email again asking him to attend to them as quickly as possible.

Maes Mawr Estate

Cllr Gareth Davies said that there was nothing further to currently report regarding the traffic issues in the area. This item can stay on the agenda for discussion in the future.

Benches and Notice Board – One bench is still available for installation. Members to consider a suitable location. The notice board on Llanbadarn village square has now been completely renovated and is looking fantastic. The clerk had received a suggestion for a new notice board to be installed in the border near the bus stop on the entrance to Maes Mawr estate. Cllrs to visit the area to ascertain suitability.

Parc Yr Onnen.- Cllr G Davies had asked for the clerk to arrange for No Cold Calling signs to be erected in Parc Yr Onnen. Clerk confirmed that she had approached Dyfed Powys Police on two occasions without response. Clerk to make enquiries as to cost with Rebus Cymru, a local signage company.

Co-option of Community Councillor – Notices regarding the Community Council Vacancies have been displayed. Once the date expires Clerk to notify Ceredigion CC of any co-options.

Llecyn Hoe – The Clerk confirmed that she had asked Geraint Evans to monitor the position and to clean as and when required. Clerk to ask Geraint to monitor the two new planters and to water as necessary.

King Charles' Coronation – Lots of compliments received regarding the two new planters.

Road Sweeping – The Clerk had reported the blocked gully at the cemetery gate at Cefnllan to Ceredigion County Council- no response. Chaser to be sent. Aled Jones had investigated, and confirmed that this is the responsibility of Ceredigion CC

Website The Clerk had updated the information and asked Gwe Cambria to re-instate the website. Members to consider what information required uploading to the website and to make suggestions via email to the Clerk./Cllr D Greaney.

Tree Planting – It was suggested that trees be planted in the Park in memory of the Late Ben Davies and Tegwen Jones. Cllr David Greaney had approached family of the late Ben Davies, who had requested an Oak tree. No further information yet regarding Tegwen Jones family choice. Plaques will also be required.

Pendibyn/Nanteceiro : Cllr G Davies reported that there had been a significant incident near the entrance where a bus had collided with the hedge causing damage. This is a very busy road and is currently 60mph. Clerk to write to Trunk Road Agency asking them to consider reducing the speed limit. – no further information

Park Field : Cllr Mandy Thomas had been approached by a local resident for permission to use the field for fly fishing practice for children and young people. It was unknown whether this group have started using the field.

5. **Brief report from the HR Committee**

Nothing to report – Next meeting moved to July due to Clerk away in June. Date to be confirmed

Brief report from the P & R Committee

Cllr D Pain shared the following information :

Afan Construction – no response

D R John (recommended by Llety Parc) – too busy to provide a quote, unable to complete works until Summer 2024

ML Landscaping (recommended by Llety Parc, potential conflict of interest as related by marriage to owner of Llety Parc) – price provided.

Mid Wales Landscaping – price provided.

Quick Fence Hire – price provided.

The specification provided to the contractors was as follows: -

1.8m high mesh fencing along the playing field boundary

1.2m high mesh fencing along the boundaries of the playground and the playing field

2 double gates with the following – 1m self-closing ROSPA hydraulic pedestrian gate to open away from the road with second leaf, padlock able to allow authorised vehicle access. One gate at the entrance to the playground and the other between the playing field and the playground.

The owners of Llety Parc have offered to clear the site prior to works commencing free of charge to the Council so this was not included.

All installation and fittings were to be included in the price.

Estimates received as follows: -

ML Landscaping £ 30000

Mid Wales Landscaping £ 30864

Quick Fence Hire £ 26184

All 3 prices are including VAT.

7. **General Maintenance of Play Area/Paths**

Geraint Evans continues to empty bins, cut grass and undertake small maintenance jobs. No formal agreement in place. The matter was discussed and resolved to ask Geraint to continue on this basis until end of August, by which time a new P&R Committee will be in place and consideration be given for a tender to be advertised for equality and fairness to other contractors. A new bin can be included in that agreement.

8. **Financial Matters**

The Following payments were approved :

£42.60 Llywela Thomas

£265.20 HMRC April

£185.54 Dyfed Pensions

£190.00 Geraint Evans

£785.03 Gwe Cambria

£381.60 MA Jenkins exps

£2699.30 Zurich Insurance

£298.64 HMRC May

£298.64 HMRC June

The Clerk had circulated the annual income and Expenditure Schedule which was approved. The Clerk had also prepared the annual audit papers which was ready to submit to Internal Auditor Mr Gareth Jones. Members agreed that Mr Jones is appointed formally as Internal Auditor again this year.

9. Planning - No new planning applications to consider

A230162 – Ysgol Gymraeg development – This application is being re-submitted due to a number of facts contained in the original being inaccurate

A230341 – Crud Yr Awel, 39 Heol Brynglas, Llanbadarn Fawr – First floor extension – no objection

A230280 – Anthony Motors Ltd – Display of signage – no objection

Brynteg Planning Approval – Cllr T Kendall had circulated an email expressing his disappointment that this development had now been approved without having been referred to Full Planning Committee. It appears that this has been passed under Delegated Powers.

The matter was discussed at length and resolved to write to the Planning Department expressing grave concerns that local residents concerns have yet again been disregarded.

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:

One Voice Wales – Online training – noted

The Clerk had circulated all other correspondence by email

12. Any other business

Cllr Gareth Davies reported on the following :

Ceredigion CC are due to undertake a review of Town and Community Councils through consultation. Having attended the Mayoral Inauguration recently and subsequently meeting Cllr Kerry Ferguson it was suggested that consideration be given to working in partnership with Aberystwyth Town Council. Clerk to place this on next months Agenda.

Greener Aberystwyth Group

The Group together with Aberystwyth Town Council maintain the Coed Aber Tree Boards. 1 Board is situated within our community Council **area (Dave to update this minute please?)**