

COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
2020 AT 7:00PM

1. Attendance

Cllrs: Cllr E Lewis (Chairman)
Cllr B Morris (Honorary Treasurer)
Cllr C Hadley
Cllr G Jones
Cllr T Wilson

Also present: K Protheroe (Clerk), Cllr C Cave, Mr. M Clogg (VOGC)

Apologies: Cllr J Lloyd, Cllr C Roach, PCSO Angela Stone

2. Disclosure and confirmation of Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Highway issues, with Mr. M Clogg, Operational Manager Engineering, Neighbourhood Services and Transport, Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council (VOGC)

Cllr Lewis welcomed Mr. Clogg to the meeting. He explained that issues to do with traffic and road conditions are very commonly a subject of great concern to the Community Council and residents, as are matters relating to the electricity sub-station adjacent to the school.

The Community Council and the member of the public present highlighted their main concerns, which included:

- the substation: it is the unanimous view of the Community Council that the substation should not have been located adjacent to the school as it creates a significant road safety hazard in relation to the school, parents and particularly children. The Community Council made its objections known to the VOGC prior to its construction and has continued to petition for its relocation. With the construction of the new school it believes its objections are fully justified and the construction works present an ideal opportunity to rectify this error
- speeding traffic notably where there is no separation between pedestrians and the road
- the quality of road surfaces and the inconsistencies in the inspection of the roads
- a lack of consistency in respect of brown information signs. The Community has long-argued that the Sycamore Tree Inn should be signposted from the A48 to support this community business and amenity

– an argument that is currently very relevant given the economic damage caused to the hospitality sector by the pandemic

Solutions proposed by the Community Council included:

- the relocation, as a matter of urgency, of the substation
- a 20MPH speed limit for the school
- flashing signs warning vehicles of speed limits and pedestrians in road
- new signs for the Sycamore Tree Inn – or the relocation of the current signs, which is directly outside the pub and of no assistance

Mr. Clogg acknowledged that in hindsight it, perhaps, would have been preferable to relocate the substation elsewhere and discussed potential solutions such as improvements to footpaths and installing crossing points.

Cllr Lewis re-emphasised that the Community Council's proposed solution was relocation and asked if an Active Travel Route audit had been carried out before the original location had been decided upon. Mr Clogg agreed to investigate.

Mr Clogg further agreed to meet on site with representatives of the Community Council and Cllr Cave to consider the matter and potential solutions further.

Action Point: Clerk to arrange site visit

Mr Clogg explained how the VOGC assesses road safety and risks, which relates to accidents, and how priorities for road repair and service improvements are determined. Potholes are assessed by depth using a replacement schedule from immediate to fifteen days. He advised that VOGC officers carry out regular road inspections every six months. He informed the Community Council that enforcing speed limits was a Police responsibility. Mr Clogg advised the Community Council that roads are a major issue in all areas and that the team strive to tackle priorities within the context of the budget available.

Mr Clogg explained the VOGC's policy on installing brown road signs, a policy, Cllr Cave noted, that is out of date. Mr Clogg accepted the point about the inappropriate location of the current sign and agreed to investigate moving it and discuss solutions at the aforementioned site visit.

Cllr Lewis thanked Mr Clogg for his attendance.

4. Public Session

One members of the public joined the meeting via Zoom and observed throughout.

5. To receive the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19th October 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Jones to accept the minutes of the OGM as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed by all.

The Chairman confirmed that he would sign the minutes when the Community Council met next in person.

6. To consider any matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda

There was one matter arising:

- Agenda Item 14.1, October 2020: The Clerk confirmed that Ewenny CC was still attempting arrange the visit to the digestate lagoon, Tair Croes.

7. To consider Police matters

The Clerk noted that the Police report recorded no crimes between 19th October 2020 and 9th November 2020.

8. To consider Vale of Glamorgan Council (VOGC) matters

The Community Council thanked Cllr Cave for her monthly report and noted its content.

Cllr Cave briefed the Community Council on Pendoylan's objections to the proposed new road linking Sycamore Cross to J34 of the M4.

Cllr Lewis briefed members on the proposed exclusive use of the village hall playing field by the school children during the construction period for the new school. Following discussions between the school and village hall committee options were being considered including notices concerning dog fouling.

The Chair noted that the Community Council remains happy to assist with this matter. He reaffirmed the Community Council's original decision that exclusive use of the field for the children during school hours remains the best solution for the period when children were on the field but it was not a long term solution.

It was agreed that the Head teacher be invited to the first part of the Next Council Zoom meeting.

Action Point: Clerk to invite the school's Headteacher to the December OGM

9. The Old Ford project

The main points of progress since the last meeting included:

- the works to the well have been completed. Feedback has been positive, and the work is to an excellent standard
- the contractor appointed to carry out the works to the clapper bridge will start on 26th November 2020
- the plaques have been delivered
- there has been little progress with the deed of transfer of the Old Ford site involving the VOGC
- the Coed Cymru report has not been received – delayed by the firebreak lockdown

Action Point: The Clerk and Chair to liaise and respond to the VOGC's legal queries

10. Review of progress with other current projects

The main points of progress since the last meeting included:

- St. David's School redevelopment: Cllr Lewis briefed the Community Council on the meeting to discuss the relocation of the electricity substation attended by the Community Council, the VOGC, Cllr Cave, Alun Cairns MP, and Western Power. He expressed his disappointment with the latter's contribution and the suggested cost estimate of £70,000
- Sycamore Tree Inn defibrillator: Cllr Lloyd is arranging its reinstatement and installation of its new heated box. The pads have been changed
- Village Hall defibrillator: the new defibrillator and heated box for the village community hall has been delivered by the Clerk to the community association
- street lighting distribution box case, A48 end of Twmpath Lane: Cllr Hadley confirmed that the unit has been replaced
- Village Hall telephone box re-painting: the work had yet to commence

11. Quarter 2 Management Accounts 2020/21

The Clerk outlined the details in the Quarter 2 Management Accounts. He confirmed the adjusted half-year surplus was £1361.00 after allowing for the payments to be made, which were outlined in the report. The Clerk advised members that at this stage of the year there were no budgetary concerns. The works relating to the Old Ford project were being funded by a combination of capital grants and the Community Council's accumulated surplus.

12. To consider the Clerk's report including matters of a financial nature

The Community Council noted the Clerk's report.

The Clerk noted that the Community Council's funds as of 1st October 2020 = £22,007.00. The cashbook reconciled to the bank statement as of that

date. The Quarter 2 reconciliation has been approved by Cllr Morris as required.

The Clerk outlined the payments requiring the Council's approval at the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hadley that the following payment should be approved:

16/11/2020	Grant Smith - Michaelmas Well works	2100.00
16/11/2020	Croft Castings - Blue Plaques	948.00
16/11/2020	Alun Austin, Colwinston Radio	250.00
16/11/2020	Remembrance Sunday Wreath	55.00
16/11/2020	Cllrs Allowance 2020/21: Cllr E Lewis	150.00
16/11/2020	Cllrs Allowance 2020/21: Cllr J Lloyd	150.00
16/11/2020	Cllrs Allowance 2020/21: Cllr T Wilson	150.00
16/11/2020	Cllrs Allowance 2020/21: Cllr B Morris	150.00
16/11/2020	Cllrs Allowance 2020/21: Cllr C Hadley	150.00
16/11/2020	Cllrs Allowance 2020/21: Cllr C Roach	150.00
16/11/2020	DM Payroll Services 01/10/20 to 31/03/21	34.00

This was seconded by Cllr Wilson and agreed by all.

It was further proposed by Cllr Lewis that the Community Council should make:

- a donation of £300 towards the village green Christmas illuminations
- a payment of £150 to Grant Smith for the clearing of public footpaths in the vicinity of the church
- a donation of £750 towards the maintenance of the village churchyard

This was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed by all.

The Clerk confirmed two tenders had been received for the village Christmas trees. It was proposed by Cllr Jones that the lowest tender, from Pheasant Acre Plants, of £190 should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Hadley and agreed by all.

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no receipts since the last meeting of the Community Council.

13. To consider any planning matters

The Clerk advised the Community Council that there was one new planning application that required the Community Council's attention:

Planning Application No. 2020/01203/FUL (TP)

Location: Rockleigh, Colwinston

Proposal: Change flat roof Dormer on front of house to sloped roof Dormer with a matching dormer to the rear. Replace concrete tiles with a slate

replacement. Remove extension and rebuild 1.2m further forward with additional upstairs space and master bedroom suite

The Community Council confirmed it had no objection to the application.

The Clerk further advised the Council that the following application had been approved by VOGC:

Planning Application No. 2020/00996/FUL (CR)
Location: Glan Ynys, Colwinston
Proposal: A new single storey detached outbuilding to include a utility room/home office/exercise room/WC

14. To consider any correspondence and associated replies required

The Clerk advised that no correspondence report was required for this meeting. The Clerk explained that correspondence received is either referred to in the relevant reports or has been copied to members in the period prior to the meeting.

The Community Council noted the Clerk's report.

15. To receive any announcements from the Community Council's representatives

It was noted that the January 2021 School Governors' Meeting clashes with the Community Council's next meeting; the members agreed to move their meeting to Monday 25th January 2021 to enable Cllr Lloyd to attend the former.

16. To receive any announcements from Councillors

Cllr Jones asked if the abandoned vehicle in the car park next to the church had been referred to the VOGC. The Clerk confirmed it had.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Monday 21st December 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 08:45PM.

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CHAIRMAN, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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CLERK, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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