

**SCLEDDAU COMMUNITY COUNCIL/
CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL SCLEDDAU**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.30PM**

In Attendance

M Raymond (Chair), A Phelps (Vice Chair), W Miles, J Miles, D Haden, D Williams, H Smith (Clerk), Cllr S Kurtz

Apologies

M Charman

Minutes of last meeting

Proposed W Miles, seconded D Williams. All in favour.

1. Matters Arising

- 1.1. Annual audit. Clerk explained the letter received regarding missing auditor letter and high level of reserves but the Wales Audit Office had signed off on the audit.

2. Agenda Items

None.

3. Planning applications

None.

4 Finance Expenditure

Wales Audit Office invoice	£361.75	Proposed D Williams, seconded W Miles.
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5 Financial Income

None		
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6 PCC report

Cllr Kurtz reported that the main issue is the strategy that has been put forward by PCC for Barham Road. In short, PCC pay for the works with 3 finance options for residents to pay back to PCC. VMS would also be paying a large sum towards the works. It would be a fresh pipe from Wesley Place to bottom of Barham Road and up Barham Road to connect to Welsh Water mains. It is very rare for PCC to agree to this sort of thing. Difficulties are if some residents don't sign up, what about the split for other residents and other issues too. Cllr Kurtz thinks this is a very good deal as it brings to an end The Valley/VMS dealing with the water issues in Barham Road. It will cause the road to be dug up as the pipes will need to be laid and associated relaying works. This could bring the road being adopted by PCC which is also a positive. If only some sign up and some don't, that is still up in the air. There would need to be a strong percentage of residents taking up the offer for it to be viable. A concern from a resident today is that they are happy with the premise and idea, but are VMS getting off scott free? VMS are only putting 18.3% towards it but the fault is 100% with them, as the street understands it. However, S Kurtz said that this isn't the case. PCC Legal Department says this isn't the case – the conducting media is the responsibility of the residents. Whether there will be a residents association set up previously regarding upkeep etc is still undecided. S Kurtz says that the sooner the ties

are severed with VMS the better in terms of well-being and security of residents' property values. It is a very good way forward of bringing the saga to a close. The sewerage would still be dealt with by the depot currently, but Welsh Water are happy to take this over in the future. The sum per property is £7,500 property if everyone signs up for it. If less than 100% takes the deal then the sum per property is more and there must be a cut off point that below a certain take up the work won't be viable. The three options are a covenant on the property, means tested monthly (added onto the council tax payment) or as a lump sum. There is no other option at the current time if this scheme is not taken up.

Next steps are Jon Murphy will be sharing this information with the CC or from Planed, as PCC could start work end February and would take 3 months to do the main, but there is no timeframe in connecting individual properties.

D Haden reported that the general consensus on the street is that the Depot have got away with it and they should be putting more towards it than 18.3% (around £55,000).

A Phelps said it would be good to get a guarantee from PCC about the adoption of the road so the residents could sever all ties with the Depot. The road will have to be tarmacked again anyway so it is hoped that it would be done to PCC's standard and then road could be adopted. S Kurtz will do more investigation into this and whether there would be any more cost to residents.

Cllr Kurtz reported that PCC have been inundated with Covid relief applications and can't get through them quick enough due to volume of applications and not enough staff.

7 Any other business

D Williams reported that there were still no streetlights in Scloddau from Waun Las to Chapel Road. He had been liaising with Cllr Kurtz but nothing had been done yet. Cllr Kurtz reported that someone had been out to look at the streetlights to see whether they could be adjusted or be top priority for the new LED bulbs.

M Raymond noted that the road between Jordanston and Llangwarren – water drain blocked and water has washed away a large area of tarmac. Clerk to let PCC know.

Date of next meeting – Monday 8th February 2021