

16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## **Ymateb gan y Cyngor Cymuned I cais am gwybodaeth / Reply by the Community Council to an FOI request**

### **Llanddona Beach Road and Land between Beach Road and the Foreshore of Llanddona Beach.**

1. I am writing to enquire whether Llanddona Community Council or the County Council had any prior knowledge of the events on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021, when the section of the public highway that runs behind the beach area was closed at either end by vehicles and their occupants, thereby forcibly preventing access by other vehicles or pedestrians to the public highway and to the properties adjoining that section of the public highway. This closure apparently facilitated a group of around 60 people, who used tractors and other equipment to remove boulders from the land between the roadside and the foreshore. Did either the Community Council or Local Authority or the Councillors have any prior knowledge of what occurred?

[The Community Council did not have any prior knowledge of the events on 10/05/21](#)

2. If these events were not authorised is the Community Council or County Council in the process of issuing a statement of condemnation of persons, who have apparently taken the law into their own hands?

[At this stage there is no plan to issue a statement](#)

3. In the light of these events and the publicity, and apparent approval of them by parts of the local community, there is now chatter on various social media sites encouraging people to bring mobile homes and campervans onto the land adjacent to the foreshore. Does either the Community Council or the County Council wish to encourage this use of the land?

[The Community Council does not and will not encourage members of the public to bring mobile homes and campervans to use this land unlawfully.](#)

4. If this land use is acceptable, will there be any enforceable regulations put in place to

- a. prevent overnight parking?
- b. prevent parked vehicles from running their engines or generators?
- c. prevent the disposal of waste, including non-biodegradable waste onto the land?
- d. prevent the parked vehicles from creating unacceptable levels of noise?
- e. prevent the circumstances where parked vehicles, their awnings and other accessories and equipment establish permanent possession of the land and the development rights that could flow from that?
- f. control dogs or any other animals brought onto the land?

[The Community Council is working with the County Council to discourage to use of this land for the point a to f mentioned, and fully understands this will be difficult to enforce.](#)

5. Does the Community Council or County Council think that facilitating this land use is compatible with the highway network that serves the land and the surrounding community?

The Community Council agree that the highway networks that serves the beach in incompatible to facilitating this land.

6. If the Councils think this land use is appropriate, what measures will be put in place to keep the local public highways open, especially for emergency vehicles, and safe to use?

The Community Council is working with the County Council in formulating measures to keep the public roads open to Emergency vehicles.

7. In the light of the Covid pandemic what measures are the Councils putting in place to have a record of persons visiting or taking up residence on the land? And how will these measures facilitate Covid testing, containment and isolation policies, NHS and social care and vaccination?

The Community Council does not have the power or resources to record persons visiting the beach

8. If this land use is acceptable, is the Community Council or the County Council going to make any provision for an off-road path along the land which will remain unobstructed for those people in the community who are less able bodied and walkers and carers with pushchairs or wheelchairs? This land has been used by walkers for at least 67 years to my knowledge.

At this moment in time, there is no consideration for providing paths along the land

9. If this land use is acceptable, is the Community Council or the County Council putting in place any additional measures to protect the AONB, the Blue Flag beach, the sand dunes, salt marsh and foreshore flora and fauna habitats?

The Community Council is working with the County Council in creating measures to protect all aspects of the beach.

10. If this land use is acceptable, is the Blue Flag status of the beach likely to be continued?

The status of the Blue Flag is outside the control of the Community Council, but will be working with the County Council as to its future status.

11. I would be very grateful to know if this matter is to be put on the agenda at forthcoming Community Council or County Council meetings and whether these meetings will be open to the public and have translation facilities for both Welsh and English speakers.

This matter was put on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting. It is considered at present not to open the meetings to the public as the tone of some comments on social media is totally unacceptable and would replay in any public meetings.