

**Penally Council Meeting  
Wednesday 14 January 2015  
7.15pm,  
Penally Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs S Paul; Cavill; Barker; Jenks; V Paul; Richards and County Councillor Preston**

**Also Present: C. Clemson (Clerk); Mr Roberts and Mr Stubbs.**

Before the meeting began Mr Roberts and Mr Stubbs asked Councillors if any information had been received with regards to the street light that had been removed along Strawberry Lane. The Clerk had been informed that the wooden pole that held the light in place was owned by Western Power and had been taken down due to the wood rotting through. Pembrokeshire County Council are not going to replace due to cost implications.

Councillors noted that there are over 10 properties affected by the loss of this light and that the closest proximity of the next street light is at the end of Strawberry Gardens. The Community Council fully supports the re-establishment of the street light. The electricity supply is still in situ and perhaps the light could be sited on the other side of the road.

The Clerk will contact Pembrokeshire County Council and ask that they reconsider their decision and note there has always been a light in this area and would therefore be a replacement streetlight and not a new installation.

**107/14            Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllrs M. Penn and T Roberts.

**108/14            Declarations of Interest**

None Received

**109/14            Signing of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 10 December 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairperson, Councillor S Paul. **Proposed Cllr Cavill. Seconded Cllr Barker.**

**110/14            Matters Arising:**

- *Removal of Trees on MOD Land*

The Clerk has made contact with Mr Williams who has offered to remove the trees at no cost to the Community Council and also Lisa Payne at the MOD, the owners of the land, who has informed that a Felling Licence is required before the trees can be removed. The MOD have contacted Natural Resources Wales and applied for the licence. Everything is going through the motions and no problems are envisaged. The MOD will inform the Community Council once the licence has been received.

- *Dog Controls*

Pembrokeshire County Council have advised the following:

Dog control orders have been phased out and are to be replaced by Public Space Protection Orders - the new legislation has only recently been introduced and it may be a while before any such orders are introduced in Wales.

It is highly unlikely that the County Council will look to introduce any PSPO's as we don't have adequate resources to effectively enforce the existing dog control measures in the county which as you may be aware includes all the blue flag beaches. Unfortunately the new legislation precludes Town and community council's from introducing and enforcing their own orders.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 remains in force throughout the county and is the main means of enforcing controls in relation to dog fouling.

I will ask the dog wardens to patrol the area but would suggest that if the identities of any of the offending dog owners are known that this information should be forwarded, in confidence, to these offices.

As the area leading from the Penally Station to South Beach is much used by dog walkers, Councillors asked that the Clerk contact the Tenby Harbour Master and ask for another bin to be placed at the end of South Beach during the Summer months.

- *Strawberry Lane*

The following information has been received from Ben Blake at Pembrokeshire County Council with regards to HGVs using Strawberry Lane:

This Issue was raised by Simon Hart MP office and addressed to Darren Thomas, PCC Head of Highways & Construction. As you will hopefully see the matter is a tricky one as the vehicles are requiring access to property off Strawberry Lane, rather than using the lane as a short cut. Any weight restriction would still need to contain an exemption for access. The only possible solution that could be considered is to include a Traffic Management Plan restricting vehicle delivery weight on any future development.

Reply to Simon Hart from Darren Thomas:

"The Highway Development Control team have, in some specific cases, agreed a construction traffic management plan for housing development where access is difficult. Strawberry Lane has not previously been considered for this approach.

It is also noted that the nature and characteristics of Strawberry Lane do not lend it to be a route that HGVs would use as a short cut. It seems the only reason HGVs use it is for accessing property which in this case appears to be linked to deliveries of building materials. Most Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) have an exemption for access, so in this instance such an Order would be ineffective. It is unlikely that removal of the exemption within the TRO is feasible as other HGV traffic e.g. removal / LPG & Oil lorries etc would still require access.

However there is considered to be some merit in considering the Traffic Management Plan approach for this road in the future, using the 7.5T limit, although enforcement may be more problematic as this is a through route which is open to all users so proving the delivery was going to the development may be difficult and may therefore need to be more of an advisory agreement to follow as far as is reasonably practical as opposed to a binding planning condition"

The Clerk will forward a copy of all email threads to Mr Roberts and Mr Stubbs for their information.

#### **111/14 Planning:**

**PCNPA:** Tree Works on trees subject to TPO, Whitewell Ruins, Penally.

We have been advised that Windmills Caravan park wishes to carry out remedial work to 3 trees subject to a TPO and reduce their height in order to "maintain them to an acceptable level of risk for users at the adjacent caravan park". **No Objections**

**PCC 14/0920/PA:** Alterations and extension to The Stables, Penally Manor, Penally. **No Objections**

#### **Application for Alcohol License at Chequers.**

The Clerk had received notification from the Licensing team that an application has been received for an Alcohol License at Chequers. As the closing date for comments was the 12 January the Clerk contacted Councillors with email and the following observations and concerns from Penally Community Council in relation to the license being applied for at Chequers Night Club, Penally, have been forwarded to the licensing team at Pembrokeshire County Council:

##### 1. Public Safety

Within the vicinity of the site, the road is narrow with bends and there is limited parking.

Any future increase of traffic could pose problems for customers using the site, residents of the caravan park and the public in general using the road. To add to this there will be delivery vans needing access on a regular basis. The lighting in that area is restricted and there is no public footpath for those leaving the premises on foot. As the building is currently empty and in a state of dis-repair, it is assumed that all refurbishment work undertaken will meet the required standards.

##### 2. Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance

Although no objections are given if the building is ran as a tea room/restaurant, the Community Council would have grave concerns should the applicant change the use back to a nightclub and the alcohol license and opening hours be extended beyond 11.00pm. Although, within the site, the behaviour of any

individuals is governed by the licensee, there must be concerns for what could happen off the premises, especially late at night.

### 3. Protection of Children from Harm

Should a play area be granted, again it is assumed that all equipment will meet the required standards.

Once a date has been set for the hearing the Clerk will inform Councillors and a representative from Penally will attend.

## **112/14 Correspondence Received**

### Community Energy in Pembrokeshire

Pembrokeshire South East Energy Group (PSEEG) recently commissioned research which identified Prouts Park Farm, East Williamston, as a site that had appropriate conditions for generating electricity with a wind turbine.

Community Energy in Pembrokeshire Ltd (CEP) had been set up by PSEEG to manage the project. It is operated on a not-for-profit business with directors who receive no remuneration.

CEP have now reached a point to make a planning application to PCC sometime in January.

The communities of South East Pembrokeshire will benefit from income generated from the wind turbine and the intention is to feed all power into the grid for which CEP will receive payment. Over the full 20 years of the turbine's service it is hoped that the total benefit will be around £2 million.

An independent charity will be established that will be responsible for managing the fund and receiving applications and bids from within the eleven community council areas (as above). Mr Peter Davies OBE, the Welsh Government Commissioner for Sustainable Future, has agreed to chair the committee of this charity. CEP are asking each of the eleven community council areas to nominate a representative. They will meet twice each year to consider applications and have asked that we inform Mr Neil Sefton, Director, CEF, 23 Whitlow, Saundersfoot SA69 9AE of our decision. County Councillor Jon Preston has agreed to represent Penally on this committee.

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## **113/14 Accounts & Finance**

### a Balance of Accounts

Following the circulation of the bank reconciliation and the 2014/15 budget, Councillors decided to make no change to the Precept for the coming year and this will be set once again at £11,750. **Proposed Cllr S. Paul.**

### **Seconded Cllr Cavill**

### b Accounts for Payment

The following invoices were received for payment:

Carol Clemson, Clerk - December	£163.20
M O'Connor, Village Warden – December	£250.00
Safe Electrical, Christmas Lights	£72.00

### c Appeals for Funds

Young Farmers. Rejected.

## **114/14 County Councillor's Report**

### Boundary Changes

The local democracy and boundary commission for Wales have published the outcome of their review of the electoral boundaries for Pembrokeshire. The current wards have been studied in their present form and data has been analysed in terms of population, size and links with neighbouring communities. The proposal will look to reduce the number of county councillors from sixty to fifty seven who will serve fifty one wards a reduction from the current sixty wards. The initial proposal looked to divide the current ward by creating two wards in Saundersfoot which would have incorporated our current sister ward of St Mary out Liberty and Penally Ward incorporating the community of St. Florence. I raised an objection to this during October 2013 with the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales with my main concern being the loss of identity of the community of New Hedges. The revised proposal retains the communities of Penally, Gumfreston and New Hedges with the addition of the community of St. Florence. The final proposal will now be considered for approval by the Welsh government.

DJ's Site.

The planning agent is currently awaiting further instructions on how the developers wish to progress with the development proposal on the site. There are serious concerns with regards to the viability of the scheme, in respect of the Council's demands for on-site affordable housing provision at the level suggested, and as such are taking stock of the situation before moving forward with the development proposals at this stage. I will update the community council as and when the situation develops.

Licencing

Due to the historical difficulties the village has dealt with in regard to licenced premises around the village and in the locality in general I have in my capacity as a member of the County Council's environment overview and scrutiny committee invited officers and members of the licencing committee to meet to discuss concerns over inappropriate decisions that have proved difficult to manage in the past. Problems can arrive by 'Stealth' and escalate very quickly. I have ensured that letters highlighting the concerns which have been forwarded to me are made available to the members of the licensing committee for their due consideration.

Strawberry Lane

Councillors may be aware that the restriction of large vehicles would be difficult to enforce and would not restrict all vehicles as some would be able to apply for an exemption due to access. Any further development at Strawberry Lane could now be considered to include a Traffic Management Plan restricting vehicle delivery weight. I believe this will go some way to addressing any future problems associated with any new development which the community council can put forward as a planning matter when proposals come to council for consideration.

Dog Fouling

I have been made aware that some irresponsible dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul the village green. Unfortunately this is a county wide problem and due to the lack of resources it is difficult to police the situation. The fouling of land act 1996 enable those who commit an offence to be prosecuted, however evidence must be presented to support a conviction. It may be possible to capture that evidence on a mobile phone which many people now carry and contact the dog warden at Pembrokeshire county council who can then seek to progress the case.

#### **115/14            Items of Business Submitted by Members**

None Received

#### **116/14            Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Barker informed the meeting that he had been approached by the local History Group to ask Councillors if they could plant a tree in remembrance of villagers who were involved in World War One together with a plaque near to the tree showing all names involved. This could perhaps be situated at the far end of the village where the village meets the bypass near to the MOD camp. Following a short discussion Councillors commented that objections may be received in years to come if a tree is planted and perhaps a small monument made from bricks, similar to the one sited on the headland would be more appropriate. Councillor Barker will convey these thoughts back to the History Group.

Councillor V Paul advised that the drains need to be re-set near to the noticeboard on The Green. When raining, water is continuously crossing the road and missing the drains. County Councillor Preston offered to take this up with Pembrokeshire County Council.

#### **117/14            Items for Crow News**

Nothing received.

#### **118/14            Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 11 February 2015**

Meeting closed 20.15pm