

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEYLAND TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 AT NEYLAND COMMUNITY HUB, JOHN STREET, NEYLAND

PRESENT:

Cllr A Lye
Cllr A Phelan
Cllr M Harry (Chair)
Cllr Angela Radice
Cllr Steve Thomas
Cllr. Ellen Phelan
Cllr P Hay
Cllr. Leah Unwin

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Vanessa Walker – Town Clerk

4047 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

REPRESENTATION BY PUBLIC

None.

4048 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th November 2022 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. A Lye, seconded by Cllr. S Thomas. All in favour.

4049 MATTERS ARISING

The following points were raised:

4028: Neyland & Johnston Surgery - Cllr. M Harry suggested that Hywel Dda Health Board be asked for reports on how the managed practice is doing. The Clerk would make enquiries.

4029: Finance, Policy & Strategy Committee Report – Budget for PR & Events Committee. The request for a dedicated, autonomous budget for this Committee would need to come to the next Town Council meeting for approval

4039: Renewal of Christmas Lighting Contract and Specification – for discussion at the January Town Council Meeting. Cllr. A Phelan proposed the creation of a Facebook Group for consultation purposes. Seconded by Cllr. A Lye. All in favour.

RESOLVED: To further discuss the Christmas Lighting for 2023 and set up a Facebook Group for consultation with the Neyland community.

4033: Twinning - The Clerk has confirmed that travel expenses for Neyland Town Councillors can be claimed but is waiting to hear if spouses/partners can be included in this. It is likely that three Town Councillors will attend the special event being put on in Sanguinet to mark the 10 Anniversary of the Twinning Charter next Spring. A Facebook post will be put out to try and ascertain interest from the community in forming a new Twinning Committee.

4042 (n) Xmas Meal: Cllr. A Lye mentioned that the Milford Haven Town Council

Gives funding to an organisation to provide a Christmas meal and the Clerk was asked to find out if it was happening this year. A Town Improvement Grant Application had been received from the local Forget-me-Knots Dementia Support Group.

4045: Neyland Carnival – the Clerk had created an Evaluation Form for the Town Improvement Grant which would be sent to the Neyland Carnival Committee and Music at Llanstadwell Committee, both of which had received Town Improvement Grants this year.

4050 TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATE OF DENTAL SERVICES IN PEMBROKESHIRE

Cllr. M Harry proposed that Hywel Dda be asked about dental service provision locally, ie. the extent of the waiting lists, how easy is it to find an NHS dentist etc. Seconded by Cllr. A Phelan.

RESOLVED: To enquire about the current state of dental services in Pembrokeshire.

4051 TO DISCUSS THE ADOPTION OF “MY CHARTER”

Cllr. S Thomas proposed that the Town Council pledge to support and contribute to the lives of people with learning and cognitive disabilities by adopting “My Charter” in full. A robust debate ensued with widely differing views on the appropriateness of adopting the Charter and this resulted in an amendment being proposed by Cllr. A Lye that the Town Council should obtain more information about this matter and invite the organisation Pembrokeshire People First to attend a future Town Council Meeting. This amendment was seconded by Cllr. A Phelan.

RESOLVED: To invite Pembrokeshire People First to a Town Council meeting.

4052 TO DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TOWN COUNCIL TRAINING PLAN FOR COUNCILLORS AND CLERK.

This item was deferred.

4053 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022, AT 7.00PM AT THE COMMUNITY HUB, JOHN STREET, NEYLAND

PRESENT: Cllr. A Lye
Cllr. M Harry
Cllr. Angela Radice
Cllr. P Hay (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: Vanessa Walker – Town Clerk

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

- i) 22/0654/PA: land opp. 60 Lawrenny Street, Neyland – new detached garden shed.

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This was considered to be too close to the back garden boundary, the roof height is too high - recommend a flat roof, the "shed" is too large and the erection of such a large building would be to the detriment of the residents of Cambrian Road.

- ii) 22/0622/PA: 7 Trafalgar Terrace, Neyland – variation of condition 1 (time limit for commencement of planning permission 17/0894/PA) – alterations and extensions.
No adverse comments.

To receive the following Planning Decisions:

- i) 21/0788/PA: land west of 12 James Street, Neyland – REFUSED.

The Clerk was asked to look into why a GN.28 of £10,000 was requested but not paid and why this was a factor in refusing the application.

- ii) 22/0466/PA: 2 Neyland Terrace, Neyland – CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

- iii) 22/0484/pa: 2 Riga Avenue, Neyland – CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

- iv) 22/0446/PA: Neyland Yacht Haven – CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

- v) 22/0353/PA: 5 Picton Road, Neyland – CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

- vi) 22/0208/PA: 65 High Street, Neyland – CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

3. Planning Training

Cllr. Angela Radice will be attending the Planning Aid Wales training session on the 28th November.

4. Any Other Planning Matters

Councillors discussed the recent tour of Neyland with the Conservation Officer from Pembrokeshire County Council and the missing fascia from the front of The Old Pharmacy in the High Street. The Clerk was asked to find out whether any enforcement action was being taken.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

RESOLVED: That the Report be accepted.

4054 TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE TERMS OF THE TRANSFER OF THE ATHLETICS FIELD

The Councillors discussed the advice from the Solicitor concerning the overage payment of 50%, already agreed, of any increase in value resulting from a planning permission or permissions in respect of the field or any part of it. The advice was that this should be triggered on the implementation, rather than the granting, of any planning permission on the land in the future. Cllr. P Hay proposed accepting this advice, seconded by Cllr. A Lye. A vote was taken – 6 for: 2 against. The decision was carried.

RESOLVED: That the Overage Clause be triggered on the implementation of planning permission rather than the granting of same.

4055 TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF BOY RACERS

Cllr. A Phelan informed Councillors of police action in Pembroke Dock acting with its Town Council to try and stamp down on boy racers there. Unfortunately it has not been possible to get the Police involved in Neyland due to a lack of reporting of

incidents. It was agreed that the Town Council should be more pro-active in getting people to report cases of boy racers and other incidents in Neyland and the Clerk was asked to publish ways of informing the Police on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards.

4056 TO CONFIRM THE JLEN FUNDING APPLICATION

The Clerk and Cllr. P Hay would liaise over costings for the proposed disability friendly pathway through the Playpark and a new inclusive wheelchair roundabout.

4057 TO DISCUSS A FIREWORKS EVENT FOR 2023

After the very successful event this year it was decided to go ahead with a Fireworks Event on Sunday 5th November, 2023. Proposed by Cllr. P Hay, seconded by Cllr. A Phelan. Cllrs. S Thomas proposed purchasing a card machine to take donation payments by card. Seconded by Cllr. A Phelan.

RESOLVED: To hold a public Fireworks Event on Sunday 5th November, 2023, and to purchase a card machine to take card payments.

4058 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. M Harry thanked the Clerk for organising the Remembrance Service which was very well attended and was live streamed on Facebook by Cllr. Ellen Phelan. There was some confusion at the last minute over the laying of the wreaths which would need to be sorted out for next year's Remembrance Sunday Service.

4059 TO DISCUSS THE TREES IN RIVERSIDE AVENUE

It had been confirmed that there were no outstanding issues with the trees now but that the wooden baskets containing the trunks needed minor maintenance. The Clerk was asked to look into this.

4060 TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR A SPEED LIMIT ON THE A477

The Clerk had found some historical documents that related to the Town Council's request for a reduction of the speed limit from the W P Lewis garage through Honeyborough Roundabout to the Cycle Crossing down to 40mph. These were discussed but it was felt that the situation was unclear post Covid and the Clerk was asked to find out the current position from Mr. S Benger – Pembs County Council. The proposed new development at W P Lewis garage might also have implications.

4061 TO DISCUSS THE MUGA

Deferred.

4062 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. The Clerk informed Councillors that the cost of the summer planting in Neyland had increased from £702 to £1303. Cllr. A Phelan proposed accepting the increase. Seconded by Cllr. S Thomas. All in favour.

RESOLVED: To accept the increase in the cost of the summer planting in Neyland.

2. Meeting with OGI. Cllr. M Harry and the Clerk had had a very positive meeting with OGI, the company putting ultrafast broadband into Neyland, regarding the possibility of OGI supplying new CCTV cameras at Brunel Quay and the High Street as a community benefit.

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3. The date for the switching on of the Christmas Lights had been set for Wednesday 30th November.
4. A letter had been received from Stephen Crabb MP thanking all those at Neyland Town Council, and others, involved in the Remembrance Sunday Service.
5. Cllr. A Lye suggested that now was the time for the Town Council to put out some positive PR about its achievements. This would be referred to the PR & Events Committee.

4063 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Town Council Meeting would be held on Monday 5th December, 2022. The date of the Ordinary Town Council meeting in January would be changed to Monday 9th January, 2023.

The meeting closed at 10.19 pm.

Signed..... Chair

..... Date

Signed..... Town Clerk