

# SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Methodist Church, Saundersfoot on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman John said that this has been an enjoyable month.

- On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 he accompanied Santa on his visit to the village and led the countdown to the switching on of the Christmas lights. It was a lovely evening with lots of children about who were pleased to see Santa. He would like to thank Santa and the organisers of the Christmas market, the Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism for organising the event.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 he went along to the Senior Citizens Christmas dinner which was provided by the Community Council and Tenby/Saundersfoot Lions. It was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the evening.
- On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 He along with many others went to see the New Year in with the annual firework display at midnight. Again this year it was a great way to celebrate the New Year. It was so clear that we could see firework displays all along the coast to the Gower. Again he would like to thank the Chamber for tourism for a wonderful event.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 he along with many members of the Council attended the NYDS and presented the medals to the hardy souls who plunged into the sea. He understood that it was a record number of entries and probably spectators too! He would like to thank the Festivities Committee for their organisation and dedication over the years in making this the must attend local event.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 he along with Councillors Cleevely, Brabon and the Clerk met with Mr Franklin to discuss the Crazy Golf for 2013. It was decided that despite a very poor year due to the weather, we will continue and hope that the sun shines a lot more in 2013.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Members agreed to send letters of thanks to Mr Boughton Thomas and 'Father Christmas' for their assistance with the Christmas Festivities.

#### Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012

- a) Minute 4(b) Cambrian Hotel, Saundersfoot  
Councillor McDermott informed members that he had spoken to Mr Will Lloyd Davies and the work is now scheduled to commence on the project in mid February.
- b) Minute 4(c) Footpath in Long Tunnel  
Councillor Baker said he was in discussions with the National Parks concerning bats. Councillor McDermott suggested that when the developments on Coppet were complete an electric mains could be connected to the tunnel lights.
- c) Minute 4(d) Council and Senior Citizens Dinner  
Councillor Poole and his wife thanked the Council for the excellent Senior Citizens Dinner.

- d) Minute 4(h) Salt Bins, Saundersfoot  
Councillor Allsop stated that as the County Council will be salting Stammers Road in future there will be no need for a salt bin there. It was pointed out that there was an accident on ice on that road recently. It was decided to reconsider the situation. Councillor Baker stated that five new bins will be installed during the next few weeks.
- e) Minute 4(i) War Memorial  
New road markings will be put in place in the near future.
- f) Minute 5(a) Car Parking New Years Day Swim  
The event is so successful that a traffic management plan will be in place for next year.
- g) Minute 9(f) Police Forum Meetings  
The question was again asked concerning the payments for the use of the Bowling Club for the Forum meetings. Councillor Poole said he would investigate.
- h) Minute 9(a) County Councillors Report  
The first 15 bays nearest the school will be restricted to one hour parking 08.00 to 18.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> June. This will provide spaces for parents while providing spaces for visitors and people working in the village. A lengthy letter of well argued objections has been received from Rev. Craig Gove pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Saundersfoot. The County Council is responding to the letter. Councillor Baker indicated that Saturday and Sunday will not be included in the order.

### 3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- NP/13/0003 - 69 Scandinavia Heights Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0011 - The Priory Cottage, Coedrath, Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0588 - Hopshill Mountain, Sandy Hill Road, Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0595 - Oakdene, Stammers Road, Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0612 - Bramble Hedge, Westfield Road, Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0577 - 9 Captains Walk, St Brides Hill, Saundersfoot

Councillor McDermott, Baker and Hayes declared an interest in NP/12/0612 and Councillor John and McDermott declared an interest in NP/12/0577 and took no part in the debate.

The Council agreed to all the plans.

#### Refusal of Planning Permission

- NP/12/0494 - Change of use from two offices to two storey residential dwellings above existing retail unit for Meldons Development, Business Office, Parkwood Court, Brewery Terrace, Saundersfoot.

Planning permission has been granted for the following:-

- NP/12/0517 - Tringham, The Ridgeway, Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0522 - Ty Habron, 11 Oakhill Drive, Saundersfoot

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- NP/12/0469 - Waterwynch House, Waterwynch Lane, Tenby  
NP/12/0485 - Peaceful Heights, The Ridgeway, Saundersfoot  
NP/12/0493 - Pembrokeshire County Council County Hall, Haverfordwest

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) A letter from Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism asking for a grant towards their expenditure on purchase and installation of Christmas Lights.

It was proposed by Councillor Poole and seconded by Councillor McDermott that the sum of £500 be donated. All members agreed.

- b) A letter from Aberdare seeking permission to put a memorial seat in the village. Councillor Cleevely suggested asking the Harbour Commissioners. The Commissioners present stated that there were no more spaces on the harbour. Councillor Baker said he would deal with it.
- c) Pembrokeshire County Council informed the Council about new Traffic Orders for Saundersfoot on Sandy Hill Road, The Ridgeway and Francis Lane.

There will be a provision on the west side of Brewery Terrace for a Goods Vehicle Loading Bay of 30 minutes. It will be 12 metres in length and replaces the current seasonal “no waiting at any time restriction”.

The Council had at a previous meeting agreed with the above. Councillor Poole objected strongly to these new parking rules outside Tesco store.

- d) Councillor Hayes read out a letter from Mr D B Hurlow concerning the very dangerous footpath between Rhodewood and Cwm Gwennol. The letter was sent to Pembrokeshire County Council and a copy to Saundersfoot Community Council. We have not received the letter to this date, but we understand that with Councillor Baker and Pembrokeshire County Council there has been a response to the letter. Simon Hart MP and Angela Burns AM have also had copies of the letter.

### 5. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEE'S INCLUDING THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) Councillor Hayes reported to member as follows:-

#### **Saundersfoot Harbour Commission**

- A report was given on the Regency Hall Car Park. Although there had been a slight reduction in car parks overall, the takings for the Regency Hall had increased and the current system will continue for the next 12 months and then reviewed again. Pembrokeshire County Council want to take over all the PCNPA car parks. Councillor Hayes said that the relationship between the National Parks and the Commission is good.
- The Commission worked with the organisation of the NYDS, which as everyone knows proves to be extremely successful.

b) Councillor Cavell reported to members as follows:-

**Saundersfoot School**

The School were very pleased with the new patrol officer who commenced duties this week.

c) Councillor McDermott reported to members as follows:-

**Regency Hall, Saundersfoot**

- At the meeting held last night 9<sup>th</sup> January, the Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that with regards to the build, little had happened since our last meeting, other than the contractors had unfortunately found asbestos in the footings of the old hall, which had resulted in additional costs of £20k to the Regency Hall, and had incurred a two week delay to the project, whilst it was removed in accordance with Health & Safety regulations. Also, another soakaway drain from the Bowling Club area had been discovered below ground, which had been dealt with by the contractors. Mr Boughton Thomas is currently talking to a local business with regards to the solar panel installation, and is looking to find alternative suppliers of the intricate sound and lighting system, to enable us to apply for grants to cover the costs. The committee is still waiting for the quotes for incoming services, at which stage they will be in a better position to finalise the total costs of the build, including internal fittings and fittings.
- Fund raising both externally and in-house is ongoing; Mrs Boughton Thomas has applied for three further grants this week and in-house committee is organising a fund raising lunch at the Merlewood on 27<sup>th</sup> February, a possible Tribute Night at the RAOB in May, and an open day/summer fayre in the new hall in August.
- The Chairman thanked Councillor David McDermott, his son Julian from Australia and Councillor Phil Baker for entering the NYDS on behalf of the Regency Hall. Thanks must also go to Mick Booth who designed and supplied the "Buy-a-Brick" costumes for them. They were excellent and the photographs have recently appeared on Facebook pages as far away as Australia and Hong Kong.

d) Councillor Cleevely reported to members as follows:-

**Police Forum**

- PCSO Sarah Price was introduced as the new officer based in Tenby.
- Certain skateboarders have been reported to the anti social behaviour coordinator.
- NYDS was discussed and with 10,000 people watching the swim there was only one minor incident.
- Total crimes for December were 20 with a detection rate of 36%.
- Mr Salmon, the new Police Commissioner had met with some of the force and had expressed his concern at the closure of some stations and was looking at costings with the aim of possibly opening some of them again.
- The Sensory Gardens had been vandalised and any incidents should be reported to the police by ringing 101.

- Priorities for January 2013 monitoring the gardens as well as Brewery Terrace and Tesco.

e) Councillor Baker reported to members as follows:-

**County Councillors report**

- Firstly he wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make December and early January such a fantastic few weeks in Saundersfoot, not many communities could list three huge events each attracting thousands of visitors to The Christmas Market, New Years eve fireworks and New Years Day, he would personally like to thank the volunteers of both The Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism and Saundersfoot festivities Committee for all of their hard work throughout the year.
- A maintenance meeting was held in Saundersfoot on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 with Mr Glen Codd and Mr Will Lloyd; outstanding matters were discussed and included the cast iron bollards around the slipway and Spar store, four bollards were identified as requiring re-fixing. He enquired if they could also be repainted but unfortunately as they had all been painted two years ago it may only be possible to carry out some minor painting work.
- Grit Bins – A meeting is organised for 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013 with Mr Rob Evans to agree the location for the 5 bins which are now held at PCC Templeton Depot. Mr Evans advises that the bins have to be located on adopted highway locations.
- Traffic Orders – The proposed amendments at The Ridgeway, Sandy Hill Road, Brewery Terrace and Francis Lane are all currently being advertised with the objection period ending week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. One objection has been raised by the members of Hebron Church who are concerned at the loss of 12 all day parking spaces adjacent to the school entrance. Due to the programme of services and events at the Church through the week it was considered that losing these spaces to 30 minutes waiting would cause problems for their members. He will liaise with both PCC Officers and The Church to look for a compromise whilst still looking to attempt to alleviate the school drop off safety concerns raised at the PACT meetings.
- Surfacing Repair at Milford Street, whilst a repair has been carried out further work is required as there was found to be a large volume of water entering the excavation from the Arcade side of the road.
- He has contacted Sarah Edwards at PCC to have an update on the proposed Civic Amenity Site near Brooklands, Ms Edwards advises that all of the required information has now been collected and the Planning Application is being checked by a number of Departments within PCC prior to its submission to PCNPA. Sarah again confirmed that as soon as the application is made he will be informed.
- Footway Rhodewood to Cwm Gwennol, he has had a further meeting with Mr Darren Thomas Head of Highways who confirms that the method of prioritising footway projects is being reviewed and this path will be reassessed.

*Post meeting note* – PCC records suggest that a request for this path to be added to the programme was first made in 2004.

f) Chairman John reported to members as follows:-

**Saundersfoot Forum**

- Mr Neil Sefton opened the meeting by thanking PLANED for the milk and sugar for the hot drinks that were very nice on a cold evening, he then said that he was looking for a progress report and review of where we were with the different activities that were started by the original forum meeting and the subsequent Action Plan.
- He then went through the various sections of the Action Plan and sought updates from those present.
- Energy Audits – not seen as within the remit of PSEEG and so not auctioned.
- MUGA– Saundersfoot Community Council struggling to obtain full quotes for the work.
- Regency Hall – Entertainment provision seen as good for wet weather alternatives in the summer, the new library plans look good and Pembrokeshire County Council expecting to use it for adult evening classes. The building should start going up in January and be open for September.
- Harbour – It was suggested that proposed enhancements could be aired in the spring forum meeting.
- The Chair will check if the PCNPA grants that were mentioned in 2007 were still available.
- Litter and dog fouling – Pembrokeshire County Council looking at getting private enforcement officers as this has seen an increased in compliance and fines issued in other authorities.
- Vandal proofing the lighting in the tunnels, this is still ongoing as lighting is the subject of environmental legislation.
- Environment group – not formally established – is this needed as other local groups have environmental aims? To be discussed in the spring meeting.
- History and Heritage – only a one week display in the Methodist Chapel and there is a need for a permanent site. The existing signage has been refurbished but more would be useful.
- It was suggested that other local history groups cooperate to create an overall area plan of the local heritage and then act in unison for promotion.
- Volunteers were sought to go through documents to formulate an initiative ready for when Pembrokeshire County Council/EU funds become available.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Hayes stated so many people ask where the Fan Road is that a sign should be put up at the end of the Ridgeway.

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- b)** Councillor Cavell noted that the bus shelter near the entrance of North Close was still in a bad state. Councillor McDermott would inspect it the following day and would take the necessary action.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Methodist Church, Saundersfoot on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 6.30pm.