

SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot on the 8th January 2015

1) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cleevely had nothing to report due to illness.

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Baker declared a Prejudicial Interest in any debate on the Regeneration of the Harbour area and would leave the room when this was discussed.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr John informed members with regard to item 5(d) (Mike Cavanagh's report, Library Hours reduction) his previous report to Council included the following report which was not in the minutes, nor the motion to write to Mr Cavanagh regarding the misleading statistics. Cllr John went on to say although his statement is true that the summer hours reduction is only 6% but the proposed winter hours reduction is 37% down from 19 hours to 12. This in fact makes the whole year (April to April) reduction from 1453 to 1244 hours, a 14.4% reduction.

Cllr John also informed members with regard to page 2018 of 11th December minutes that it was agreed to send a letter to Saundersfoot Rotary Club Disabled Sports Team on them regaining the Champions Spot after losing it last year.

Following these amendments it was proposed by Cllr Brabon and seconded by Cllr Boughton Thomas that the minutes of the 11th December 2014 be approved and signed.

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes of the 11th December 2014

a) Minute 5(a) Track through Long Tunnel

Cllr Hayes reported to members that the Friends of Saundersfoot would not be handing over the money to fund these repairs as it was the responsibility of Pembrokeshire County Council and asked if the Solar Panels could now be removed. Cllr Baker said that he was aware of this and they would be removed in due course.

b) Minute 5(f) Meeting with Mr Christopher Salmon

The Clerk informed members that the meeting with Mr Salmon would now be held on the 28th January **not** the 29th January 2015 at 9.30am in the Regency Hall.

c) Minute 5(i) Micro Brewery, Saundersfoot

Cllr Baker informed members that he had contacted the Public Protection Department, Pembrokeshire County Council and was told that the TENS Licence is covered for food, but they are not on the schedule for inspections.

d) Minute 5(l) Stones for post by Ticket Office

Cllr Baker said that these stones can be purchased from Jewsons and would obtain prices.

e) Minute 5(m) Bonvilles Court Coach Park

Cllr Hayes informed members that the barrier leading into the park was partially

blocking the entrance and the public think it is closed. The Clerk was again instructed to write to National Parks requesting that the entrance is clear for vehicles to access.

f) Minute 6(b) Purchase of Container

Cllr Baker informed members that he had obtained prices for containers as follows:-
8 foot long new container £1,500 + delivery
10 foot second hand container £1,150 + £450 delivery
and this one would be painted prior to delivery.

It was proposed by Cllr Boughton Thomas and seconded by Cllr John that the Council orders the 10 foot second hand container + £450 delivery charge and all members agreed.

Cllr Baker and the Clerk would liaise with regard to the delivery of the container.

g) Minute 6(d) Community Council Representative on Harbour Commission

The Clerk informed members that two applicants had applied for the above position and asked for dates for the interviews. Cllr Hayes suggested that the whole Council carries out these interviews, but members decided that the sub/committee carries out the interview and report back to the full Council. The clerk was instructed to arrange a date for these interviews.

h) Minute 9(d) Proposed 50 mph limit, Twy Cross to Moreton

The Clerk read out a letter from Pembrokeshire County Council stating that speed limits are set in accordance with the guidance contained in the Welsh Government circular 24/2009, and this document advised that mean average speeds should be used as the basis for determining the speed limit as these reflect what the majority of drivers perceive as an appropriate speed for the road. The mean speed should therefore be at or below the posted limit and a speed survey for the road was carried out between 28th August and the 5th September 2014. This showed mean average speeds at 43.8 and 45.1 mph which would support the introduction of a 50 mph limit.

The new limit will include repeater signs spaced at regular intervals from Twy Cross to Moreton and will be monitored post completion to ensure broad compliance and whether any additional measures are necessary.

i) Minute 10(a) HSBC ATM Machine, The Strand, Saundersfoot

The Clerk was instructed to write to HSBC requesting the reasons for the closure of this machine and ask for it to be reinstated.

j) Minute 11(b) Water Supply to Ticket Office

Cllr John expressed his concern at the confusion as to the water supply to the ticket Office, Sports Club and the Bowling Club.

Chairman Cleevely suggested the way forward would be to convene a meeting with the organisations concerned and to include someone from JEHU the contractors who build the hall. Cllr John said that he would arrange this meeting.

k) Minute 11(e) Council dinner 10th January 2015

The Clerk informed members that 30 people will attend the dinner including 10

guests and were asked to meet in the Salvage Bar at 7.15pm and eat at 8.00pm.

5) AGENDA

a) Arrange date for Royal British Legion Presentations

The Clerk informed members that certificates need to be presented to various people and businesses with regard to Poppy collections. Members decided to make these presentations prior to the February meeting on the 5th February 2015 6.00pm in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot.

6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/14//0676 - Demolition of garage, 22 Scandinavian Heights, Saundersfoot

Members raised no objections to the above application.

7) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

At this point Councillors Baker, Pearson and Hayes left the room.

- a) A letter was received from Saundersfoot Historical Society asking whether there is a current expression of interest of the Community Council in the old Coal Office with Pembrokeshire County Council. The letter goes on to say that it is in the Society's constitution to its members to ensure that the Heritage of the Community is preserved and it is for this reason that we seek confirmation of the above.

After a lengthy discussion, members decided that the Council had discussed this option with Pembrokeshire County Council several years ago and decided then not to go ahead due to the cost to the Community. Members fully supported keeping the building for heritage purposes, but decided not to enter into negotiations again with Pembrokeshire County Council.

Councillors Baker, Pearson and Hayes re-joined the meeting.

- b) A letter of thanks was received from Mr & Mrs Riby for the Senior Citizens Dinner held on the 14th December 2014 in the Regency Hall and they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
- c) An email was received from Mike Cavanagh, Head of Culture Services, Pembrokeshire County Council with regard to the reduction of opening hours for Saundersfoot Library and asked if the Community Council would consider making a financial contribution to Pembrokeshire County Council to maintain the existing opening hours.

The Clerk was instructed to find out how much money would be needed to maintain the existing hours.

- d) A press release was received from Mr Christopher Salmon, Police & Crime Commissioner, Dyfed Powys Police informing the Council of the findings of his report into CCTV coverage in his area. Report findings were as follows:-
- The removal of Powys County Council's CCTV did not result in a significant rise in crime or antisocial behaviour.
 - There is little evidence that CCTV deters crime in particular violent and alcohol related incidents.
 - There is evidence to suggest CCTV helps investigations of crime and convictions.
 - There is no case to support the active monitoring of public CCTV in Dyfed Powys.

- Many existing public CCTV systems cannot produce images acceptable in court.
- Councils should consider removing out of use cameras to ensure the public are not provided with a false sense of security.

Members commented that some residents of Saundersfoot had made contributions to the installation of the camera and if removed what would happen to their contributions.

Cllr John informed members that the report is 71 pages of standard consultants waffle, with a dozen or so pages on the real issues.

The report states that wide-ranging consultation with key parties, but none with local town or community councils!

Under the section on Pembrokeshire, we are listed as one of the 40 cameras that are centrally funded, and not one of the 10 locally paid for.

Despite the press coverage, the report actually suggests that CCTV is useful, but the unmonitored kind (as currently happens in Saundersfoot and Pembrokeshire generally) as long as it's deployed in the correct location and of the required technical specification.

They do recommend the use of internet based cameras, as we have already investigated, and also they have pointed out that Dyfed-Powys do not have a CCTV strategy, despite having 50 cameras under their control plus numerous others in local licensed premises.

The discussion looks at the possibility of local officers as well as HQ monitoring and controlling cameras, mentioning 4G mobile signals, - this is unlikely for Saundersfoot as we generally struggle to get 3G and sometimes even a signal.

The specification of the camera is basic and can be bought on line from about £1,200, with probably 50% more for suitable infrastructure.

Letter in Pembrokeshire Herald newspaper 2nd January 2015.

Cllr John was concerned to read that the Police & Crime Commissioner, Mr Salmon, wrote in his letter to the newspaper that -

“Among the communities in my sights is Saundersfoot where I'd like to vacate the police station and offer a new arrangement for local policing. Two other police stations – Tenby and Narberth – are within 10 miles and the police force are investing a new mobile police stations.”

Members decided to raise these issues with Mr Salmon at the meeting on the 29th January 2015.

8) REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE COUNTY CLLRS REPORT

- a) Cllr Baker reported to members as follows:-

County Matters

No further update in December

Ward Matters

- Cllr Baker met with Mr Ben Blake to review the 'No Entry' and other directional signs around the one way system, Mr Blake will prepare a scheme for the Village, no entry signs were already on order for the bottom of High Street and Wogan Terrace.
- The First Minister Mr Carwyn Jones visited Saundersfoot to launch The Welsh Government investment in Saundersfoot Harbour, the new slipway, dry racking system, pontoons and decking options were displayed for The First Minister.
- Cllr Baker confirmed that the temporary road closure on The Strand had worked well on New Year's Day, he had received one call regarding a residents relative who was arriving after the closure, the visitors were marshalled through the closure.
- Cllr Baker had carried out the letter drop to all residents on The Strand and commented that he had used all 80 letters he had printed.
- Cllr Baker had liaised with PCC Streetcare before the Christmas holidays in relation to the BT Openreach teams who were busy installing the new Superfast Broadband infrastructure. Cllr Baker was pleased that the contractor had completed all the trenching works, reinstatement and removal of traffic lights as promised in advance of the Christmas break.

b) Cllr John reported to members as follows:-

Saundersfoot Bay Heritage & Regeneration Trust – 16th December

It was agreed the retention and use of the Old Coal Office was still an objective of the group and as such should acknowledge the receipt of pledge forms.

An offer of help has been received from Dr Einir Young, who agreed to visit on 10th February 2015 at 5pm in Saundersfoot to allow members to more easily attend the Macmillan Cancer Support Fish & Chip Supper.

It was agreed to offer to work with Steve Whitehead from NT to interpret the coal-mining heritage of Colby.

It was decided to obtain agreement with PCNPA to allow us to use the Tomos character and so to begin to develop a theme and copy for literature.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr John reported to members that he had attempted to close the gates leading into the Community Council car park over Christmas as agreed to establish ownership of the Right of Way to the Sports Field. Cllr John said that he had great difficulty closing the gate near the Ticket Office and asked if it be inspected.
- b) Cllr John informed members that he had replaced the Council flag outside the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot.
- c) Cllr John reported that unpleasant odours were coming from the public toilets in the Regency Car Park. Cllr Baker said that he would report this to Pembrokeshire County Council.
- d) Cllr Pearson said that she was pleased that two workmen had been working in Valley Road to alleviate the flooding there which had been causing problems.
- e) Cllr Allsop asked if the Community Council would consider organising a Christmas Lunch for people on their own over the festive period. She said some Councils do

provide this facility and she knows of at least three people in this position in Saundersfoot.

Members all agreed that it was an excellent idea and decided to make enquiries as to how many people would be involved and Cllr Baker agreed to assist in this process.

- f) Chairman Cleevely expressed his concern that since the public toilets in Coppet Hall closed, the toilets in the Coast Restaurant would be open to the public, but this restaurant is now only open on weekends. Members said that part of the planning application was that the toilets in the Coast would be open to the public and the Clerk was instructed to write to National Parks and Pembrokeshire County Council on the matter.
- g) Chairman Cleevely asked what was the position on improving the slippery surface outside the Spar Shop in Saundersfoot? Cllr Baker said that this work would be carried out in the very near future to improve the surface there.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 6.30pm.