

**SCLEDDAU COMMUNITY COUNCIL/
CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL SCLEDDAU**

(Clerk/RFO Hannah Smith, The Oaks, Welsh Hook, Haverfordwest, SA62 5NT)
Tel/Ffôn 07843 206677 Email/Ebost sclleddaucc@hotmail.com

**MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2021
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.30PM**

In attendance

M Raymond (Chair), T Phelps (Vice Chair), W Miles, J Miles, H Smith (Clerk), Cllr S Kurtz

Minutes of last meeting

Proposed W Miles, seconded T Phelps. All in favour.

1. Matters Arising

None

2. Agenda Items

2.1. Dog mess and rubbish in Sclledau (D Williams)

T Phelps mentioned there was a lot of dog mess about. There were enough bins but some people weren't picking up after their dogs. Cllr Kurtz said he would put in a request to the Enforcement Team to put Sclledau on their rounds. He would also add a request for signs about fines for not picking up dog mess. Regarding the litter, he didn't think this was as bad as the dog mess situation.

3. Planning applications

None

4 Finance Expenditure

None		
------	--	--

5 Financial Income

None		
------	--	--

6 PCC report

Cllr S Kurtz reported:

Coming to the time of year for the budget review of council tax. Suggested 5% increase this year which Cllr Kurtz was against. PCC had a larger budget this year than previous and given the hardship that a strong proportion of the Pembrokeshire residents are facing this year, a 3% increase has been put forward instead. Now is not the time for a 5% increase. Since 2017 the council tax has gone up around 27%. The consultation is live at the moment. S Kurtz to forward the email link to the Clerk who will forward on to councillors.

PCC have agreed a purchase of the Riverside Shopping Centre which S Kurtz is against. It is not a statutory duty for the council to own commercial property and he thinks it is a bold strategy to purchase a shopping centre. PCC say there is no cost to the residents and no council tax money will be used, it will be funded by grant money, there will still be a strain on PCC on staffing and taking resources away from statutory duties.

The Ocky White building is to be removed and a building opposite Ocky White is due to be demolished to provide a pathway up to the castle which is being funded by grants from the Welsh Government and not council tax payers money, but will take county resources while staff members work on the project.

Local authorities across the UK have a very bad record in owning commercial properties/shopping centres. PCC have quite a few properties they are trying to get rid of

currently and have a poor track record on owning and clearance of properties.

Barham Road: Clerk circulated an email and letter regarding costs for Barham Road water before the meeting. The price has come down from previous quotes. Jon Murphy has worked tirelessly on this and it is pioneering as it has not been done before. It brings an end to the link between the Depot and the residents as there is a fractious relationship between them. A number of the residents get water bills, some pay by direct debit, some haven't been paying at all and some but not all get invoices. D Haden raised with S Kurtz that there will be some residents won't buy into the scheme because some haven't been paying water rates for the last few years and all 32 residents need to buy into the scheme. Because the water quality isn't good enough PCC can insist that this scheme goes ahead even without the residents' blessing and they will be billed retrospectively and a charge could be put against their property. The letter that contains all the figures will be going out to the residents this week. The Depot are paying £55k which connects from the Square to Wesley Place and the other costs come in for the residents there the Square to Barham Road. Jon Murphy has tried to link in with BT to lay fibre optic cable in the trench at the same time the water is being done, but BT don't want anything to do with it, not within their financial interest to connect them. Dragon Wifi has been contacted and could have a commercial contract with the residents and lay the cable. Jon Murphy is hoping Western Power will look to take on responsibility for the street lights.

There will be two meetings online (one daytime, one evening) with PLANED and a Finance Officer from PCC to talk through any financial concerns, and an Engineer to talk through what will be happening.

7 Any other business

M Raymond asked the Clerk to go back to PCC regarding the road between Llangwarren and Jordanston. They have been out but haven't laid any tarmac. S Kurtz will speak to Michelle Bateman regarding this as there is road that borders both patches (between the river and railway bridge – crumbling away and getting narrower all the time).

Date of next meeting – Monday 8th March 2021