

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANGENNITH, LLANMADOC AND CHERITON  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 AT 7.30pm VIA ZOOM**

**Present:**

**Chairperson:** Jonathan Bale

**Vice Chairperson:**

**Councillors:** Rachel Alexander Tom Wentworth David Gibbs John David

**Clerk:** Jayne Evans

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1. (20/50)	<b>Apologies:</b> Councillors Joyce Jenkins, Maria Brain, Paul Richards, David Willis and Matthew Cowley	
2. (20/51)	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Nil	
3. (20/52)	<b>Approve Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020:</b> Agreed as a correct record, proposed by Councillor Tom Wentworth and seconded by Councillor David Gibbs	
4. (20/53)	<b>Consider Matters Arising:</b> Fairyhill tree felling update – to be discussed in point 12 (20/61)	
5. (20/54)	<b>Received questions from the public (limited to 10 minutes total):</b> The meeting was attended by a resident of Cheriton who discussed concerns with the amount of tree felling and major track work being carried out in Cheriton woods, which is an ancient woodland. They informed the meeting that up to 40% of the woodland was reportedly being removed and there were concerns from local people that a sawmill (which was previously objected to) maybe planned in the woods under the pretext of an agricultural building. Also there were concerning reports that the future of the woods was for tourism in the form of an eco-village with glamping pods. Councillors decided on a unanimous basis this needed to be followed up. Jayne to write to the planning department with their concerns and contact The Gower Society and The Woodlands Trust for advice. It is reported that there has already been a noticeable reduction of birds of prey and bats in the area.	JE
6. (20/55)	<b>Highways Issues:</b> Due to COVID-19, the highways department are carrying out only urgent repairs, although the pothole team are continuing to work, but are not guaranteeing work complete within 48hrs.  Previous problems unresolved (from March minutes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding between Northill Farm and Cheriton – Work completed, but now flooding on other side of the road – photos to be taken.</li> <li>• Nameplate sign Landimore – still awaiting.</li> <li>• Cheriton Church – blocked gully draining into grave yard – reported twice, the church has since flooded, nothing further on this issue.</li> <li>• Lower Muzzard – left hand side, road breaking up, no update.</li> <li>• Large drop at side of road in Kyfts Lane, no update.</li> </ul> New reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pothole on hill between Stembridge and Burry Green</li> <li>• Speeding through Burry Green – ongoing problem, Cllr Richard Lewis will speak to head of highways regarding this matter, local residents to be advised to keep incident log and Jayne to alert local police.</li> <li>• Broughton Lane – needs repair</li> </ul>	JE JE JE

- Hedge in Burry Lane leading onto main road at green need cutting back, difficult to see traffic approaching from the left.
- Keep clear sign outside Llangennith Church needs replacing, there is no budget for this as it is approximately £300. The Councillors agree to fund an H bar outside the church entrance (approx. £80.00) so the disabled access is kept clear. Proposed by Councillor John David and seconded by Councillor Jonathon Bale. Jayne to organise this.
- Follow up on road repairs outside The Kings Head as these have not been completed and the area will become busy once lockdown is relaxed.

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**Footpaths:**

From March minutes, no updates have been received during COVID-19 lockdown:

<b>New problems and updates:</b>	
Footpath Number	Problem/Update
Seawall path LM1	Info. signs and diversion route along lm4, lm2 being checked on a regular basis - wooden barriers now moved back approx. 50m on northern side and 10m on southern side of breach.
Ash Dieback	No problems reported during Feb, although an ongoing problem in Cwm Ivy Woods due to the large amount of Ash growing there – one fallen tree has moved slightly so landowner will deal with this soon.
All areas.	A lot of time has been spent checking bridges and surfaces after recent heavy rain.
<b>Work completed:</b>	
LM4 Cwm Ivy Woods	More fallen branches cut up
CH7 Bracken Bower	Land owner surfacing access track – ongoing at present
<b>Work Planned:</b>	
LG37 Coety Green to College Mill	Works on undermined bank and overgrowth
LG19 College Mill to Hillend	Stiles or replacement with gates
LG35/36 near College Mill	Clearance and step replacement near College Mill
LM3 Cwm Ivy Tor	Replace vandalised signs – materials bought
LM21 Lagadranta	Bridge to be replaced with longer railway sleepers – access agreed, sleepers in stock, meeting with contractor soon.
LM22 Youthcamp	Extra signs/waymarks to prevent wandering off legal path
CH5	Clear on legal line, contact landowner regarding fence
LG9 Kennexstone to Burry Head	New bridge needed
LG 30 Hillend Burrows	Clear correct legal line of western/beach end of path – landowner has moved gate.
<b>Works Outstanding:</b>	
CH1 Stembridge	Install gates, clearance, surface work-site meeting still needed
LM6 Llanmadoc Village	Scrape drain and surface route
LG15/15a Hardings Down to Llangennith	Gate repairs, replacements
LM11 Phillestone to Delvid	Improvements to signage and clearance
<b>Legal works:</b>	
Well Park/ Llanmadoc Hill	This legal order will be added to proposals submitted to Council for consultation by Chris Dale
LG35/36 Western House	Legal works to open legal line of path

Footpath problems reported by Councillors:

- Entrance to LG21 (Dollars Cottage) Hillend – difficult gate
- Ryers Down CH6 where it meets footpath LG7 gate impossible to open

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<p><b>8.</b> (20/57)</p>	<p>Other matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query as to whether repairs to the dyke on the coastal park at Cwm Ivy are going to be carried out, conflicting reports – Jayne has been updated on this, it will be discussed in more detail once the Council can physically meet.</li> <li>• Bench/seat replacement at Burry Green – Quotes for new bench from local company is Seat = £319 + fixings; Bench = £276 + fixings. Councillors unanimously voted to replace the bench proposed by Councillor David Gibbs and seconded by Councillor Tom Wentworth. Jayne to organise this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance:</b> Approve Payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="209 495 1366 752"> <tr> <td>Payment to clerk x 2 months</td> <td>£122.15 (cheque)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (pay next month)</td> <td>£82.20 (cheque)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Magazine</td> <td>£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Internal Auditor</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance in bank from April/May statements: £6,763.98p precept part payment received on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.</li> <li>• Agreement that Councillors Maria Brain and Paul Richards can sign the cheques again this month.</li> <li>• Jayne to follow up internet banking.</li> <li>• Letter acknowledging insurance renewal received.</li> <li>• Pension regulator re-enrolment letter received, covers next 3 years.</li> </ul> <p>Consider new payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for support – Parish magazine, due to COVID-19, there has been a decrease in advertising income and an increase in printing costs. This magazine is delivered to all the community and also sent out online. The Councillors unanimously agreed to a donation of £300.00 this was proposed by Councillor David Gibbs and seconded by Councillor Jonathon Bale. Councillor John David declared an interest and was not included in this discussion or voting process.</li> </ul> <p>Audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to employ an internal auditor – Jayne has sourced a new internal auditor at the cost of £150.00 (as agreed at May’s meeting).</li> <li>• Jayne has completed the audit and she has sent out end of year accounts, she will present the accounts and audit to the meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> after the new auditor has agreed and signed off the accounts (they will need signing by the Chairperson once agreed at the meeting and posting as soon as possible, Jayne will include a letter explaining why they are being signed after June 30<sup>th</sup>). The external auditors are expecting delays this year.</li> </ul>	Payment to clerk x 2 months	£122.15 (cheque)	HMRC (pay next month)	£82.20 (cheque)	Parish Magazine	£300.00	Internal Auditor	£150.00							<p>JE</p> <p>JE</p> <p>JE</p>
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<p><b>9.</b> (20/58)</p>	<p><b>Common Land:</b> Update on action of parking on Common Land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss recent correspondence in detail once it is physically practical to meet, Jayne has communicated this via e-mail.</li> </ul>															
<p><b>10.</b> (20/59)</p>	<p><b>Planning:</b> Decisions received and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul> <p>New planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2020/0766/FUL:</b> Conversion of garage to a 2 bedroom holiday let with associated fenestration alterations and addition of a chimney to Hillcrest Kyfts Lane Llanmadoc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No Objections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>															

<p><b>11.</b> (20/60)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2020/0562/ELD:</b> Town House Llangennith – Councillors agreed that this building had been used for B&amp;B purposes from approximately 2006 (since its conversion) and are willing to support the owners in relation to their application for lawful use.</li> </ul> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swansea RDP Funding Announcement – e-mailed to Councillors.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of £500.00 donated to 3D Printer NHS/Front line Face Masks project (gofundme). This project provides the materials to Swansea and Neath Schools (including Gowerton School) to produce medical visors, wash bags and other PPE for front line workers.</li> <li>• Foodbank – A foodbank is being set up in Llanrhidian, this will service all of North Gower, (Community Council areas Llangennith, Llanmadoc and Cheriton and Llanrhidian Lower and Higher) and it will be called the North Gower Food Hub. Councillor John David and a local resident are involved with this project and will act as the contact numbers for the local area. Information leaflets will be distributed shortly.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12.</b> (20/61)</p>	<p><b>Members Questions and matters for publication:</b></p> <p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints from Burry Green residents as to how illuminated the village is becoming from Fairyhill. Look at light pollution policy once venue is back up and running.</li> <li>• Fairyhill are felling mature Beech trees, Jayne spoke to Alan Webster, tree preservation officer. Fairyhill is not within a conservation area and no trees there have preservation orders, therefore the landowner is able to cut trees down without permission, especially if trees are diseased.</li> <li>• Defibrillator maintenance contracts – Company bought from are requesting serial numbers.</li> <li>• Local Places for Nature Project (Community Fruit Garden) – Councillor John David has been contacted to inform him that the first part of this project, the preparation pack is ready and will need to be carried out by the community over the next few months in readiness for the fruit trees. Position of this garden has yet to be confirmed, Councillor John David has been in discussion with local organic farm and the garden has also been broached with the Community Hall in Llangennith as it may be more appropriately placed in the field behind there.</li> </ul> <p>Parish magazine for July 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Tom Wentworth’s squatters in his owl box.</li> <li>• Fruit trees project.</li> <li>• Support for magazine £300.</li> </ul>	<p>JD</p> <p>JE</p>
<p><b>Meeting closed 9.30 pm</b>  <b>Date and Time of next meeting:</b>  <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 7.30pm</b>  <b>at The Gordon Room Burry Green or remotely on ZOOM.</b></p>		