

COUNCIL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL to be held on Monday NEXT the 1st July, 2019 at the Welfare Hall, Loughor, commencing at 7.15pm, for the transaction of the following business:-

1. Mayor's Announcements
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To receive disclosures of Personal Interests from Members under the Council's Code of Conduct.
(Note: Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their Personal Interest relates to. Where the Personal Interest is a Prejudicial Interest they must withdraw from the meeting while that item of business is discussed.)
4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 3rd June 2019 (copy enclosed)
5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes, if any.
6. To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 3rd June 2019 .(copy enclosed)
7. To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the 3rd June 2019 (copy enclosed).
8. To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on the 26th June 2019 (copy enclosed)
9. To receive a report on current policing activity.
10. To consider correspondence received, if any.
11. To receive reports from Members attending meetings/functions.
12. To consider the Report of the Clerk (copy enclosed).
13. To consider the Planning Report (copy enclosed).
14. Any other business which the Chair determines to be urgent.
15. To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public during consideration of the next item of business due to the confidential nature of the matters to be considered.
16. To consider the Further Report of the Clerk (copy attached).

Would members please ensure that they sign the Attendance Register.

Dated this 24th June,2019

N.G.Havard
Clerk to the Council

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of

Llwchwr Town Council

held on the 3rd June , 2019

PRESENT: : Councillor Will Evans(Chair)

Councillors S.Beynon, J. Bowen, Wendy Evans,I.James, P.Parsons, C.Phillips,
R.V.Smith, W.Smith, J.Williams,
P.Williams and R.Williams

(Welfare Hall, Loughor: 7.25pm – 8.20pm)

18. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor did not wish to make any announcements at this time.

19. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors A.Davis,H.Huelin,
C.Richards,K.Roberts, and D.Walters.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J.Bowen declared an interest in Minute No.29(c)(i) and withdrew
from the Meeting while the matter was discussed.

Councillor J.Bowen declared an interest in Minute No.29(c)(ii) and withdrew
from the Meeting while the matter was discussed.

Councillor P.Parsons declared an interest in Minute No.29(c)(ii) and withdrew
from the Meeting while the matter was discussed.

Councillor C.Phillips declared an interest in Minute No.29(c)(ii)

Councillor Will Evans declared an interest in Minute No.30

21. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Council
held on the 13th May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

22. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

23. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee
held on the 29th April 2019 were noted.

24. FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the
29th April 2019 were noted and agreed.

25. BUDGET WORKING PARTY SUB COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the
7th May 2019 were noted and agreed.

26. POLICE REPORT

No Police Report was received.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

An e mail had been received from the Friends of Ty Llchwyr thanking the
Council and the Past Mayor for the cheque received and the contents were

NOTED.

28 . MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no Reports from Members.

29. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Police Matters

No Police Report had been received

(b) Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised-

Laundering –tableclothes	£35.00
Postage	£8.45
Clarity Copiers	£70.61
N Havard-soft drinks-Awards Evening	£16.55
N Havard-wine for AGM	£29.04
Michael Rixson Pictures-frame	£68.20
N Havard-steps for Notice Boards	£2.99
Vaughtons-brooch pin (incl.VAT)	£22.42

The Clerk reported verbally on two further accounts-

Swan CD-lead to connect iPad to the projector £60.00

Vision ICT-biennial fee for.gov.uk domain renewal(incl VAT) £66.00

It was **RESOLVED** that the above payments be authorised.

(c) Grants-payable by virtue of S.19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)Act 1976(except paragraph (iii))

(i)Penyrheol Comprehensive School.

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** to award a Grant in the sum of £300.00 but with the proviso that such monies were not to be paid direct to the School and it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Plenary Power be given to the Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise the identity and details of an appropriate payee.

(ii)Light Up Loughor

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** to award a Grant in the sum of £200.00.

(iii)Bobath Children's Therapy Centre.

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED.**

(d)Council Precept

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**

(e)Gower Hedgerow Hub.

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**

(f)Changes to the Constitution.

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the three documents referred to in the Clerk's Report namely Procedural Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Terms of Reference for the Council's Committees and Sub Committees be accepted as drafted and be formally adopted by the Council with immediate effect subject only to the proviso that the said three documents be reviewed every two years.

(g)Council Pens

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should purchase 500 pens of the model "Paragon Pens in Matte" in assorted colours in black ink with the Council's title engraved thereon in English and Welsh in the sum of £395.00 plus VAT.

30. PLANNING REPORT

1- The Council considered the following planning applications upon which the observations of the Town Council had been requested

(i) 2019/0880 Lower Loughor - Area 2

Land To The Rear Of, 18 Culfor Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6TY

Miss Penny Blyth- Detached dormer bungalow

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would object to the Application for the following reasons-

-highways issues-leading to this proposed development is a very narrow road with no pavement thus raising safety concerns

-the proposal to install two windows in the upper part of the dormer will affect the privacy of neighbouring properties unless compatible with the guidelines on distances

(ii) 2019/0873 Upper Loughor - Area 2

Pen Y Fernel Farm, Culfor Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6UB

Mr. & Mrs. M. Preece- Addition of first floor side extension to provide further living accommodation, fenestration alterations and conversion of part of the property into a holiday let

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(iii) 2019/0979 Upper Loughor - Area 2

44 Borough Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6RP

Mr A Harris- Non Material Amendment to planning permission 2018/2155/FUL granted 14th November 2018 to allow for amendment to external finish and a decrease in width of proposed extension

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(iv) 2019/0511 Lower Loughor - Area 2

44 Bwrw Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6TX

Mrs Nicola Chapman- Two storey side extension and detached garage (amended Plans received)

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(v) 2019/1001 Lower Loughor - Area 2

29 Glanymor Park Drive, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6UQ

Mrs Rachel Thomas - Non Material Amendment to Planning Permission

2019/0026/FUL granted 22nd February 2019 to allow for an amendment to the external finishes

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(vi) 2019/0945 Upper Loughor - Area 2

Land At The Rear Of Bryn Farm, Bryn Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 4PQ

Mr C Jenkins-Two detached dwellings with detached garages and associated Access road

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would not object to the Application if the Highways issues identified in the previous Application had been addressed and that there is continuous access/public right of way from Dan y Bryn Road to Bryn Road

(vii) 2019/0803 Kingsbridge - Area 2

Land Adjacent Swansea Sound, Victoria Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3AB

Mr Gethin Edwards- Construction of an access road and a single storey drive-thru restaurant with associated parking

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would object to the Application for the following reasons-

-safety concerns;it is not clear where the footpaths are on this proposed Development-is there a footpath between the building and the Highway?

-as regards traffic safety is there clear signage? And is such signage on Highways land as opposed to private land raising concerns of enforcement

(viii) 2019/0949 Kingsbridge - Area 2

55 Belgrave Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 6RF

Mr Shaun Walters- Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(ix) 2019/0452 Lower Loughor - Area 2

Land Between 24 And 30, Culfor Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6TY

Mr Andrew Gazzi- Detached dwelling

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(x) 2019/0982 Lower Loughor - Area 2

64 Brynllwchwr Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6SG

Mr. Rhydian Evans- Retention of 1.8m high front boundary fence

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

(xi) 2019/1028 Lower Loughor - Area 2

44 Landor Drive, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6GL

Mr & Mrs Frank Ellis- Single storey rear extension (Application for a Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development)

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection

31. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

32. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.

33. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the payments referred to in the Report be authorised

(b) Receipts and Payments

The current receipts and payments of the Council were **NOTED**.

(c) Globe Field

(i) Acquisition

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and the Clerk was authorised to proceed as indicated in the Report

(ii) Tree Lights

The Clerk's Report and verbal update were **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Contractor be informed that the Council wished to proceed with Items 1 and 2 as referred to in the Contractor's Quotation but wished to retain £1,500.00 in respect of Item 2 until such time as the works therein had been completely carried out to the Council's satisfaction.

(d) Rainbow Flag

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

(i) that the Clerk write to the complainant stating that the matter had been reported to Members, it had been treated as a complaint under the Council's Complaints Policy, that the Council welcomed her comments as well as those from other sections of the community and that it now regarded the matter as closed

(ii) that the draft Complaints Policy attached to the Report be adopted by the Council save that the 4th sentence of the 1st paragraph should now read "To the best of our ability the Council will provide any possible service to which you may be entitled and which we have failed to deliver."

(e) Insurance Claim-

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

(i) the Clerk write to the Solicitors to confirm whether or not a risk

assessment had been carried out by Age Concern at the time and whether the Solicitors had seen same.

Chair

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Welfare Hall Trustees/ Management Committee

Meeting held on the 3rd June ,2019

Present: Councillor I.James(Chair)

Councillors S.Beynon, J. Bowen, Will Evans, Wendy Evans, P.Parsons, C.Phillips,
R.V.Smith, W.Smith, J.Williams,
P.Williams and R.Williams

(Welfare Hall, Loughor: 7.10pm – 7.25pm)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ireen James be appointed Chair for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Jeff Bowen be appointed Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2019/2020

3. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors A.Davis,H.Huelin, C.Richards,K.Roberts, and D.Walters.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a)Payments

It was **NOTED** that the following payments have been made by Direct Debit-

Virgin Media	£72.90
NPower-electricity	£382.39

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be approved-

B & Q Weedkiller	£10.00
Welsh Water	£454.90

(b)Former Police Office

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that taking into account the Trustees overriding duty to consider what is in the Charity's best interests that-

(i) the Office,at this time,is not required specifically for use as a community centre and

(ii) any potential letting would not unduly interfere with the remainder of the building's use as a community centre.

Notwithstanding the above it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Office will be permitted to be booked(in the same manner as the current users of the Hall) for community purposes eg a quiet room or Meeting room with the proviso that in exceptional circumstances the booking fee may be waived.

And it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk procure an Electric Storage Heater for the Office.

(c)Works to the Hall-Frontage

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that

(i)all community centre users of the Welfare Hall would be entitled to utilise the new car parking area in front of the Hall on a first come first served basis but on the understanding that Council Members would always have priority particularly on the occasions of any and all Council Meetings and subject also that such users would not be entitled to such parking until such time as a Disclaimer Notice had been erected/placed in the parking area and

(ii)the Clerk be authorised in conjunction with the Mayor to procure such Disclaimer Notice and which said Notice should if possible be bilingual in Welsh

(d)Schedule of Meetings for 2109/2020
The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**.

(e) Welfare Hall Receipts and Payments
The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**.

8. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

Chair

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the
FUNCTION SUB-COMMITTEE
held on the 3rd June ,2019**

PRESENT: Councillor I.James(Chair)
Councillors S.Beynon, J. Bowen, Will Evans, Wendy Evans, P.Parsons, C.Phillips, R.V.Smith,
W.Smith, J.Williams,
P.Williams and R.Williams

(Welfare Hall, Loughor: 8.21pm – 8.25pm)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Will Evans be appointed Chair for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Jeff Bowen be appointed Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2019/2020

3. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors A.Davis,H.Huelin, C.Richards,K.Roberts, and D.Walters.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record..

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(i)Schedule of Meetings for 2019/2020

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**

(ii) Awards Evening 2019

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that the Award to Mr. Jonathon Williams will be presented by the Mayor on the occasion of the St. John Cymru Annual Presentation Evening due to be held on the 17th July 2019.

(iii) Other Council Functions

It was **NOTED** that at the next Meeting of the Sub Committee Members wished to confirm the dates of the Cawl A Chan and Annual Dinner 2020.

8. OTHER COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

It was **NOTED** that there are currently no other plans in place.

Chair

Agenda Item 12

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL
Date 1st July ,2019
REPORT OF THE CLERK

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- 1-Police Matters
- 2-Accounts for payment
- 3-Grants
- 4-Council Newsletter
- 5-Works to Common Land on Stafford Common
- 6-Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales-Payments to Members
- 7-Plenary Powers in the Recess

Dated this 25th June, 2019

Agenda Item 12

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
Date 1st July, 2019
Report of the Clerk

CONTENTS

1-Police Matters

No report has been received.

2-Accounts for Payment

National Pens –shipping costs

£11.95

Postage	£11.12
Envelopes and shredder	£40.13
Hartsons-annual fire extinguisher service	£145.60
Office Supplies-storage box	£5.95
West Street Gymnastics-newsletter delivery	£100.00
United-paper	£91.18
M.Cole-signwriter	£40.00

3-Grants-payable by virtue of S.19 Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

(i)The Friends of Parc Williams

The Clerk has received the following application-

“Dear Nigel,

Friends of Parc Williams are celebrating our park's 90th anniversary by holding a community picnic on 20th July.

We would like to apply for a grant of £400 to help cover the cost of providing free entertainment in the park for our community at this event.

Kind regards

Christine Richards

Secretary Friends of Parc Williams”

The Friends have been requested to supply financial information and accounts but at the time of writing this Report they have not been received;the Clerk may be able to give a verbal update at the Meeting.

The Friends have previously received Grants from the Council as detailed below-

-2013 £200.00

-2014 £250.00

-2015 £250.00

-2016 £300.00

-2017 £300.00

-2018 £350.00(memorial stone)

4-Council Newsletter

The West Street Gymnastics Centre have confirmed that the Newsletter has been delivered to Upper Loughor;Centurion have previously confirmed that they have delivered to Lower Loughor.

Garden Village FC have in previous years delivered to both Garden Village and Kingsbridge.The Club have declined to deliver to Kingsbridge this year but have delivered to Garden Village but concerns have been raised by the Mayor and other Councillors as to whether the Club have,in fact,delivered to all the requisite addresses.

This still leaves the issue of the Kingsbridge delivery and Members are requested as to whether they are aware of any group or organisation that might be prepared to carry this out-the standard fee for delivery is £100.00.

5-Works to Common Land on Stafford Common

Members may recall considering this matter in the March Meeting of Council and the Clerk sets out below the Minute-

“ **URGENT ITEMS**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Swansea Council in respect of Works to Common Land on Stafford Common for the purpose of a cyclelink between Gowerton and Kingsbridge. A Notice and plan were attached to the letter. The reason for urgency was that representations needed to be made by the 18th March 2019

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council support the proposal. “

The Clerk has previously forwarded to Members the plan of the proposed Works.

The Clerk has now received the Decision Letter from the Planning Inspectorate and Members are requested as whether they have any comments.

“ **Decision**

1. Consent is granted for a shared track for use by pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with the application dated 13 February 2019 and the plans submitted with it subject to the following conditions:

- i) The works shall begin no later than 5 years from the date of this decision.
- ii) The works shall be completed not later than 12 weeks from the date of their commencement.

Procedural Matters

2. I carried out an unaccompanied site inspection on 28 April 2019. I was unable to walk a short section close to the sewage works due to the presence of undergrowth. Nonetheless I was able to view much of the route and I am satisfied from my observations on site that I am able to reach a decision.

3. In determining this application under Section 38 of the 2006 Act, I have had regard to the Welsh Government's Common Land Consents Guidance, August 2014, (the Guidance) which has been published for the guidance of both the Planning Inspectorate and applicants.

Preliminary Matters

4. Stafford Common is registered as common land (CL54) and amounts to some 63.367 acres. Rights on the overall common are registered to take trees, bushes, fern, underwood, fish, herbage, minerals and water as are rights to shoot or sport and grazing rights. The rights exercisable at the site of the proposed works are to take fern for bedding and grazing of 46 cattle and 2 horses. The public have a right of access to the common for air and exercise under Section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925. The Common is not subject to an order of Limitation made under section 193 or a Scheme of Management made under the Commons Act 1899.

The Application

5. The application seeks consent for a section of a proposed shared use footpath and cycle link between Gowerton Railway Station and Kingsbridge. The section across Stafford Common would follow part of the former railway track bed. The works would be 3 metres wide with 1 metre verges either side. The track would be provided in part with a tarmac surface and in part as a recycled plastic raised boardwalk. The total area of common required is 3115 square metres. Temporary “heras” style safety fencing would be erected during the works. It is anticipated that the works on the common would take 12 weeks to complete.

6. Conditional planning permission was granted for the footpath/cycle link by the City and County of Swansea Council on 2 March 2018.

Application Procedures

7. The procedures to be followed for this application are set out in The Works on Common Land, etc. (Procedure) (Wales) Regulations 2012. The Regulations require that the

application be publicised and that an opportunity be provided for representations to be submitted to the determining authority (the Planning Inspectorate acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers) by any person.

8. In accordance with these requirements, a notice of the proposal was published in the South Wales Evening Post on 18 February 2019. Additionally, site notices were displayed at the main entry points to the common and were maintained for the required period of time. Letters were sent to the Penllergaer Estate, the Owner/Occupier of Trafle Farm, Pen y Fodau Fawr Farm and Pontybrenin Farm, the Somerset Trust, the West Glamorgan Commoners Association, the local Ward Councillor, Llŵchwr Town Council, the Open Spaces Society, Natural Resources Wales, the Gower Society, the Secretary of Wheelwrights, the Right to Ride Rep for Cycling UK, Sustrans Cymru, Swansea Ramblers, a local resident, 3M Gorseinon Road Runners Club and the Head of Planning Services and Head of Corporate Building and Property Services at the City and County of Swansea Council (the Council).

9. I am satisfied that the required publicity has been carried out and the actions taken, including advertising in the press and on site, have provided an opportunity for all those with an interest in the land to comment on the application.

Summary of Representations

10. There have been no objections to the scheme. In response to the publication of the application the Swansea Bay Cycle Campaign Group Wheelwrights, Llŵchwr Town Council and the Kingsbridge Ward Councillor support the proposal. The Open Spaces Society and Cadw have no objection and the owners of the land have given their consent to the work.

Main Issues

11. In determining this application for consent, I am required by Section 39 of the 2006 Act to have regard to:

- a) the interests of persons having rights in relation to, or occupying, the land (and in particular persons exercising rights of common over it);
- b) the interests of the neighbourhood;
- c) the public interest (including nature conservation, the conservation of the landscape, the protection of public rights of access and the protection of archaeological remains and features of historic interest); and

d) any other matter considered to be relevant.

12. Common land is a finite resource and the Welsh Government has indicated that it should not be developed unnecessarily, access to it should not be prevented or impeded unnecessarily, and the proper management of it should be encouraged.

Reasons

The interests of persons having rights in relation to the land

13. The application form states that there is no evidence that grazing rights are exercised on the land affected by the proposed works and it is unlikely that any rights are exercised at this location as it is the former mineral railway line. At the time of my site visit it was evident that much of the former fencing had collapsed and the land was not sufficiently fenced to contain livestock. The line of the proposed track was heavily overgrown with undergrowth and young trees. There was no evidence of grazing of the land. There was some evidence of tree cutting close to the northern end of the site. Nonetheless no representations have been received from persons claiming to exercise rights and the landowners have consented to the works.

14. Whilst the route of the track was heavily overgrown at the time of my site visit, the original route of the former railway track was largely discernible. The works would require the clearance of the undergrowth and trees that have grown since the cessation of the use of the railway track and their permanent replacement with a 3 metre wide path. As such the works would have some impact on land available for cutting ferns and grazing. However,

historically much of this land would not have been available to exercise common rights as it would have been part of the former railway line and in the context of a common of some 63.367 acres the removal would represent a very small proportion of the overall area available for grazing and cutting ferns.

15. The works would facilitate better access for commoners on foot. The works are anticipated to take 12 weeks and on completion grazing and access to exercise rights to take ferns in proximity to the track would continue unimpeded. In my assessment any impacts on common rights would be negligible and the works would not unacceptably interfere with the interests of those occupying or having rights over the land.

The interests of the neighbourhood

16. The common is located between the predominantly built up residential areas of Gowerton and Kingsbridge. The proposed path is a section of a wider footpath/cycle route proposed to link these areas. The two settlements straddle the A484 Llanelli link road and the surrounding roads that link the settlements are high volume traffic routes with no dedicated pedestrian/cycle paths or crossing point over the A484. The provision of the path would provide a safe route to link the settlements and also provide further sustainable transport links to Gowerton Station and the wider cycle network. The works would have considerable benefits to members of the public who would use it for access, recreation and enjoyment. The width of the path would also enable its use by wheelchairs and pushchairs. Furthermore, the works would not affect the ability of the public to enjoy the wider common under the provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

17. I conclude that the works would provide a benefit to the interests of the neighbourhood.

The public interest

18. In respect of the effects on nature conservation, no response has been received from the statutory advisor NRW. The raised boardwalk has been proposed in consultation with the City and County of Swansea's ecologist and I have no reason to disagree that raising sections of the path would be an appropriate solution to minimising effects on ecological interests. The site is located some distance from the nearest Site of Special Scientific Interest, and I have no evidence before me that the proposal would impact on its special interests. I am satisfied that the works would not harm the public interest in nature conservation terms.

19. Given that the works relate primarily to providing a route along the former railway track bed the impact on the landscape would be negligible. The route is largely screened from wider views due to the mature vegetation and the topography.

20. With regard to the effects on archaeological remains and features of historic interest I note that Cadw has no objection. I have no reason to disagree.

21. The proposal would enhance public access into the area as set out above, and I conclude that in relation to matters of public interest, any impacts would not be significant.

Other Relevant Considerations

22. The purpose of the works is to provide a safe footpath/cycle link between Gowerton and Kingsbridge with associated links to Gowerton station and the cycle network. I note the advice in the Guidance that in deciding whether to grant consent it is necessary to establish whether the works are consistent with the use of the land as common. The public have a right of access to the common for air and recreation and the addition of a path that provides access for all would be consistent with this use. Whilst a small area of common would be removed for exercising the rights of removing ferns and for grazing, it would not prevent the use of the wider common for these purposes; indeed it would facilitate easier access by the commoners.

23. I find that the public benefits outweigh the loss of a very small part of the common for taking ferns and grazing. I conclude that the proposal would conform to the policy objectives set out in the Guidance.

24. I have had regard to the advice in the Welsh Government Circular 16/2014: “Use of Planning Conditions for Development Management” in relation to the need to impose conditions. It is anticipated that the works will take 12 weeks to complete and I find it reasonable and necessary to impose a condition requiring the works to be completed within this timeframe to ensure minimal disruption to the common and those wishing to exercise their rights.

Conclusion

25. I have taken into account all matters raised and conclude that subject to conditions the proposed works would not unacceptably affect the interests of persons having rights in relation to the land, the interests of the neighbourhood or the wider public interest. The works would be in conformity with the policy objectives set out in the Guidance. For the reasons given above, I allow the application and grant consent for the proposed works subject to the conditions specified at paragraph 1 of this decision.

26. In reaching my decision, I have taken into account the requirements of sections 3 and 5 of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WBFG Act). I consider that these decisions are in accordance with the Act’s sustainable development principle through their contribution towards one or more of the Welsh Ministers’ well-being objectives as required by Section 8 of the WBFG Act.

Vicki Hirst

INSPECTOR

6-Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales-Payments to Members

Members will recall that the Clerk has reported several times on this issue and it is now opportune to consider whether Members wish to claim any of the allowances available. The allowances will normally be subject to tax.

Guidance from the Panel states-

“Members should receive monies to which they are properly entitled as a matter of course. There must be no requirement for individuals to “opt in” to receive payments.

An individual may decline to receive part or all of the payments if they so wish. This must be done in writing and is an individual matter. A Member wishing to decline payment must write themselves to the Clerk.”

“Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council cannot receive payment from a town council other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care.”

The allowances available are-

a) £150.00 a year towards costs and expenses

b) annual payment of up to £500.00 each to up to 5 Members in recognition of specific responsibilities eg Committee Chair. This is in addition to the £150.00 payment for costs and expenses. The £500.00 payment is optional.

c) reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs

i) travel-Town Councils can make payments to each Member in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowance as set out below

-45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year

-25p per mile over 10,000 miles

-5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business

-24p per mile for private motor cycles

-20p per mile for bicycles

ii)subsistence-If a Town Council resolves that a particular matter or duty requires an overnight stay it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its Members at the maximum rates set out below on a basis of receipted claim-

-£28.00 per 24 hour period allowance for meals

-£200.00 London overnight

-£95.00 elsewhere overnight

-£30.00 staying with friends and/or family overnight

d)Compensation to Members who suffer financial loss when attending approved duties.Members have to demonstrate that financial loss has actually been incurred.Rates are-

-up to £54.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours

-up to £108.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours

e)Care costs-all Town Councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults(provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403.00 per month.Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by Members in order for them to carry out their approved duties.Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.

f)Civic Head/Deputy Civic Head-the Panel recognises that such Members as well as chairing meetings are the ambassadors for the Council to a variety of organisations and institutions.The Panel requires that such Members should not have to pay for the cost of support that is needed to carry out these duties.

The Panel recognises the wide range of provision made for civic heads in respect of transport, secretarial support, charitable giving and clothing. Funding decisions in relation to levels of such additional support are not matters of personal remuneration, but of the funding required to carry out the tasks and duties. These matters remain entirely a matter for individual councils. Councils remain free to invest in support at whatever levels they deem appropriate for the levels of civic leadership they have in place.

For the avoidance of doubt, support in respect of, for example, transport (physical transport or mileage costs), secretarial support, charitable giving (purchasing tickets, making donations or buying raffle tickets) and clothing are not matters of personal remuneration for the individual holding the senior post. These support costs relate to the tasks and duties of the roles and individual councils will make funding decisions in relation to such support, as they deem appropriate for the levels of civic leadership they have in place.

Recognising that some mayors and chairs of community and town councils and their deputies are very active during their year of office, the Panel has determined that community and town councils can make a payment to the individuals holding these roles. This payment is to be used or retained at the individual's discretion and does not relate to the support costs set out above.

The Panel has determined that Town Councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the Mayor up to a maximum of £1,500.00.This is in addition to the £500.00 payment for costs and expenses and the £500.00 senior salary if claimed.The figure for the Deputy Mayor is up to a maximum of £500.00 and again is in addition to the other payments

A decision is required by Council for all the above allowances except the £150.00 individual allowance which is mandated unless individual Members opt out and the payments listed in paragraph e) above.

All payments will be published eg on noticeboards and the website.

Members are requested to consider which allowances are to be claimed

7-Plenary Powers in the Recess

The next Meeting of the Town Council will be held on the 2nd September 2019.In order to deal with all matters of urgency it is recommended that authority be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with either the Mayor or Deputy to deal with any matter arising.

Dated this 25th June,2019
Clerk to the Council

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LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL
Date 1st July ,2019
PLANNING REPORT

1-Planning Applications

At the time of writing this Report ,notification has been received of the following Planning applications upon which the observations of the Town Council are requested:-

(i) 2019/1173 Upper Loughor - Area 2

Land South Of Glebe Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6SR

Mr Cai Parry- Non-Material Amendment to Planning Permission 2018/1537/RES granted 6th December 2018 to replace the detailing brick with Ibstock Atlas Smooth Red bricks and amend the wording of condition 1

(ii) 2019/1166 Upper Loughor - Area 2

4 Glebe Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6QS

Mr & Mrs L Richards- Part two storey side/rear extension, part single storey rear Extension

(iii) 2019/1248 Upper Loughor - Area 2

Land Adjacent To 79 Bryn Road, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 6PR

Mr Durrant-: Detached dwelling and detached garage

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