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PLEASE NOTE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE PLACE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7.30PM ON ZOOM, IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE MEETING PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK.

Resignation:

It is with regret that the Community Council have received Rachel Alexander's resignation as a Councillor for the Cheriton ward. We would like to express our thanks to Rachel for all the hard work and time she contributed to the Community Council. We therefore have a vacancy on the Council for the Cheriton Ward, if you would like to apply for this position, please contact the clerk.

Llanmadoc Parking:

The Community Council have received some complaints from Llanmadoc residents regarding the parking situation in Llanmadoc, it has been particularly busy during the latest lockdown with people visiting the village to go walking. If vehicles are obstructing the roads or footpaths, please report these to the Police to on 101, this will help them build up a picture to as whether further action needs to be taken. The Community Council will report the concerns to both the Police and Cllr Richard Lewis to ask for their advice regarding this problem.

Dyke at Cwm Ivy:

Last year, the Community Council asked Natural Resources Wales to provide us with an update regarding the breach of the dyke at Cwm Ivy, this is the repose to they sent us:

The situation at Cwm Ivy is as follows;

Natural Resources Wales worked closely with National Trust and stakeholders to manage the adaptation of Cwm Ivy Marsh in compliance the Shoreline Management Plan policy of 'no active intervention', as well as satisfying the National Trust policy of Shifting Shores.

The marsh was identified from a dozen priority sites as being the most suitable for adaptation by the former Environment Agency and Countryside Council for Wales (now NRW). Whilst the work to review the options for managed adaptation here was underway, the sea wall breached naturally during a tidal surge and storms in November 2013. At this time Natural Resources Wales purchased land within the flood plain and agreed a legal right to flood with the National Trust, over the entire Cwm Ivy Marsh including the sea wall.

The reason for facilitating the adaption of Cwm Ivy Marsh was to provide up to 38 hectares of coastal habitat as environmental offset (compensation) for coastal plans and projects implemented by Risk Management Authorities, including NRW and Swansea Council. The National Habitat Creation Programme (NHCP) is Welsh Government's programme and the project was supported by Grant in Aid funding to assist the provision of environmental offset from the flood risk management work at Penclawdd and other future coastal works required to 'hold-the-line' in Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Managing coastal adaptation through habitat creation is also consistent with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the Environment (Wales) Act. The provision of nature-based

solutions is an emerging theme and supports the Wellbeing Plans produced by Public Service Boards and is accordance with Welsh Government's Natural Resources Policy.

Natural Resources Wales recognises the need for reviewing sustainable options for managing flood risk management assets facing rising sea levels, coastal erosion and diminishing standards of flood protection. NRW has an obligation to spend public money in the most cost effective and risk-based way. The decision to defend or otherwise a coastal area is taken on a case-by-case basis accounting for properties and businesses at risk and different policies such as the Management policies within Shoreline Management Plan (SMP2).

In managing the adaptation of Cwm Ivy Marsh, the decision to allow the sea wall to deteriorate naturally was made in consultation with stakeholders, including Swansea Council. Issues such as the impact on access and public rights of way was included within the consultation. A key factor in considering the options was the condition of the sea wall which was found to be in very poor condition with a residual life of less than 8 years. Indeed the wall is deteriorating rapidly and the breach is steadily widening.

Following lengthy discussions on the access situation, NRW issued a marine licence (CML1760) to Swansea County Council on the 11 June 2018 for proposed Public Rights of Way mitigation works at Cwm Ivy. This consented a timber footbridge across the breach of the Cwm Ivy embankment and a boardwalk across the Cwm Ivy Marsh, including a second footbridge over the main channel within the Marsh. The Licence contains a number of conditions that must be adhered to. The purpose of the conditions is to ensure that the sensitive local environment is protected, and they include the requirement to submit a method statement to the NRW's Marine Licensing Team for approval prior to work being undertaken on either route. To date no method statement has been submitted.

**Stay safe everyone and please continue to follow Welsh Government guidelines.
Next Council meeting is Wednesday 3rd Feb @ 7.30pm on ZOOM**

Jayne Evans