

MINUTES OF A BORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA
ZOOM ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2022 AT 19.00HRS

Present: Chairperson: H Hughes
C Bainbridge
R Dalton
M Griffiths
J James
G B Jones
A J Morris
D Pryce Jones
A Thomas
D Tweedy
In Attendance: Clerk: M Walker
6 Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

351. County Cllr Ray Quant.

BORTH COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

352. Helen Williams was welcomed to the meeting to update members on Borth Community Hub. The change of name from Borth Family Centre better reflects what they do today. The Hub runs Borth Family Centre, Borth Youth Club, Borth Caring Communities which runs art classes and a dementia friendly group and Borth Men's Shed. They have also set up a walking for wellbeing group and with the help of County Cllr Ray Quant the Hub has recently acquired a mini bus with several members undertaking a minibus driver course.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

353. Mr Mark Williams asked how easy it was for members of the public to join the council meetings. Cllr Hughes gave an update on the proposed beginning of hybrid meetings from May onwards though he pointed out that members of the public attending face to face meetings pre covid has always been low. Members agreed that the way forward is to encourage people to join and be more involved in the community and to encourage those interested in attending the meetings. Naomi Salmon suggested making more use of social media and Andrea Hughes suggested that organisations be invited to speak at Borth CC meetings and that the Borth 2030 group are constituted.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

354. To remind Cllrs that any matters of interest which may arise during the meeting must be declared. Cllr Hughes declared an interest when discussing the National Eisteddfod.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

355. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the remote monthly meeting held on 7 March as being a true record. Proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Jones. All members voted in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

356. None.

CORRESPONDENCE

357. All correspondence from One Voice Wales, Welsh Government and Ceredigion County Council were forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. No issues were raised by members relating to the correspondence. Other correspondence not requiring any action was received from Boundary Commission for Wales Public Hearing, Borth Community Hub Newsletter, Ecodyfi-March events, Thank you letters from Capel y Garn Cemetery, Y Tincer and Citizens Advice Bureau for the recent donations, Smart Towns Webinar, Diogelu enwau lleoedd Cymraeg, Temporary Road Closure: C1079 Borth, Smart Towns Webinar, Diogelu enwau lleoedd Cymraeg, Elan City flyer on traffic management solutions and Sunshine Gym Equipment.

358. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Ceredigion 2022. A letter from the Chair of Borth Appeals Committee for the Eisteddfod for a financial contribution to reach their goal of £5000. The committee has raised the sum of £4834.50 to date which leaves a shortfall of £165.50. BCC had pledged to make up any shortfall in funds. Cllr James proposed to pay the £165.50, Cllr Morris seconded the proposal with all members voting in favour.

359. Code of Conduct Training. A training session for Clerks on Wednesday 27th April at 6.30pm.

360. Audit Wales. The Auditor General has appointed Monday 12 September 2022 as the date from which electors can exercise their rights under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. The annual return must be certified by the RFO and approved by the Council by 30 June 2022. The audit notice must be published on a noticeboard and on the website for a minimum of 14 days and arrangements made for the public to inspect the accounts and supporting documents for a period of 20 days from 4 July to 29 July.

361. NALC. New national salary awards has been agreed with the new rate of pay applicable from 1 April 2021. The Clerk on SCP5 has been awarded a pay increase of 17p from £10.04 to £10.21. It was proposed by Cllr Bainbridge and seconded by Cllr Griffiths to accept the new pay increase. All members voted in favour.

ACCOUNTS

362. Balance of Accounts at 14 March 2022

Nationwide	30229.71
Charitable Bank Acct	1528.62
Business No Notice Acct	17561.41
Deposit Account	3829.47

363. Income

CCC – playground grant	7820.00
Business No Notice – gross int to 3 March	0.47
Clerks Gratuity Fund - gross int to 3 March	0.10

364. Expenditure – Members resolved to pay the following:

Morris & Bates – land registry documents	18.00
Dyfed Alarms Ltd-CCTV maintenance at Community Hall	180.00
HMRC- PAYE Jan, Feb, March	391.60
M Walker-salary £531.05, off exp 17.91	548.96
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol	165.50
Charitable Bank Account Charges	7.80

Proposed by Cllr Bainbridge and seconded by Cllr Jones with all members voting in favour.

365. The Clerk advised members that a cheque to Redlynch Leisure for new equipment for £23760 was returned due to insufficient funds in the HSBC account. As the Clerk is not a signatory on the account

she has no authority to authorise any movements of funds between accounts. HSBC no longer sweep money from one HSBC account to the other as was previous practice. The Council has authorised payments of £41000+ during the past three months and funds were running low in those accounts. Cllr Dalton as one of the named signatures on all BCC accounts moved the sum of £5000 from the Nationwide account to HSBC to cover the cheque. The cheque was not returned by the bank and therefore a duplicate cheque was signed and sent to the company. Thanks to Cllr Dalton all charges have been waived along with a 95 day period of notice on the Nationwide account.

PLANNING

366. Application for Full Planning Permission.

A220063. Erection of Porch, Hideaway, High Street, Borth. **No objection.**

A220148. Land to the East of Renfrew Drive, Ynyslas. Proposed residential dwelling and associated works including the demolition of the existing MOD building. **Borth Community Council strongly recommends a site visit.** Proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Bainbridge with all members voting in favour.

COASTAL DEFENCE AND FLOODING

367. Cllr Hughes has received a response to his letter of the 16th February from CCC. As there was no satisfactory response to the issues raised in the letter to CCC it was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Morris with all members voting in favour to send a further letter requesting that BCC are involved in the function of monitoring the shingle bank and its re-profiling when necessary, concerns relating to the shingle re-profiling between Phase 1 and Phase 2 and finally when an expert has been recruited to look at the problem the Council would appreciate if that person could address the Council once investigation has been completed.

SIGNAGE ON THE PROMENADE

368. Ongoing.

INSURANCE REVIEW

369. Ongoing.

WALL OPPOSITE PREMIER STORES

370. Ongoing.

FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

371. The Council will begin face to face meetings next month as the equipment is ready for installation.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

372. The Jubilee mugs have been ordered. The Council will not be holding any events as there appears to be several organised individual parties planned within the village.

CHAIRMANS BUSINESS

373. Cllr Hughes referred to a local farm that is opening up an area of farm for allotments. This is a commercial enterprise. All details are available on the Borth Community Info website. The Chair asked the Clerk to order a new Welsh Dragon flag and he is purchasing an Ukranian flag to be placed beneath the Welsh flag. All members agreed.

COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES

374. Cllr Bainbridge gave an update on a recent school governors meeting she attended. There is hope that the carnival will go ahead this year. Cllr Hughes thanked Carol for all the work she has done in applying for playground grants and for her work as school governor.

Cllr Dalton informed members that the next PACT meeting is arranged for the 21st April. The railway station foyer has been re-plastered and painted. Cllr Hughes thanked Rona for her work in dealing with HSBC and Nationwide (see minute 365).

Cllr Pryce Jones has been informed that there were no brakes on the beach wheelchairs. Ms Rachel Hubbard is holding a fundraising event for the Ukraine on the 16th April.

Cllr Jones is due to attend a Health and Wellbeing group meeting on the 7th April.

Cllr Thomas has been asked about plans to link the promenade between Borth and Ynyslas. Cllr Hughes said that everything was on hold at present.

Cllr Tweedy said that this would be his last meeting as a member of Borth CC as he has no intention to stand as a councillor due to his work commitments.

Cllr James mentioned that the hedge from Tyrhelyg to the top of Clarach Road hill is overgrown. Cllr Hughes said he would report the matter to CCC.

Cllr Griffiths asked whether it would be possible to have a dog bin by the church as dog owners were using the flowerpots as waste bins. A cake sale in the church has raised more than £200.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

375. Cllr Quant did not attend the meeting as County Cllrs have been advised they should not attend such meetings now they are in the pre-election period (purdah). However Cllr Quant did send an e-mail to Cllr Hughes with an update on certain issues raised in recent meetings.

NEXT MEETING AND MATTERS FOR AGENDA

376. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm. Agenda items for the next meeting to be held on Monday 9th May 2022 to include AGM, Coastal Defence and Flooding, Signage on Promenade and Wall opposite Premier Stores. Any other items are to be notified to the Clerk. Cllr Hughes will issue a link to the hybrid meeting in advance.