

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Present:** Councillors: Phil Baker; Sue Boughton-Thomas; Don Poole;  
Mandy Allsop; Tessa Pearson; Mary Cavell; Rosemary Hayes MBE;  
Steve John, Anthony Mattick, Bill Cleevely

**In attendance:** Virginia Taber - Clerk

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman, Cllr Baker asked Council to observe a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Ronnie Brabon who died suddenly on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Councillor Brabon had been the third longest serving Councillor and attended his first meeting in in July 1983. He had been a good friend to Saundersfoot and would be sadly missed.

### **171. Chairman's Report**

Cllr Baker reported that on 4th December he and Santa had taken part in the extremely well supported lantern parade from Coppett Hall along The Strand to light Community Christmas tree in the Sensory Garden and the new Village tree on the Harbour Decking. A huge thanks to Saundersfoot C.P. School, Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism, The Hean Castle Estate, Saundersfoot Community Council, Saundersfoot Harbour Commission and Mr Gerald Rogers.

On 13th December Cllr Baker assisted at the Saundersfoot Christmas Dinner at the Regency Hall, he congratulated The Tenby and District Lions, Saundersfoot Community Council, The Regency Hall and the catering team for a fantastic evening and to Butch for lifting the roof on the hall.

On 1.1.16 Cllr Baker was one of the over 1600 swimmers taking part in the best swim to date, he thanked Saundersfoot Festivities Committee and everyone who helped to make this Wales's premier event on New Year's Day.

### **172. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D. McDermott

### **173. Declarations of interest**

None

### **174. To receive the minutes of the Meeting of the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record

### **175. Matters arising from the Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015**

### **176.Cockle Gathering**

The clerk read two letters that she had received from Angela Burns AM and Mr a resident of Saundersfoot.

Cllr John enquired about by-laws and how they were made and who was responsible for doing so. He asked that enquiries were made with Pembrokeshire County Council about how to go about the process and how a by-law was enforced.

It was **resolved** to make enquiries about the possibility a by-law relating to Cockle picking and making restrictions on the activity.

### **177. Planter at top of Slip Way**

As previously established this planter is on third party land and Pembrokeshire County Council will not undertake repairs under those circumstances. The planter is however in a poor condition, unsightly and potentially dangerous. Cllr Hayes requested that a quote be obtained to repair the planter.

It was **resolved** to get a quote.

### **178. The Youth Club.**

Cllr Baker reported that he has spoken to a member of the youth club leadership team regarding the need for their own insurance to cover activities and equipment. Cllr Cleevely told the meeting that he had had 20 years' experience in youth work and running youth clubs and reiterated that it was extremely important that the youth club had their own insurance independent of the Regency Hall and urged that this matter be sorted out as soon as possible.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Mattick and the Clerk would meet with the Youth Club leadership to facilitate this.

### **179. Precept for 2016/7**

Councillor Cleevely added a note of caution that Council should act prudently when spending public funds. He went on to say that if this was not done the precept would be increased quite considerably and the Council tax payers of Saundersfoot would want to know why.

A general discussion then took place about the issues raised by Cllr Cleevely and it was **Resolved** to hold a meeting to set the precept for 2016/17 on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.30pm.

### **180. Tesco grant for MUGA**

Cllr Boughton -Thomas informed that she had made an application to Tesco, as mention by Cllr Pearson at the December meeting, for a grant for the MUGA and was

pleased to announce that the application had passed the first funding round. The amounts of grant were £8,000, £10,000 and £12,000.

She would be informed in January if the application had been successfully put through to the next round. If after that we are successful in our bid, there is a public vote at Tesco over a two-week period.

Councillor Boughton -Thomas was congratulated for her efforts together with Cllr Pearson for bring the matter to Councils attention and both Cllrs Poole and McDermott for assisting in the application by providing costings.

### **181 Wi-Fi for Saundersfoot**

Cllr John said that he was content that the proposal to provide free Wi-Fi in the village complied with legal requirements.

A meeting was to be arranged with the provider and the Chamber for Tourism. Community Council and Harbour Commissioners to take the matter forward.

It was **resolved** to proceed with the provision of Wi-Fi in the Village.

### **182. Accounts for Payment**

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Smart Gardens	Grass Cutting	£480.
Gerald Rogers (Sweets Santa @ St Nicholas Fair)		£88.00
Galaxy Fireworks	New Year's Eve Fireworks	£2400.00
Regency Hall Fees (October/November)		£83.00
Staff		£1,333.24
HMRC		£328.73
Balance of Accounts at 31.1.2016		
Current Account	£5001.00	
Reserve Account	£26,859.57	

### **183.Planning Applications received**

**NP /15/0638/FUL** -Craig -y-Mor The Strand Saundersfoot Excavation of Existing Bank to provide new 1 ½ storey detached garage

Council considered the proposed structure to be tucked away neatly and sympathetic to environment and architecture. Council will support application.

**NP/15/0686/FUL Victoria House Wogan Terrace Saundersfoot** – alterations to existing dwelling.

Council approved the modern vernacular in keeping with conservation area. Council will support application.

**NP/15/0654/FUL – 33 Bevelin Hall Saundersfoot** – alteration to garage to provide pitched roof. Council approved of the pitched roof - **council will support application.**

**NP/16/0003/TPO** – removal of pine tree in front garden Woodland Dell Rushy Lake Saundersfoot support but would like to see a broadleaf replanted in its place.

**TPO 33 Oak House Frances Lane Saundersfoot** – having considered the tree surgeons report Council accept that the tree needs to be removed due to disease but would ask that the as mature an Oak tree as possible is planted.

#### **184. Licensing Applications**

None

#### **185. To Consider Correspondence received**

- a) Letter from Mr Martyn Williams, Chairman Saundersfoot New Year's Day Swim in which he thanked the Council for its ongoing support and to the Councillors who attended despite such difficult weather conditions to hand out medals.
- b) A letter from County Council Perter Stock urging Councillors to support the No to Dyfed Campaign and to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Local Government (WALES) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum which ends on 15/2/2016
- c) Letter from Planed about becoming a Tourism Ambassador for Pembrokeshire.
- d) A thank you card was received from Maggie and Gill for the Community Council and Lions sponsored Christmas dinner.
- e) A note of appreciation from Mr & Mrs Mackay thanking the Council for helping to make the village and surrounding area a great place to live and continued success in 2016.

All correspondence was noted by Council

#### **186. Agenda items**

#### **187. To set the precept for 2016/17**

Cllr Mattick said he would like to explore the potential of a developing the area of the third tennis court and area behind as a green space /picnic area and to include Green gym equipment (outdoor exercise equipment) which would complement the Blue gym as proposed by the Harbour Commissioners. He explained that the equipment was very

robust and had a 25-year warranty. He would like to see a draft plan for the area be developed over time as funds became available. He said he would like better use made of that area, an asset that the Council already has that would benefit the Community. It was agreed to adjourn further discussion to the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January when the precept would be discussed in full.

#### **188.To review Council Policies – Cllr John**

Cllr John told the meeting that he had been looking at policies that Council needed and believed that there were 12 in total and that work needed to be done on the drafts that he had so that they could be brought to Council to be ratified.

It was **resolved** that the Chairman, Deputy Chair, Clerk and Cllr John would look at these policies to bring to Council in March. Thanks was expressed to Cllr John for the work he had undertaken.

#### **189 . The Sensory Garden – Cllr John**

Cllr John proposed that a seat or another suitable item be purchased and installed in the Sensory Garden in memory of Cllr Brabon as a fitting tribute to him.

Cllr Baker said he fully supported this but was mindful that to do so would be setting a precedent, other Councillor had passed and nothing was installed for them.

Cllr Poole said that if a Councillor had died whilst still in Office he would support such a proposal.

Cllr Allsop suggested that a tree be planted. Cllr Pearson went on to say that one of the bushes was due to come out and that something suitable could be placed there in memory of Cllr Ronnie Brabon. Cllr Mattick added that it should be something colourful that draws attention - flowers in the spring and good autumn colour.

Cllr Boughton – Thomas reminded the meeting that it was because of Cllr Brabon and his suggestion to approach Pembrokeshire County Council that the Sensory Garden was to be transferred to the community.

Cllr Poole proposed that the grounds committee consider the matter and make a suggestion to Council at a later meeting.

Cllr John suggested that a bench could be dedicated to other Councillors who had also died in office.

It was **resolved** to ask that the grounds committee to make a suggestion for the Community Council to consider as a fitting tribute.

#### **190 . Report's from Committees including the County Councillors**

#### **191 . County Council – Cllr Baker**

#### **County Wide**

At the recent Full Council meeting a very full agenda saw the debate on the new Council constitution being deferred to a later date.

The Budget process continues with Cabinet discussing the 2016/17 Budget on 11.01.16, followed by a Members seminar on 1.2.16 in advance of Full Council on 10.3.16.

The political balance at County Hall has changed again, with Cllr Owen James leaving the opposition benches and joining the Independent Group Plus, which now gives a 32 - 28 balance.

The Chief Constable gave a presentation at the Full Council meeting where he stated that he was aware of the on-going discussions relating to Saundersfoot Police Station.

#### **Ward Issues**

Further e-mails have been forwarded to Officers in relation to outstanding maintenance items.

PCC will no longer be providing black bin bags.

The Coastal path remains closed awaiting a geological engineering survey, a rock fall over the Christmas period requires attention and an engineered solution.

### **192 Saundersfoot County Primary School – Cllr Cavell**

Saundersfoot School activities were very well reported in last month's Tenby Observer, covering many pages and keeping us all updated.

2016 started with a splash on a very wet and windy day. Head teacher, staff and pupils braved the elements representing the school in the annual new year's day swim. Well done to everyone.

During this first term and further ahead throughout the year there are going to be many new experiences not only for myself but for staff, children and parents. I know working alongside the dedicated and talented staff we have here in Saundersfoot it will be enjoyable as children respond so well under their direction. Headmaster Nick Allen, on behalf of the pupil's and staff of Saundersfoot CP school would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

A member of the governing body, Mr Ronnie Brabon died in December. Ronnie, as he was affectionately known by staff and governor's had served as a governor for 28 years. The headmaster said that in the brief time that he had known him he always expressed a desire for the very best for the children of Saundersfoot.

### **193.Saundersfoot Neighbourhood Policing Forum – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – reports from Cllr Cleevely**

20 members of the public attended which make Saundersfoot Forum the most well attended and other forums have ceased to run due to lack of interest by the public.

Matters discussed.

The parking situation in Wooden was reported to have improved.

After many proactive patrols and words with parents the local youngsters have stopped climbing on the roof Second Gear in Saundersfoot.

Two poachers, who had been operating on the Hean Castle Estate have been apprehended and dealt with. PCSO Moffatt has discussed the idea of relocating the Police station in Saundersfoot with the local Chief Inspector and Harbour Manager.

The fish and chip shop on the harbour has now been licensed to sell alcohol. The Neighbourhood Policing Team will be patrolling that area on the lookout for alcohol related Anti- social behaviour.

Saundersfoot NPT has arranged for a multi-agency meeting with the primary school to try and resolve parking issues in the area. PCSOs may soon have the power to issue parking tickets to offenders outside the schools which would be a great help.

Helen from Dementia Friends introduced herself to PACT and gave a very informative talk on the Struggle of people living with dementia.

The concept of Smart water was explained to PACT as well as its use in home security. The Chief Constable has said that front line officers will not be reduced. Cyclists have been cycling around the area in the dark not wearing reflective clothing. NPT as on the lookout and will be giving advice accordingly.

### **Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January**

12 members of the public attended.

The annual drink drive campaign is still in full swing.

The relocation of Saundersfoot Police Station is still under discussion.

The meeting to discuss parking outside the primary school is to be arranged soon.

116 crimes were reported in Saundersfoot in the past 12 months. Which is an increase of 10%( 13 more crimes). Numbers of reported assaults are low which is probably due to the wet & windy weather in the month of December. Two adult cyclists were spoken to for not wearing protective clothing. Dog fouling is becoming a serious issue on the beach. PCSOS will be observing and taking action.

### **192 . Any other business**

Cllr Poole enquired about the owner of the piece of land just down from Admirals Mew's, which has become over grown with brambles out into the path. They need cutting back but the owner needs to be ascertained.

Cllr Hayes enquired about the social housing which was planned for the area that used to be the car park of the Cambrian Hotel (Paddock) and when it was anticipated it would be built. It was understood that this would commence when all the properties in the development had been sold.

Cllr Hayes also reported that the back gates of the Cemetery, off Errox Hill were very muddy and that it was extremely difficult to get into the Cemetery that way because of the mud.

Further it was reported that there had been slips and falls on the new Harbour Decking when it was wet.

Cllr John reported that there was a proposal to charge Council tax on “properties” where planning permission had been granted but not actually built.

Cllr John also inform Council that he had locked the gates to the Council car park on Christmas Eve and that he proposed that next year the gates be locked again and that this fact would be publicised in advance. A more secure lock was needed to fasten the gates shut.

Cllr Poole asked for the Saundersfoot crest plates to be put back on to the walls at the entrance to the car park.

Cllr Cavell asked that something was done to prevent the standing water near to the telephone exchange.

Cllr Baker asked for support against the proposed closure of the Avenue Centre in Tenby, this is a valuable resource which included some residents of Saundersfoot who benefitted from going to the centre.

It was agreed to send a letter of support for the centre and that this was a asset and a benefit to all the people who attended.

..... Chairman