

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SCLEDDAU COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE YOUNG FARMERS HALL, JORDANSTON  
MONDAY 12 March 2018 at 7.30pm**

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**Present:** M Charman, J Miles, C Lawton, M Raymond, H Robson (Clerk)

Applicants to become Councillors D.J.Williams and Alun Phillips attended the start of the meeting to discuss interviews. As there needs to be a co-option notice put up for 14 days before interviews can take place, they will be invited in to April's meeting for interview. Clerk to check procedure with One Voice Wales.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

S Kurtz (PCC), W Miles, D Haden

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8 January 2018**

Proposed C Lawton, seconded M Charman

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

M Raymond reported that potholes have reappeared between Jordanston and Llangwarren. C Lawton reported that moss on pavement on Wesley Hill towards depot, Trecwn is still there – Clerk to report to PCC

**5. Planning**

None

**6. Finance**

- Teenage Cancer Trust request for donation - £100. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #821
- Paul Sartori request for donation - £200. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #820
- Cruse Bereavement Care request for donation - £200. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #822
- Marie Curie Nurses request for donation - £200. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #823
- Urdd National Eisteddfod request for donation - £100. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #824
- Wales Air Ambulance request for donation - £200. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #825
- Membership of One Voice Wales 2018/19 - £146. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman. Chq #826
- Printer. Clerk has found a suitable printer for £29.99 at Argos. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Charman
- Clerk training with One Voice Wales, 'The Council Meeting' on 11/4/18 and 'Making Effective Grant Applications on 16/4/18. Cost is £40 x 2. Proposed C Lawton, 2<sup>nd</sup> J Miles

- New Internal Auditor. Deferred to next meeting

## 7. Correspondence

- Notice of Public Path Diversion Order letter. Noted
- Barclays Bank Fishguard branch closing letter. Noted
- Paul Davies AM Advice Surgeries letter. Clerk to write to Paul Davies AM to thank for invitation to attend SCC meeting and to advise we would be contact in future if needed.
- Paul Davies AM January/February Newsletter email. Noted
- National Assembly Active Travel Consultation email. Noted
- Local Development Plan Review Important Update email – Clerk to respond giving M Raymond as contact name
- National Assembly EIS Committee 2018 Spring bulletin email. Noted
- South Wales Rail Electrification email. Noted
- Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum News email. Noted
- Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report Consultation email. Noted
- Engagement Event Invitation from the Review Panel email. Noted
- Carers passport ad Jan 18 email. Clerk to put on website
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service newsletter email. Noted
- Transport Forum emails. Noted
- Kidney Wales Foundation Walk for Life. Noted
- Position of Control of Dogs email from PCC. Clerk to put on website
- Regulation of Horse-drawn Omnibuses Consultation. Noted
- Notice of variation of car parking charges. Noted
- Update from Darren Thomas re Barham Rd & Llangwarren. Clerk to email for update
- Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities. Noted
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2018. Noted
- WAG funding support available in 2018-19. C Lawton to look at this
- Temporary Road Closure Trecwn. Clerk to put on website

## 8. PCC Report

S Kurtz email: On March 8th at PCC full council, it was voted on that council tax should increase by 12.5% for tax year 2018/19. This has been covered nationally by the press and has been scrutinised by PCC Cllrs for quite a few months. I personally, am not normally a fan of increasing taxes - especially when only approx 55% of Pembrokeshire households pay full council tax. However, PCC remains the cheapest Council Tax in Wales and the third cheapest across England and Wales despite the increase.

Do I believe that PCC is as efficient as it can be? No. Do I believe that all money is well spent? No. However, I do believe that the short term injection of extra revenue generated by the council tax increase should allow the current council ruling administration a 'grace period' to implement their transformation projects and further look to increase the efficiency of the council, allowing further cost savings to be made in the future.

It is now up to myself, and my council colleagues to ensure that the ruling administration implement further cost savings measures as I would find it difficult to support another double digit council tax rise next year if serious improvements were not made

Also discussed was the legality around vacating the Pembroke St Mary North seat. I voted for a private session to discuss this matter as the criminal case is ongoing. My fear was that if debate became heated over the matter that a councillor, or councillors would say/imply something that would influence the ongoing criminal case. We are county councillors, not jurors and I felt a private session to debate the matter of the legality around vacating the Pembroke St Mary North seat would have allowed councillors from all sides to debate the matter freely. I do however understand the argument that the people of Pembroke St Mary North need answers, that the criminal case and the legality around the vacating of the seat are two separate matters, however as both concern the same councillor, there is undoubtedly a cross over.

## **9. Any other business**

- Co-option of new Councillors. Notice of Co-option forms passed to C Lawton to display in noticeboards, Gate Inn and Facebook. Clerk to display on website.
- Noticeboards. M Raymond / W Miles to have a look at Panteg. C Lawton to get noticeboard quote and will talk to Marc Owen re Trecwn. Deferred to next meeting
- Sclleddau bus shelter repairs. Clerk to contact PCC. Deferred to next meeting
- Manhole cover. Deferred to next meeting
- Rotten bench in Sclleddau. M Raymond to get quote for seat / picnic bench from M & S. Deferred to next meeting
- T5 bus service review. C Lawton said there is no review, just a timetable update
- Grant application process and form. C Lawton said there is no application form as such, will ask Fishguard Town Council. Deferred to next meeting
- 2nd Home Council Tax Uplift Community Share, there will be 3k available to us that we have to apply for, it can be used for any community use, initial ideas. This is being dispersed to councils, SCC have interest in getting defibrillators, Clerk to ask Zurich about insurance for defibrillators. Deferred to next meeting
- Recycling uptake in Sclleddau. C Lawton reported poor uptake in Trecwn and there will only be one black bag/week from next January. Clerk will put recycling info on website in April. Deferred to next meeting
- Forward Planning for 2018, what do we want to achieve this coming year. Deferred to next meeting

Meeting closed at 9pm

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**Signed CHAIR**