

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SCLEDDAU COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE YOUNG FARMERS HALL, JORDANSTON ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2014**

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**Present:** J Miles (Chair) D Haden C Haden  
M Charman

**In attendance:** Mrs Karen Didcote (Clerk)

**1.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

W Miles, M Raymond, A Davies, O James

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

C Haden declared an interest with regards to the interview with Hannah Smith and left the room whilst all discussions with Hannah took place.

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014 (Agenda Item 3)**

The minutes from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

**(proposed: M Charman, seconded: D Haden)**

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Agenda item 4)  
VACANCY FOR CLERK**

All members had been advised that Hannah Smith would be in attendance at the end of the meeting for an informal meeting/interview with members.

**5. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT/PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**Application Number: 14/0401/PA**

**Proposal:** Erection of animal housing unit.

**Site Address:** Esgalwen, LETTERSTON, Haverfordwest, SA62 5XD

**Applicant:** Mr W Pritchard, Address as above

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the above planning application.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting**

The clerk advised that correspondence had been received from One Voice Wales regarding their forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

They had asked if the following eight motions being put forward be put for council's consideration:

- Pentyrch Community Council – In the interest of the furtherance of democracy, One Voice Wales calls upon the Welsh Government to regulate that in those circumstances where community councils elections are held at the same time as any other election, that only those costs that are greater than the cost of the other election are chargeable to the community council.

- Carmarthenshire Area Committee – One Voice Wales urges the Welsh Government to prepare a coastal defence system based on global best practice without delay.
- Caldicot Town Council – Caldicot Town Council objects to any further increase in tolls on the Severn River Crossings and when paid for should be abolished altogether.
- Tredegar Town Council – That One Voice Wales supports the call for a percentage of the Non-Domestic Rate (Business Rates) currently paid to the Welsh Government to be paid directly to Community and Town Councils' for the benefit of local economic growth.
- Cynwyl Elged Community Council – One Voice Wales calls upon the Welsh Government to work with mobile signal providers to improve coverage across Wales thereby eliminating the areas of no or poor mobile reception in rural communities.
- Barry Town Council – In view of the Public Services Governance and Delivery review to reduce the number of Principal Councils and the on-going reduction to their funding which impacts on non-statutory services.
- Felinheli Community Council – That One Voice Wales calls upon National Grid to ensure that its consultation practice is open and transparent and ensures all transmission options are consulted upon.
- One Voice Wales – That membership fees are uplifted by up to 3% for the financial year 2015/2016.

#### **b. Budget Setting 2015/2016**

The clerk advised that the following correspondence had been received from Susan Sanders, Pembrokeshire County Council:

The Council will be consulting with Town and Community Councils as part of the budget setting process for 2015/16. I now write to advise you that meetings have been arranged as follows:

14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in Committee Room 1  
 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00pm in Committee Room 1

As spaces will be limited to no more than 60 people at each event, I would be grateful if you could confirm who will be attending from your Council.

J Miles may be able to attend this meeting.

#### **c. Hywel Dda Local Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group**

The clerk advised that the following correspondence had been received from Cllr. Ray Hine, Development Officer.

Cllr. Ray Hine, our county representative on the Hywel Dda Local Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group is suggesting that members of all councils have an opportunity to present any local issues so that he can take them up in advance of the next SRG meeting in October. The report and any associated issues will also be tabled at the next meeting of our Area Committee on 24th September.

M Charman raised the issue that there are concerns regarding the standards of care in Worthybush Hospital as a result of the encouragement for Health Care

Assistants who are unqualified, to carry out work which was previously carried out by qualified personnel. This will result in poorer quality of care received by patients both now and in the future.

**7. AUDIT REPORT**

The clerk advised that the audit report had now been received back from BDO and it is requested that the report be signed off. All recommended amendments have been made with the exception of a request that proof be obtained as to the final closure of the old bank account. It is all recommended that all pages of the minutes be initialled by the Chair. The audit was **approved** and signed off by the chair.

**8. WEBSITE INVOICES**

The clerk advised that two invoices had been received, one for £5.39 which is for the renewal of the domain name scleddaucommunitycouncil.org.uk and the other for £49.99 which is the pro hosting charge. The total cost payable to Paragon Internet Group t/a Tsohost is £55.38.

It was **RESOLVED** that payment is approved for £55.38 as detailed above.

**(proposed: D Haden, seconded: J Miles)**

**9. CLERK'S SALARY**

The clerk advised that her salary for the period 9<sup>th</sup> June until the 8<sup>th</sup> September is £244.80. In addition to this a claim for expenses of £20 (printing cartridges, paper, stamps etc for a period of six months) is made. This gives a total amount payable of £264.80.

**(proposed: J Miles, seconded: D Haden)**

The Chair gave thanks to the clerk for the work she had carried out with Scleddau Community Council.

**10. WALES AUDIT OFFICE**

Correspondence had been received from the Wales Audit Office advising that all Town and Community Councils would benefit from £30 credited to them.

**11. VACANCY – CLERK**

Hannah Smith met with members for an informal discussion/interview.

Following members asking several questions it was **RESOLVED** that Hannah Smith be appointed as the new clerk for Scleddau Community Council.

**(proposed: J Miles, seconded: D Haden)**

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Signed CHAIR