



Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Llannon Community Council
on
Wednesday 15th December 2021, 6.30pm
Held remotely via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm

Minute no. 116 - Members present:

Councillors:

Cllr M Jones (MJ)
Cllr D Jones (DJ)
Cllr P Williams (PW)
Cllr L Williams (LW)
Cllr GL Jones (GLJ)
Cllr LM Davies (LMD)
Cllr K Thomas (KT)
Cllr. C Davies (CD)
Cllr. S Acciaioli (SA)
Cllr. P Edwards (PE)
Cllr E Dole (ED)

Chairperson Councillor M Jones presided over the meeting.

Also present: C Hope - Clerk

Minutes taken by: P Hanbury

Minute no. 117 - Apologies for absence

NO apologies for absence received.

Minute no. 118 - Declarations of interest

Cllr E Dole as Leader of Carmarthen County Council

Minute no. 119 - To discuss the Cross Hands Ten Towns Project

Cllr Dole gave the members present a brief surrounding the concept of the Ten Towns Project which was the outcome of a rural forum group which lasted two years.

The findings of the forum created an action plan consisting of Ten Towns / Market towns of which Cross Hands directly fell into.

A £1,000,000 budget was set enabling each town to access around £100,000. The wider more commercial businesses in Cross Hands did not engage with the meeting which was disappointing.

A local businessperson more directly involved in Cross Hands stated that the Cross Hands was a Gateway to Carmarthenshire. Cross Hands is a village that needed business support.

The concept of a Carmarthenshire Food Shop was mentioned, whereby local produce could be sold as a brand on its own merit. Castell Howell already has an established food link.

A further communication cascade will be issued to the more commercial businesses, however the remit relied upon Community Councils engagement to source ideas as they are best placed.

Clerk – From the meeting the following suggestions were made:

Quality service station and local food hall

Local development orders

Enhancement of signage off the A48 to the Business Park, including digital

Improved car parking

Link travel routes through towns

More pedestrian and cycle friendly

Improved links with Ammanford and Cross Hands cycle route

Public transport

Use empty building space as pop up shops

Smart benches / digital screens

The Clerk asked members to concentrate on four areas:

Ideas

Representatives for the Local Growth Plan Team

Ideas for a £10,000 revenue fund

Sub-group representatives

MJ – asked Cllrs Edwards, Acciaioli and Thomas for input as they are the area Councillors.

KT – Expressed no knowledge of the meeting

PE – Informed members of the current empty Trevada music premises which would be ideal

ED – Placement would need to be central Cross Hands for the Businesses to benefit and not the larger businesses who have received enough support.

KT – Mentioned 'Harrods' on the square which was in extremely poor condition

ED – informed Cllr Thomas that the meeting referred to was a County Council forum

KT – described the eyesore of the building on the square and the potential danger due to the state of the windows

SA – Agreed with Cllr P Edwards regarding the Trevada premises, and expressed that the funds are not used on car parking or smart benches

PW – The funding of £100,000 to enhance made sense

KT – informed members the Trevada site was privately owned

LD – suggested that gifts and crafts made in Carmarthenshire could also be incorporated into the brand along with tourist information.

LW – Agreed with Cllr L Davies regarding tourism and the opportunity to develop more walking and cycling routes. Also, in favour of the premises on the square

GJ – from a tourism aspect, the large window space on the Trevada premises could be used as touch screen with 24-hour access to maps and historical information

ED – Spoke about the parking, where the smaller businesses around Cross Hands square had their own dedicated parking for the customers and not to use the funding for more parking. Explore the option of match funding to develop a larger project.

Keep the focus on Cross Hands as a central point within the Llannon ward. Cycle routes can access other funding sources

MJ – Asked when the charging stations were ready for use in Lidl

ED – responded they would be ready imminently with a view to increasing points within the area

ED – informed members there was a £10,000 revenue pot available and to consider a WI-FI connection for visitors

The Clerk informed members there was a wider WIFI project in progress and asked members to consider an APP for Cross Hands like the one that Cardigan had had in use for the last three years and successful.

The Clerk expressed to members she was happy to take on board and liaise for further information with the agreement of the members present.

LD – asked if the App could be adapted to include the wider area as there were Businesses in Llannon also who could benefit

Proposal by Cllr E Dole - To explore / develop an APP for the £10,000 revenue spend

Seconded – Cllr Phil Williams

All members present in favour

Resolved – To explore / develop an APP for the £10,000 revenue spend

The Clerk asked if any members wished to be part of the Sub-group along with the Clerk.

KT – Expressed to be part of the Cross Hands Group Development

LW – Asked how many members were required

The clerk advised the development group were eager for volunteers.

The following Councillors expressed to be on the Cross Hands Development Group:

Cllr D Jones

Cllr E Dole

Cllr K Thomas

Cllr G Jones expressed to join the App subgroup.

The clerk asked members if any proposals for the funding were to be pursued by the Community Council?

Proposal by Cllr P Edwards - To explore Trevada premises as a possible location

Seconded – Cllr E Dole

All members present in favour

Resolved – To explore Trevada premises as a possible location for the £100,000 project

LW – other premises could be looked at should the first choice not be an option to move forward.

The Chair closed the meeting at 19.13

Signed..... Date

Chair