

**Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt  
Bishopston Community Council Meeting**



Chair: Nic Matthews

Clerk: Anthony Jones

Bishopston CC

***Minutes of Monday 24<sup>TH</sup> of July 2023***

**Present:** C Scott      S Gates      L Ellis      S Webborn      S Dunce      K Laurence  
S Dunce      K Davies      B Ball      Cllr L Jones      I Shemilt      A Jones  
N Matthews      N Lomas      L Sudbury      H Hartshorn      J Jones

**1. Apologies**      K Davies      Cllr L Jones

**2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest**

- S Gates – Bishopston Skatepark Project being discussed.

**3. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 22<sup>ND</sup> June 2023.**

- Approved

**4. Climate and Community**

Jules advised:

We have completed the laying of the hedge; we were short of 30 etherings to weave the top of some 20m. This will be completed in Autumn when we can cut some more. Woodchip will also be spread then. Also, we would like the council to consider raising the crowns of some of the trees that run along the hedge to let in more light, or some areas are in danger of being over shaded and dying back.'

Proposed Coppicing on Mansel Green

The charity to sustain interest and focus on using traditional skills as a form of sustainable management. We are considering community engagement and promotion of training and volunteer events this coming winter. Would the council help with this? There was an initiative called Copley common regeneration project, could this be resurrected as coppicing and possibly scything parts of the common fit in with this.

- Possibly we set up a community working group, consult the community – looking to develop a project.
- Bishopston is so well placed, as rural but near the city and accessible to others.
- Working biodiversity group to be set up and do a call out for the wider community and have the discussions.
- Survey In newsletter currently talks about green spaces.
- The Big Help Out during The King's Coronation - lots of interest was shared from the gardening societies and could tailor these projects to the work that is needed.

- Links well with Copley Wood's regeneration. Information from this would be a good starting point.
- S Webborn would like the project to be driven by the community council.

#### ACTIONS

- Await outcome of survey and a group to be formed and involve the commoners and Cllr L Jones.

#### 6. Planning

- 41 Longache – No objection – Leave to LA.
- 46 Manselfield Road – No object – Ask what the stone road is for?
- 11 Mansel drive – No objection
- 32 Oldway – Objection – Recirculate to a tank?
- Altewyn – Object. Its over development of the site.

#### 5. *Accounts For Approval*

- June accounts approved.

#### 6. Community Engagement Training

- L Ellis attended community engagement training.
- The local community provide the funds for the precepts – so what do they want?
- Are we achieving and providing to the various different demographics in the community?
- We need to let the community know what we do, and what we don't action - Make use of the newsletter?
- How do we take this forward? RFC to look at a formal mechanism on how to look at formal feedback.

#### 7. GWYR Land Trust

- Public consultations have now taken place.
- Several members of the council attended to gather information on behalf of the community council and the community.
- Summary is they have focused on the concept and design – feel they have focused too much on this, and the allocation, location, draining – have become secondary.
- The community are concerned about the allocation and location.
- Allegedly : Allocation policy needs to be agreed to the LA – but 6 houses have already been allocated.
- It's not a homeless project, it's based on location on where people want to live.
- Allegedly owners of the field want to sell it to the land trust. They didn't advise the tenants.
- Consultations have raised lots of questions and they don't seem to have the answers to everything.

#### ACTION

Notes from consultations to be formed

#### 8. *Active Track*

- No further updates have been shared.

## **9. Project Updates**

### ***Bishopston Community Park***

- Awaiting the funds.
- Survey to be looked at to see what the community requests.
- A request has been raised if we could include items for toddlers in the park.

#### **ACTIONS**

- Arrange a meeting with the contractors or new equipment when the information is available to Cllr L Jones – On going.
- Separate meeting to be held when funds received to get the project started.
- Ask Cllr L Jones to chase funds

### ***Copley Woods Regeneration***

- This will be a long-term project – When L Sudbury is available, she will talk to BCC. L Sudbury to prep for a forthcoming meeting.

#### **ACTION**

- L Sudbury to present this Sept/October meeting.

### ***Pump Track***

- Ongoing in different guises and we can't also ignore the fact that for two and half of those years we know the process was disrupted by the pandemic.
- We have to remember that we are honouring a previous Council's decision to look at this and explore this, but we'll also need to make sure that we are doing that systematically and thoroughly
- Council has continued to do that work and that takes time to gather all the evidence that is needed in order for things to be developed fully.
- Collectively, over the last year we have made sure all the planning applications for the 3 sites were explored.
- We had an initial community consultation at the end of April.
- We have legislation to follow.
- At the AGM on the 22nd of May, the Council decided that we would collate information needed to be put together.
- 4 people volunteered to be part of that subgroup.
- Subgroup met and reviewed the consultation response.
- 96 letters of support and 32 of objection.
- Subgroup now Summarising the information.
- Communicate to Formal groups and organisations will also need to commence.
- Information to be formalised – aiming to have this for the next full council and take forward.
- The full council have agreed to support this project in a previous meeting, the issue is the location.

#### **ACTION**

Information to be formalised

## 10. Community Events

- How we engage with groups in the community
- Reinvigorate the RFC
- To increase the community engagement

### 80<sup>th</sup> D Day Celebrations

- May day weekend to have a 1940's re-enactment event?
- Or theme the mayday to 40's?
- Swansea Concert Band to supply 1940's music
- J Jones to speak to the company that could facilitate such event
- Primary school to be involved to link in with learning about the war

### **ACTIONS**

J Jones to make inquires

## 11. Menshed/Ladies group -

- Post on Facebook to see engagement -lots of positive response.
- Wonderful way to tackle loneliness
- Northway garage were interested but lots of planning involved with their project currently.
- Location is needed before we can set up the group
- Huge room at back of chapel?

### **ACTION**

Link in with Rev Andy Walker

## 12. Website

- AJ to use personal bank account and provide receipts until council can be invoiced another way.
- Website bio's needed ASAP.
- Website needs to be moved forward.
- Website is a requirement that all community councils have.
- Website needs to go live ASAP.

### **ACTION**

AJ and H Hartshorn to meet to finish the website and launch it.

## 13. Councillor and City Council update, Cllr Lyndon Jones

- No update provided.

## 14. Clerk's Report

Anna / Coffee Cart –

- Would like to have cart in car park, AJ has advised no at this time.
- Using our electric and will pay or to use a generator.
- Council advised generator would need to be energy efficient or look to charge for use of electric.

**MEETING CLOSED –**  
**Next Meeting – 25/09/23 at 19:00**



Anthony Jones  
(Clerk)

