

SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot on the 10th March 2014

1) CHAIRMANS REPORT

- Chairman Cleevely said that on 18th February 2014 he had attended a Health Network meeting in New Hedges Village Hall.
- On 20th February 2014 Chairman Cleevely attended a meeting in Amroth Village Hall with Councillor John to discuss the clean sea water in Wiseman's Bridge and Amroth.
- On 18th March 2014 Chairman Cleevely along with Councillors John, Baker and Brabon had unveiled the new Saundersfoot flag to the public at the commencement of the 'Cawl Weekend' in Saundersfoot.
- Chairman Cleevely said that he had attended the installation of the new Rector the Rev Marianne Osborne of St Issell's and surrounding churches on 6th March 2014.
- Chairman Cleevely informed members that he, along with Councillors Morris and Brabon had met with Mr Hugh Davies the owner of the flat opposite the Sensory Gardens who requested that the trees in the gardens be lopped as they were obscuring the view of the sea for the occupants of the flat. Councillor Morris produced photographs to members of the offending trees.

Councillor Poole commented that the Council had proposed to tidy up these trees months ago. Councillor John did comment that occupants have no legal requirement to a sea view. Chairman Cleevely proposed lopping the trees opposite the Spar Shop by 3-4 feet and also to tidy up the rest of the trees in the gardens and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Brabon. Councillor Morris said that he would carry out this work possibly in April and the Clerk was instructed to contact Rhys Thomas for advice.

2) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes of the 6th February 2014

a) **Minute 4(d) Electricity Supply to Ticket Office**

The Clerk informed members that the Bowling Club supply of electricity would cease soon and that a new supply would be installed in the Ticket Office on 13th February 2014.

b) **Minute 4(b) St Issell's Cemetery**

The Clerk informed members that Rhys Thomas had completed the clearance of the graves in the cemetery and looked much tidier.

c) **Minute 4(c) CCTV Camera, Saundersfoot**

The Clerk informed members that BT Redcare would be increasing the CCTV rental tariff by 2.5% from 1st April 2014.

Councillor John said that he had spoken to a representative from Pembrokeshire County Council and was quoted a figure of £800 for the recorder plus £200 maintenance making a total of £1,000 one off payment making substantial savings on the present cost.

It was proposed by Councillor Poole and seconded by Councillor Baker that the Clerk writes to Dyfed Powys Police regarding these plans and obtain their views and also to BT Redcare instructing them that the Council will not be accepting the

fixed term contract on offer.

d) Minute 4(d) Lights in Long Tunnel

The Clerk in the absence of Councillor McDermott updated members as follows:- Councillors Poole and McDermott had visited the long tunnel and discussed with the contractors of the new restaurant the possibility of them digging the trench from the new substation to the long tunnel.

Councillor McDermott said that Pembrokeshire County Council had given six new fittings and he had spoken to M K Accessories, the manufacturers of these ILP fittings and if we transfer the power source from solar panel to mains voltage we would need a driver for each fitting. Councillor McDermott had spoken to Edmundson Electric in Milford Haven who had offered a 50% discount on these products.

At present there are eight fittings in the long tunnel, but Councillor Poole and myself thought there should be more, maybe 10 or 12 in total.

Councillor Poole then gave a financial report on the project as follows:-

Councillor Poole said that the cost of cabling and drivers would be approximately £330.00 plus the cost of creating a trench for the cable which is unknown at present.

He went on to say that if the 10 LED lights would be left on permanently the cost would be approximately £10.00 per year.

Councillor Baker said that he had spoken to various parties on the matter, including National Parks, and was told that if there was any change to the present lighting in the tunnel a preplanning application would have to be applied for.

Members decided to submit a preplanning application to National Parks in a form of a letter and also obtain costings from W B Griffiths for digging a trench from Coppet Hall to the tunnel.

Councillor Baker said that he would check the insurance implications if new the lighting was installed.

e) Minute 4(e) 100 years Anniversary, World War 1

Councillor Cavell informed members that things were progressing well and Mick Booth was assisting in the process. She said that a large amount of memorabilia had been received and welcomed suggestions from Council members on the project.

Councillor Cavell would report monthly on progress made.

f) Minute 4(f) Gates, Regency Hall, Saundersfoot

Councillor Poole said that he would like the shields replaced on the gates and he along with Councillor Baker would look at ways of improving the closing of the gates on the wall side.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Sports Club of the closing of the gates from 12.00 noon Christmas Day to 12.00 midday Boxing Day.

g) Minute 4(g) Saundersfoot Community Council Website

Councillor John informed members that he, along with the Clerk, had attended the first training session with Pembrokeshire County Council and took all comments on board. He said that he had included the minutes of the Council from January 2013 on the website and asked members for suggestions of what to include on the website describing what Saundersfoot has to offer.

Councillor John said that he had spoken to Mr Gareth Davies with regard to photographs to include on the website.

h) Minute 4(h) Salt Bins, Saundersfoot

The Clerk informed members that the locks were now available for the two new bins in Pennant Avenue, and another one would be made available for the North Close bin.

With regard to the salt bin for Sardis, Councillor Baker commented that no site had been identified to locate a bin there.

i) Minute 4(j) World War 1 DVD

Members decided to purchase the above DVD from the War Museum.

j) Minute 4(k) Litter in Culverts, Path to Wiseman's Bridge

The Clerk informed members that he had received an email from Mr Glenville Codd, Pembrokeshire County Council stating the above culverts have been cleared by the Beach Cleaning Team.

Councillor John advised members that this had still not been done and suggested placing a litter bin next to it.

Councillor Baker advised members that the path had been closed recently due to a landslide and would reopen on 14th March, 2014, but he would investigate why the culvert had not been cleared.

k) Minute 8(d) Regency Hall Report

Councillor John advised members that the Film Club would meet on 4th Thursday of each month and not the 3rd as quoted in the February minutes.

l) Minute 9(d) Dip in Road, Ridgeway, Saundersfoot

The Clerk informed members that above had been passed on to the Street Care Department, Pembrokeshire County Council for their attention.

m) Minute 9(e) Leaves on Drains Ridgeway, Saundersfoot

The Clerk informed members that he had received an email from Mr Glenville Codd, Pembrokeshire County Council stating that above leaves would be cleared by the Street Sweeper.

3) AGENDA

a) Discuss Options for Extra Storage Space

The Clerk said that Councillor McDermott had suggested purchasing a galvanised steel shed measuring 12' x 10' for storage rather than purchasing a more expensive container unit. He said the cost of one of these sheds would be £450 compared with £1,700 to £2,000 for a container.

Councillor Baker said that his experience of these sheds was not good and need

maintenance after 5 years. Members decided to wait until the New Year, 2014/2015, to purchase a suitable alternative.

4) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- NP/14/0103 - Balcony, Greenfolds Cottage, Westfield Road, Saundersfoot
- NP/14/0111 - Signage, Coast Restaurant, Coppet Hall, Saundersfoot
- NP/14/0094 - New roof, 18 The Whitlow, Saundersfoot
- NP/14/0042 - Extension, 10 Oakfield Drive, Saundersfoot

Councillors Baker, Poole, Cavell and Cleevely declared an interest in NP/14/0094 and Councillors Baker and John declared an interest in NP/14/0111 and they took no part in those debates.

Members raised no objections to the above applications.

5) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) A letter was received from Pembrokeshire County Council Public Transports Department regarding reduced bus services in Pembrokeshire. The only service affecting Saundersfoot was the 381 service to Haverfordwest which would operate in the summer only. Savings would amount to over £50,000, however further cuts would be necessary.
- b) A letter was received from Angela Burns AM with regard to the downgrading of services at Withybush Hospital, and a copy of the letter sent to constituents was also enclosed. She said she would be happy to attend a meeting of the Council to address members on the issue, but members declined this offer.
- c) The Clerk informed members that a request had been received for the removal of ashes from St Issell's Cemetery to a cemetery in Swansea. He said all the relevant forms from the Ministry of Justice had been completed by the applicant, but the owners of the cemetery had to make a declaration prior to permission being given.

Members agreed to the application subject to firstly speaking to the Council's Solicitors with regard to use of the plot for another cremation and would the new owners of the plot have to be informed.

- d) A request for the renewal of membership to One Voice Wales was received which would cost £425 per annum for 2014/2015. It was proposed by Councillor Poole and seconded by Councillor Cavell that the Council re-joins and all members agreed.
- e) A list of recipients of awards was received from Jeff Pearson, Poppy Appeal Coordinator, for the presentation evening on 12th March 2014 in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot.
- f) Applications for Tree Works were received for The Dingle, The Glen, Saundersfoot and Morningside, Frances Road, Saundersfoot.
- g) A letter was received from Mr Martin Williams, Saundersfoot Festivities, Stating that a post mortem for the swim would be held shortly to which members would be invited and also a party would be held later in the year to celebrate 30 years of the swim and, again, members would be invited.

6) REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) Councillor Morris reported to members as follows:-

Hywel Dda Health Authority Stakeholders Meeting 27th February 2014

- It was noted that issues have arisen regarding the closure of Tenby MIU, in that patients have experienced difficulties in being seen as surgeries in both Tenby and Saundersfoot, when they are not registered with the practice in question. This would imply that holidaymakers will experience potential delays in being seen.
- It was clarified that members cannot sit on the board for more than 5 years.
- Although a change of venue for the meetings was mooted, it became clear that it was much simpler for the majority present to stick to the same venue.
- A report on Carer's Measures will be given in the next meeting.
- The Three Year Integrated Business Plan was drafted in October 2013. The final document will be ready in September 2014. In years one and two, the focus will be on Productivity and Efficiency. When he challenged the board on the efficiency involved in the closing of Tenby MIU, the speaker stressed that the financial commitment previously given to Tenby MIU was needed at Withybush Hospital for current developments. There then followed severe criticism from the floor that Hywel Dda Health Authority has been extremely poor at both taking and presenting their own reasoning to the public. It was also made clear that, as stakeholders, we feel that if Hywel Dda Health Authority does not listen to their own stakeholders, then there is no point in having a Stakeholders Reference Group!
- The transport of patients who live in rural areas has been researched and modified, with the result that it is now more effective and cheaper to run.

b) Councillor Pearson reported to members as follows:-

Sealed Knot Event

Councillor Pearson said that she had spoken to Mr Terry John the coordinator of the Sealed Knot event and was told that there had been a lack of coordination between himself and the Chamber for Tourism and now was the time to commence the organisation of the event for 2015.

Councillor Brabon as our representative on the Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism would investigate at the next meeting of the Chamber as to why there has been a lack of communication with regard to the organisation of this event which was important to Saundersfoot.

c) Councillor Cavell reported to members as follows:-

Saundersfoot C P School

- Councillor Cavell reported that St David's Day was celebrated immediately after the half term holiday and the hall was a blaze of colour and the pupils look so smart in their Welsh Costumes.
- On 6th March 2014 Councillor Cavell said the new MUGA was officially opened by Mr Joel Moody, Councillor Brabon along with herself, staff and pupils had attended the opening ceremony. Miss Lester, Head Teacher, thanked FOSS for all their hard work and to all the organisations and individuals who had contributed in any way to making the purchase of the MUGA possible. Councillor Cavell suggested that members paid a visit to see the MUGA for themselves.
- Also on 6th March 2014 a Dylan Thomas pop up workshop was based at the school for one day and poetry was read by Emily Hinshel-Wood and the room was made to look an authentic replica of the Dylan Thomas study. The

workshop would be on site at many schools in Pembrokeshire.

Councillor Baker commented that the MUGA looked fantastic and also urged members to visit the school to see it.

d) Councillor Baker reported to members as follows:-

County Council Update

• **14th February – Extraordinary Council Meeting**

- ◆ The Wales Audit office Report and recommendations were fully accepted by Council, the arrangements for the Senior Staff Pension arrangements were terminated. Dyfed Powys Police have requested that Gloucester Police assess if an investigation is required.
- ◆ The second item on the Agenda was the call for the suspension of the Chief Executive, the QC retained by PCC remained in the Chamber and before the debate began advised that he had been left an envelope of press cuttings in the PCC car that collected him from Port Talbot station, these cuttings related to the surveys of all County Councillors asking if the CEO should stand aside. The QC suggested that 10 Councillors had predetermined their decision and should consider whether they take part in the debate. After much consideration Councillor Baker found himself as only one of five opposition Councillors and as the only remaining signatory asking for the Motion for suspension he withdrew it.

• **6th March - Full Council**

- ◆ Amongst items discussed was the 2014/15 Budget, this has seen the Council Tax fixed with a 3.4% rise, meaning the County element of a Band D property increase from £741 to £766. There is also the Police and Community Council elements to add.
- ◆ The budget requires £20million to be saved over the next 2 years, many Councillors were concerned that the highway maintenance budget had been reduced by £800,000 and called that this is not repeated, the County highways are generally in good condition and could probably survive for one year.
- ◆ Further Notices of Motion calling for a No Confidence Vote in the CEO, Monitoring Officer and Councillor Pugh were defeated

• **Ward Issues**

- ◆ The Coastal Path between Saundersfoot and Wisemans Bridge remains closed due to a rock fall, additional netting is being added and an opening date of 14th March 2014 is expected.
- ◆ Microbrewery Planning Application – Councillor Baker attended and spoke at the PCNPA Planning meeting to speak as the County Councillor and to represent the Community Council. The Planning Officer had recommended approval but Councillor Baker was concerned that the operation hours were not those suggested by the Community Council. After much discussion the Officers recommendations were accepted (not the shorter Community Council suggestion) and the Visitor Centre will be open Mon to Sat, 10.00 to 20.00 and Sun 12.00 to 18.00 with deliveries between 07.00 to 18.00. The applicant later confirmed that brewing would only be during opening times as he wished visitors to see the process. In addition Councillor Baker requested that the condenser be added as a planning condition as this had not been included by the officer, this was included.
- ◆ Civic Amenity Site – The revised CA site proposed on Devonshire Drive remains in the Saundersfoot Ward but is within the County Council Planning area, it is expected that the application will be submitted by the end of March 2014, Councillor Baker confirmed that as a member of the

PCC Planning Committee he would not be making any further comment on the proposal.

- ◆ Councillor Baker had reported a number of potholes and blocked gullies to area maintenance.

g) Councillor Brabon reported to members as follows:-

- Mr Alwyn Lewis had continued to tidy up the area and had also commenced repainting the seats in the Sensory Gardens.
- He is still find it difficult to work through lack of space and it was hoped to resolve this problem soon.
- Councillor Brabon had attended a Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism meeting and they were looking at ways to attract visitors to Saundersfoot and suggestions from the floor would be looked at and hopefully some ideas can be put in place for the future.

h) In the absence of Councillor McDermott, the Clerk reported as follows:-

Town & Community Council Liaison meeting 11th February 2014

- A presentation of the Pembrokeshire County Council budget for 2014/15 was presented by the Director of Finance & Leisure. Briefly the Director explained using the Barnett Formula
- Huge increase in funding for 21st century schools £150m over the rest of the decade.
- 2013/14 the budget would be stable
- 2014/15 there would be a reduction of £12.9m from the Pembrokeshire County Council budget of £212m realising a net budget of £199.1m.
- Refuse collection going to fortnightly will save approx. £2.3m per annum
- Cleddau Bridge staff costs £400k per annum out of a revenue of £2.9m per annum.
- Pembrokeshire Council Tax – Our council tax is the lowest in Wales at £741 this will increase in 2014/15 by 3.4% to £767 to realise an extra £1.7m per annum. This increase will cost each household approx. an extra 50p per week.
- Pembrokeshire County Council Community Web Site – Mr Lawrence Harding the Monitoring Officer explained that, as at 11th February, 43 Community Council's had signed up for the Pembrokeshire County Council web site whilst 34 Community Council's had not responded.
- Renewable Energy Policy – This presentation was really about wind farms and wind farm applications rather than a renewable energy policy as no discussion was held in respect of tidal, was or osmoses etc.
- Response to bad weather – The recent storms have been severe as everyone is aware with repairs to roads at Amroth and Newgale alone costing not less than £350k.

One Voice Wales Area meeting 18th February 2014

- Councillor Boughton Thomas and Councillor McDermott attended the Pembrokeshire Area meeting at County Hall and although sparsely attended there were about ten delegates in total.
- Mr Paul Egan the new Deputy C.E.O of One Voice Wales gave a presentation on the benefits of being a member of One Voice Wales at present there are 29 Town & County Council members in Pembrokeshire as a consequence One Voice Wales now has three delegates able to attend the Pembrokeshire County Council Town & Community Council Liaison meetings.

i) Chairman Cleevely reported to members as follows:-

Saundersfoot Police Forum 3rd March 2014

- As PCSO Moffatt was not present PCSO Kendall chaired the meeting.
- Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved.
- Hopefully, the Youth Club would be open by Easter. Police reported far less antisocial behaviour since a Youth Club was muted.
- Delivery lorry outside St Brides Hotels has again been spoken to with little effect. Suggestions were made to 'book the lorry for obstruction'.
- Parking on the zig zag lines outside Tesco and tickets have been issued and more will be issued in the future.
- Crime figures were:-
1 assault, 3 crimes of theft, 1 criminal damage and 1 possession of drugs, of which 2 have been detected.
- Postal scams with regard to winnings from an international source were reported.
- A number of oil thefts were reported.
- Gardening equipment valued at £2,000 had been stolen from a property in Wiseman's Bridge and police advised the marking of all equipment.
- The next meeting of the forum is on 7th April 2014.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Brabon expressed his concerns at the poor condition of the left hand side of the road when exiting the Fan Road into Station Road. Councillor Baker said that he would contact Pembrokeshire County Council Highways requesting that it be resurfaced.
- b) Councillor John again raised the issue of a 30mph limit on Station Road and thought that this limit could be extended from the railway bridge towards Saundersfoot despite opposition from Pembrokeshire County Council Highways Department.
- c) Councillor John asked when progress would be made on the Saundersfoot Emergency Plan which seems to have died a death.
- d) Councillor John said that signage in Tenby prohibiting HG vehicles entering Tenby between 11.00am and 4.00 pm was being adhered to contrary to Saundersfoot.
- e) Councillor Cavell expressed her concern at the poor condition of the pathway from Swallow Tree to Saundersfoot which had deteriorated following the storms. Councillor Baker would investigate if improvements could be carried out there.
- f) Councillor Pearson said that she attended a performance of 'Grease' in Greenhill School and what a fantastic show it was. She asked if the cast could be invited to the Regency Hall to perform the show. Councillor Baker, Chairman of Greenhill Governors, would ask if this was possible.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot on Thursday 3rd April 2014 at 6.30pm.