The Ordinary Meeting of Martletwy Community Council on Monday 6 February 2023 was held at Lawrenny Village Hall.

The following were in attendance:

Councillor David Cole (Chair)

Councillor Jason Crowther

Councillor Phil Eynon

Councillor Liz Williams

County Councillor Di Clements

Clerk, Elizabeth Lesnianski

Apologies received: Councillor Phil Davies, Councillor Victoria Evans

Declarations of interest received: None

**Decisions made (by Agenda reference):**

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.d. Dementia Friendly Pledge**

Following the previous unanimous vote to participate in the Dementia Friendly Pledge, Cllr Williams presented Council with the certificate she had accepted on behalf of the Council.

**4. Planning:**

**4.a. Applications Received: No: 22/0871/PA: Weston Fields, Martletwy, SA67 8AS**

The matter was discussed. Comments were:

1. A number of Councillors commented this application is yet again being made retrospectively. MCC remain disappointed at the number of retrospective applications they consider.

2. Under current planning policy, variations & amendments are not sent out for consultee comments. MCC will suggest planning authority considers sending planning application variations &amendments to consultees, to get a broader sense of what is acceptable within communities.

3. Several Councillors felt property was not in keeping with the area & surrounding buildings. While it meets the footprint of later variations & amendments, it was considered too big for surroundings.

A vote was proposed. 2 Councillors voted against supporting the application. 1 Councillor voted in favour of supporting the application. 1 Councillor abstained from voting. The majority of voting Councillors voted against supporting this application.

**6. Finance:**

**6.a. Revised Draft Budget 2023/24.** Clerk presented the revised draft budget following on from previous meeting. There was considerable discussion. It was agreed the Precept would be increased by £2250 for the year. Other monies to cover costs to be taken from the reserves.

**6.d. PCC. Election Charges**. Clerk confirmed payment of uncontested election charges had been set up. Annual payments of £95.40 by Standing Order over 5 years. First payment made 1 February 2023.

**8. AGM 2022/23**

Councillors agreed to hold the AGM on Monday 15th May 2023.

The rest of the meeting comprised of matters arising and usual community council business

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9th January – Venue to be confirmed