**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council on Thursday 6th August 2015**

**Present**: Councillors Phil Baker; Sue Boughton- Thomas; Mandy Allsop; Tessa Pearson;

Mary Cavell; Rosemary Hayes MBE; Donny Poole; David McDermott, Steve John; Bill Cleevely.

**In attendance**: Virginia Taber - Clerk

A minute’s silence was observed by the meeting to mark the sudden death of Trevor Lewis

who had served as a Community Council.

The Meeting then received a short presentation from Steve Jones, Pembrokeshire County Council about Emergency Planning and the Community Council’s willingness to facilitate an exercise in the future to include the whole Community based on the ABCD model.

Mr Jones explained that the ABCD model stood for Asset Based Community Development in which everyone in the community is considered to be an asset to the community in that everyone has something to offer in an emergency and the planning exercise would set out to identify who can offer what. The first planning exercise is due to take place in Pembroke in the autumn and Saundersfoot would following after that. Steve Jones was keen to emphasise that it was better not to get hung up on a plan but to identify those who can do things in and for the community if an emergency situation arose. He said he was confident that a community like Saundersfoot could, with some planning, successfully look after themselves in the short term.

It was agreed to take part in such an exercise on Wednesday 11th November @ 6.30pm in The Regency Hall.

**68**. **Declarations of Interests** - To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below. Members are requested to identify the nature of the interest and indicate whether it is personal or prejudicial

**Cllrs Baker declared an interest as a Saundersfoot Harbour Commissioner –** Old Coal House and Lawn (not sensory Gardens)

**69. Chairman’s Report**

Cllr Baker reported an active month as Chairman

5.07.2015 - Cllr Baker was delighted to attend the Saundersfoot Harbour Festival presenting the raft race trophies and hosting a visit by Cllr Wynne Evans, Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council. Cllr Evans was also given a tour of the new facilities.

10.07.2015 - Cllr Baker joined a large gathering of parents and well-wishers at the concert to mark the retirement of Ms Helen Lester as Head of Saundersfoot School

29.07.2015 - Cllr Baker attended the official opening of the Saundersfoot Harbour Phase 1, when Deputy Minister Ken Scales unveiled a plaque and received a tour of the facilities.

3.08.2015 - Cllr Baker was thrilled to present the prizes at The Saundersfoot in Bloom evening at St Brides Spa Hotel, he commented on the outstanding displays this year and the continued hard work of the very dedicated committee.

5.08.2015 - Cllr Baker attended the Saundersfoot Harbour Regeneration feedback meeting to stakeholder groups.

**70.  Minutes of the Meeting of the 2nd July 2015**

The declaration of interests had been omitted in error from the minutes of the 2nd July 2015.With that amendment the minutes were approved as an accurate record.

**71. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Laurel Tree in Cemetery (Minute 53 a page 22)

The Clerk reported that she had spoken Rhys Thomas about the trees and the overhanging branches in the Cemetery.

**b) Licensing (Minute 53 c page 22)**

The Clerk reported that she had not received a response to her letter regarding the new procedure regarding licence application.

**c) Brown Signs (Minute 53 d page 23)**

Cllr Baker indicated he would take this matter forward to resolve.

**d) Bat Survey (Minutes 53 g page 23)**

Discussion is still on going about where the lights are to be sited and the meeting to finalise this would not take place until the middle to end of August.

**e) Stop Sign at Fan Road (Minute 53 h page 23)**

This issue was on Cllr Bakers list for discussion with Ben Blake at Pembrokeshire County Council.

**72. Accounts for Payment**

**July 2015**

Saundersfoot Heritage Bay Regen Trust (Donation) £200.00

SCC Staff Salaries £1505.23

Bryan Harries (Sensory Gardens) £120.00

Auditor Fee £70.00

HMRC £237.20

Regency Hall Fees £45.50

Current Account at 31.7.2015 £5000.00

Reserve Account at 31.7.2015 £15501.24

SCC Total Funds **£20501.24**

It was **resolved** to accept the schedule of payment

**73. Planning Applications**

NP 15 0430 /FUL - Rhodewood Lodge

It was resolved to approve the application – Council expressed a certain amount of surprise that the flat roof included in the development – it was thought that this was discouraged by the planning authority. However, Council pleased to see that the plans retained the Character of the building overall.

**74. Licensing applications**

None received.

**75. Correspondence received**.

**76. Application from Saundersfoot Footlights for a donation from the Community Council.**

It was **resolved** to postpone the decision to the next meeting to ascertain what funding Footlights have already received form SCC.

**77 Agenda Items**

**78. Seniors Christmas Dinner** – Cllr Boughton-thomas

Cllr Boughton -Thomas reported that the Lions were prepared to fund the dinner on a 50 /50 basis with the Community Council and that it would be held in the Regency Hall.

It was resolved that the date for the dinner would be 13th December 2015.It was also resolved to have the same menu as last year and the limit would be 100.Those eligible to attend the Dinner would have to be drawing State Pension and on the electoral role for Saundersfoot.

**79. Appointment of a new member for the Regency Hall Board of Trustees** – Cllr Boughton -Thomas

It was **resolved** to defer this item September meeting

**80. Management solution for the Car Parking Spaces outside the Regency Hall owned by Saundersfoot Community Council**.

It was reported that the Cost of a machine for this area would cost in the region of £15,000 or in the alternative SCC would have to pay someone to police the area.

Cllr John suggested that a way forward would be to lease the spaces to PCNPA and then PCC could extend the parking order to cover these spaces.

A further discussion took place about the pros and cons of this idea and it was agreed that it was a Community Council issue that needed to be resolved as the current situation was unsatisfactory.

It was resolved to ask the Clerk to contact Marc Owen of PCC to get advice regarding a way forward.

**81. Update on the Commemoration Service on 23rd August 2015**

The Clerk reported that all matters were in hand for the event.

Cllr Baker reported that St John’s ambulance volunteers were booked to attend. A risk assessment

It was **resolved** that now the event was pared down from the original plan that there would not be a raffle held as it was incompatible with the event which was essentially a service of thanks giving.

**82. Update on Muga – Cllr McDermott**

In Cllr McDermott’s absence it was resolved to defer the item to September Meeting.

**83. Proposed improvements around the office/bowling Club area – Clerk**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mattick had obtained a quote for material to refurbish this area which included chippings and paint.

It was **resolved** to accept the quote of £258.00 and that the refurbishment should take place.

**84. The format of any other business - Clerk**

The Clerk reported that where at all possible items should appear on the agenda and that many councils had now ceased putting AOB on the agenda as an item.

It was considered that AOB was an important part of them meting and it was **resolved** to keep AOB as an agenda item.

**85. The date of the September Meeting – Cllr Hayes** Cllr Hayes drew that meetings attention to the fact that the next meeting in September coincided with a concert at the Regency Hall.

It was noted but agreed that the meeting would take place on the 3rd September 2015 as scheduled.

**86 Reports from Committees including the County Councillors.**

**87 County Councillors Report**

The reorganisation of the 6th Forms in the North of the County continues to generate concerns.

Mr Ian Westley was appointed the new Chief Executive Officer following a rigorous interview process.

Ward matters

Road lining and markings will be subject to further visits in the near future

An additional dog warden has been appointed and Cllr Baker has asked that Saundersfoot is given priority for visits, following an increase in complaints of dog walkers and dog mess on the main beach.

Area Maintenance have confirmed that they are clearing rubbish from the two addits on the Coast path.

**88. Saundersfoot Community Primary School**

Friday 10th July marked the Career and retirement of Head teacher Helen Lester. Past and Present pupils, teaching staff, friends and Governors attended to show appreciation for the dedication and commitment to Saundersfoot CP School for over 27 years. The Regency Hall was packed to capacity and it was a very special day. The School’s talented pupils all contributed with a variety of musical items, which brought tears to many eyes. Griffon choir, of whom, Miss Lester is a member entertained us to their usual high standard.

Canon Butler, Chair of Governors made a presentation on behalf of the governing body and he paid tribute to Miss Lester for her outstanding service to the school. Later a special cake and buffet was provided and gave an opportunity for staff and guest to meet old friends.

During the last week at school many gifts, flowers and cards were presented to Miss Lester. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

Last month’s successful school events have been well reported in the Tenby Observer. This included the 10K run when 35 FOSS runners took part and did extremely well.

**89 Saundersfoot in Bloom – Cllr Pearson**

On Monday 3rd August the annual Saundersfoot in Bloom Prize giving was held at St Brides Hotel .Chairman of Saundersfoot in Bloom ,Keith Williams gave everyone a warm welcome and said that the standard had been exceptionally high this year and that he was pleased to see that there were two prize winners amongst this year’s first time entrants .He also said that ,at the recent visit of the Wales in Bloom judge , the village looked really lovely and that the judge commented on the school children’s garden in the Sensory Garden and Harbour display especially. The prizes were awarded by the chairman of Saundersfoot Community Council, Cllr Phil Baker who said he was delighted to be able to present the awards and thanked all the Saundersfoot in Bloom members for their hard work in making the village look so attractive. The Saundersfoot in Bloom flower festival will be held, as usual, at St, Issells Church from 18th to 22 august.

**90. Saundersfoot Neighbourhood Policing Forum**

Cllr John commended PCSP Jim Moffatt and his colleague for tracking down overweight lorries in the village and had ticket 5 lorries in one day – 3 of which where the wrong side of the sign in the village. Cllr John thanked the officers for their persistence in this matters.

Cllr Cleevley reported that the youth Club now had 103 members which showed the need within the Community for this provision for young people.

It was reported at the Forum that there is a major problem with young men riding 50cc motor cycles.

It has been noted that the Sands Club provides a free bus to take patrons to the club but not to take them home. There have been several issues with noise outside the Sands.

Requests have been made to Pembrokeshire County Council to provide a dog warden in Saundersfoot, Wisemans Bridge and Sardis area. There has been a spate of wing mirrors being broken off vehicles in the village.

Crime Figures – Violent Crime is up 83% - 22 incidents this year and 10 incidents in 2014.Sexual offence at 1 is the same as last year. Burglary, 3, which is the same as last year. Theft 19 incidents and 15 last year. All incidents of theft have been detected. Criminal damage has increased and appears to be associated with spray cans. Drug offences are up by 7 this year form 3 last.

Priorities for August are to be - Taxis speeding in Sandy Hill Road, Heavy Vehicles in the Village and targeting drug offences in the woods.

**91. Any other business**

Planters at the School are in need of attention as they have been neglected.

It was noted that there was a lady selling items in the street near to the Sensory Garden and the question was raised about her having an appropriate licence to do so.

Cliff Fall on the Strand - PCC are in the process of resolving whose responsibility it was to repair.

Cllr John reported that Super-fast broadband was now available on the Saundersfoot Exchange and 75% users were now connected

Cllr Cavell reported standing water outside Whitlow.

Cllr Hayes reported that the fence near to St Issells had been damaged.

Cllr Broughton - Thomas enquired whether a shelter could be erected at the bus stop outside the Arcade.

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