

**Minutes of Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
Held on Tuesday, 30 June 2020 at 7pm**

**Present:**

Cllr D Jones (Chair)  
Cllr B Gaskell  
Cllr N Keeping

Cllr K Oxenham  
Cllr C Robertson  
Cllr G Marks

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr K Heath

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**3. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 4 February 2020**

Minutes of the meeting held on **4 February 2020**, having previously been circulated were UNANIMOUSLY accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes**

Item 81 – Felin Dawel

The Environmental Health Department have indicated it will not be taking any enforcement action.

**NRW Consultation on Proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme - Update**

NRW have announced that they are no longer considering the dam option. They are now in the process of outlining their business case which should be produced by the end of the summer which will provide a better insight into NRW's intentions. The Action Group has reconfigured itself. It now has a constitution with a board of Trustees. It is now seeking to work with complementary bodies in collaboration with NRW to ensure that the Nature Friendly Measures considered as an alternative to the dam, are put in place.

The Chair thanked Paul Keeping, Peter Smith and Gudrun O'Leary for their commitment and tireless efforts over the past few months. Council will continue to support the Action Group in moving forward. Cllr B Gaskell also thanked the Chair for his contribution.

**5. To Approve the Annual Return and Governance Statement**

Cllr. B Gaskell proposed, Cllr. G Marks seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Annual Return and Governance Statement for 2019 – 20.

(A copy of the document was e-mailed to Councillors. Chair has requested that a copy of this document is printed off for members at the next Council meeting)

**6. To Authorise and Confirm the Payment of Accounts and Financial Position of Council**

▪ March 2020

Cllr. B Gaskell proposed, Cllr. N Keeping seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for March and Financial Position as at 31 March 2020.

▪ June 2020

Cllr. B Gaskell, Cllr. C Robertson seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for June and Financial Position as 22 June 2020.

**7. Acceptance of Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council's Financial Risk Management Policy**

Cllr. B Gaskell, proposed and Cllr D Jones (Chair) seconded and Council unanimously APPROVED Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council's Financial Risk Management Policy.

**8. Planning**

**a. Leckwith Quays: Pre-Application Consultation**

Chair advised Council that they will continue to oppose the application due to the following concerns.

- Overdevelopment of the area
- The environmental impact - loss of woodland
- Too much stress on the road network with serious traffic implications leading to the main roundabout at the bottom of Leckwith Hill
- Serious concerns that an offer to replace the current 'weak' bridge at the bottom of Leckwith Hill may influence the Local Authority's decision.

Cllr C Robertson advised Council that Vale Councillor A Robertson has written to the developers raising the above concerns.

Action: Cllr C Robertson to forward copy of letter to Council

**b. Upper Land Cross Farm – Permission to install a water pipe under Gower Common**

The Council object to the request due to lack of information provided regarding the work to be carried out, including concerns that the Gower Common would not be made good afterwards.

Action: Clerk to make enquiries with VOG Planning Department.

**9. Condition of Road leading into Michaelston-le-Pit**

The condition of the road surface continues to be a concern. VOG Council have assessed the damage and marked the areas to be repaired.

Action: Clerk to contact VOG Council for an indication as to when the work will be carried out.

**10. Strong Communities Grant Fund**

Council to apply for a grant towards replacing damaged styles, ideally with kissing gates, on a footpath between MLP and Leckwith. Clerk has also spoken to Public Rights of Way department as they may be able to fund some of the work.

Action: Clerk to forward details to Public Rights of Way Department

**11. Telephone Kiosk**

Council have approached BT to formally adopt the telephone kiosk in MLP. The BT 'adopt team' will contact the Council at the end of consultation period – 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**12. Grounds Maintenance – Tender Update**

The tender for the above work took place during the COVID-19 Lockdown, and as a consequence, Council meetings were cancelled. Details of quotes received were e-mailed to Councillors. JDW Landscapers were awarded the contract.

**13. Councillor Remuneration**

Councillors were reminded that the allowance is to cover the cost of incidental expenses associated with council activities. Should any member wish not to receive payment, notice must be given in writing to the Clerk.

Action: Clerk to forward relevant form to Councillors.

**14. Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before the Council**

Fly Tipping - Cllr C Robertson notified council that Fly Tipping has significantly increased in the area.

**15. Any other Business**

The lack of Broadband Internet service in parts of the area is a concern. It was noted that BT Openreach was currently active in Michaelston-le-Pit. The matter needs to be kept under review

**16. Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday, 22 September 2020. (Annual Meeting)**

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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