

SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2017 at the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot.

Present: Cllrs M Williams BEM (Vice Chair), B Clevely, R Hayes MBE, T Pearson, S Boughton-Thomas, N Sefton, P Beedles, D Ludlow and A Upham

In attendance: Melanie Priestley (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs A Mattick (Chair), P Baker (County Councillor) and S John.

2. Chairman's Report – Prepared by Cllr Mattick and read out by the Clerk

- ***23rd August : Attended Official Visit by Wales, MEP***

A number of Councillors met on Saundersfoot Harbour with other nominated stake holders and partners from within the community. We were joined by, the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM.

We toured the harbour whilst hearing about the proposed changes and plans for the development of the harbour over the coming years. This was followed by a very productive chaired meeting at St. Brides Hotel where many points relating to the environment and coastal waste were discussed. A feedback document has been compiled and submitted with recommendations to the AM following her first visit to the village.

- ***24th August : MUGA Opening***

Councillors past and present were joined by invited guests and associated partners to witness the much-awaited opening of the MUGA. This was also witnessed by a gathering of residents and children. After a speech by the Chairman, the MUGA was declared open by Past Councillors, Poole & McDermott who were accompanied by Tesco's representative, Paul from Saundersfoot's very own local Tesco Store. Once photographs were taken, Councillors and guests retired to the Regency Hall for a lovely offering of refreshments and cakes whilst a large gathering of local children immediately took advantage of the modern MUGA facilities. Everyone agreed how fantastic the MUGA looks and how much it will benefit the community over the forthcoming years.

- ***27th August : Charity Bike Ride, Saundersfoot Harbour***

Chairman, Anthony Mattick and Councillor Phil Baker attended the Harbour on a sunny Sunday afternoon to welcome a lone cyclist, Jason Richardson from the West Midlands. Jason had cycled from his home to Saundersfoot raising money for The Alzheimer's Society.

- ***1st September : Charity Comedy Night, Wales Millenium Centre, Cardiff***

Chairman attended a comedy night in Cardiff as part of his fund raising for The Velindre Cancer Centre. It was a superbly funny night with a number of national comedians including Rhod Gilbert, Greg Davies and Michael McIntyre appearing. Over 2,000 people were in the audience and thanks go to Councillor Dean Ludlow, and friends for arranging an auction prize of a weekend in Saundersfoot with meals and family tickets. This raised over £500 for charity. Gavin Davies, local fisherman also donated a prize for 4 x people to go on a fishing trip and this also raised just short of £500. This was an excellent way to reach out to the wider communities.

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- ***5th September : Attended Tenby Mayor's Quarterly Reception***

The Chairman was kindly invited and attended Tenby Mayor's quarterly reception at The DeValence. Mayor, Sue Lane had gathered a number of people from the local communities to recognise their efforts over the previous months. A lovely, enjoyable and positive event to put on. Thanks go to Mayor, Sue Lane.

- ***9th September : Saundersfoot Triathlon***

The Saundersfoot Triathlon came to the village and was very well attended and supported. The weather held dry and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves with businesses benefiting from the increase in visitor numbers.

- ***10th September : Ironman***

Ironman was another success with huge numbers cheering on the competitors as they cycled through a damp, cold village. This didn't seem to put people off and the competitors appreciated, what has come to be traditional – the brilliant support from all those lining the routes.

- ***10th September : Charitable Comedy Quiz***

32 Teams filled The Regency Hall in anticipation of the much talked about, 'One off Charitable Comedy Quiz with Rhod Gilbert & Chris Korkey Corcoran and they weren't to be disappointed. Rhod and friends entertained the crowd for three hours with quips, cryptic questions and on stage antics. A raffle and auction were also held the proceeds of which went directly to The Velindre Cancer Centre, Wales' leading Cancer Hospital. Over £6,000 was raised during the night, bringing the grand total following the previous events to just under £9,000. The feedback from those attending was extremely positive and it was a real treat to have such a well-known performer in our village. Thanks, must go to Cllr. Ludlow and his wife Debbie and Gail and Emma from The Regency Hall who helped so much to bring things together. Also Pembrokeshire Wealth Management of Saundersfoot and Gavin Davies, Fisherman for their financial assistance.

3. Declaration of Interest – 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.

These will be declared as and when necessary.

4. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 10th August 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Cleevely that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council held upon the 10th August 2017; Cllr Hayes MBE seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

a. Poppy Volunteer (4d)

The Clerk advised the Council that contact had been made with Mrs Parcell and the British Legion and that the British Legion representative for the Saundersfoot area was going to talk things through further with Mrs Parcell and if any further assistance is required will revert back to the Clerk.

b. Land Opposite the Sands Night Club (4h)

Contact was made with the land developer who advised that there were plans for this land but nothing ready to come to fruition yet. The council requested that contact be made with the Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the developer's responsibility to their Section 106 Affordable Housing Agreement.

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c. County Councillors Baker's Report

Correction of report – Photographic evidence of persons causing parking offences should be sent to Cllr Baker for onward submission and not directly to Mr Mark Owens.

d. The Green Gym

Discussions regarding the positioning of the green gym commenced with ideas of the positioning of the equipment being more local to the Regency Hall. This has been diarised for October meeting.

e. Beddoes Lake (10e)

Concerns are increasing over the state and possible flooding of this stream. It was agreed that contact be made with certain parties ie. PLANED, Pembrokeshire County Council and Mr Chris Tomos. It was suggested that Councillors meet and make a start on removing some of the growth but Cllr Sefton brought to their attention the unconfirmed presence of Japanese Knotweed. It was agreed that an inspection by Pembrokeshire County Council should be carried out before any works commence.

6. Accounts for Payment and Presentation of Monthly Balance Sheet

Copies of August balance sheet, precept spending and cheques payable were circulated amongst the Council for their perusal. Cllr Hayes proposed that this is a true record of the accounts and that the payments should be made; Cllr Beedles seconded the proposal with all the Council in agreement.

7. Planning Application(s) Received

1	NP/17/0477/TPO	Works to Ash Tree	23 Incline Way, Saundersfoot
2	NP/17/0364/FUL	Retrospective – Access Track and Hard Standing	Penny Farm, Saundersfoot
3	NP/17/0488/FUL	Extension and Refurbishment to Existing Chalet	Chalet, Rose Cottage, Ridgeway Close, Saundersfoot
4	NP/17/0479/FUL	Retrospective – Various Items	Heritage Park, Saundersfoot
5	NP/17/0522/FUL	Single Storey side/rear extension, replacement of flat roof to pitched (Garage) and roof window to main dwelling	Bay Cottage, The Strand, Saundersfoot
6	NP/17/0548/FUL	Extension of Cattle Shed for Beef Herd	Land North of Hean Castle, Saundersfoot

Declaration of Interest

Application 3 Cllrs Cleevely

Application 6 Cllr Boughton-Thomas

Planning outcome:-

Application 1 – No concerns

Application 2 – No concerns

Application 3 – No concerns

Application 4 - No concerns

Application 5 – No concerns

Application 6 – No concerns

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8. Licensing Applications Received

1	Periwinkle, Cambrian Terrace, Saundersfoot	Section 17
2	The Regency Hall, Saundersfoot	Section 34

Application 1 – No concerns

Application 2 – Due to the number of Councillors present being Trustees of the Regency Hall a forum was not formed and therefore the application was not discussed.

9. Consideration of Correspondence Received

- a. Damage to car – Further information to be requested.
- b. Memorial Bench – Advised to contact Mr M Davies – Saundersfoot Harbour
- c. Saundersfoot Sports and Social Club – Diarised for October

10. Reports from Committees Including County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Baker's Report – Prepared by Cllr Baker read out by the Clerk

County Hall Matters

The Ironman Pembrokeshire, Wales Agreement has been signed for a further 5 years.

A second Budget Seminar has been held considering possible increases in Car Parking Charges and the level of funding to be applied to schools and innovations emerging in Social Services care for customers requiring home help. A Draft budget will be prepared for December, with consultation events held around the County.

A meeting was held between Cabinet Members and Directors of Milford Haven Port Authority, the exciting plans for Milford and Pembroke Dock were discussed and an overview of the Port operation provided.

Ward Matters

A very successful visit by Lesley Griffiths Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for the Environment was undertaken. Co-ordinated by Mr Peter Davies, The Minister was shown the proposals for Saundersfoot Harbour, heard of the fishing operation from Saundersfoot and met with business owners involved with the 5 minute beach clean initiative. The walkabout was followed by a round table discussion at St Brides Spa Hotel where the Minister shared her proposals for Marine Litter initiatives and also confirmed that Wales was now 3rd in the World for recycling targets.

The over-hanging tree on The Strand is being investigated by Streetcare, once again as a private landowner is involved. Discussions have to be held.

Cllr Baker has been advised that the cleaning of the stream from The Regency to the culvert under the road lies with the riparian owners each side of the stream. Cllr Baker is investigating further as PCC have cleared the stream previously.

Following a Village walk around the sweeper now visits twice a week and advance notice will be provided to businesses on The Strand, in addition a 'deep clean' of the footways will be undertaken once the main season has been completed.

Saundersfoot saw an extremely successful Saundersfoot Sprint Triathlon with over 600 competitors followed by over 2000 competitors taking part in Ironman Wales.

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Following discussions with Officers Cllr Baker reported that parking restrictions have been proposed for junction of The Glen on to the B4316.

Cllr Baker advised that any concerns with A Frames on footways are made directly to him as he is liaising with Officers in regard to a campaign warning of the obstructions being caused.

Improvements to the footpath past Plantation Cottages into Bevelin Hall will be undertaken by Area Maintenance now that the teams have completed Ironman duties.

Cllr Pearson on behalf of Saundersfoot In Bloom

Winter planting was discussed. There was a visit to Saundersfoot Community School for an award presentation for the 'design a poster' competition. The flower festival raised £300 and the pew ends a further £150. The garden competition award ceremony was held at the St Brides Hotel.

Cllr Cleevly on behalf of the Saundersfoot Neighbourhood Policing Forum

Crime figures were lower for August with 5 offences of violence (4 with injuries) and 1 criminal damage.

The local policing team have been very successful managing the summertime economy and anti social behaviour. Parking on the zig zag lines outside Tesco is still a problem and is continuing to be monitored. There has been some shoplifting in the village. Large numbers of cockle pickers are still continuing to remove cockles from the Glen area. Police are requesting that the public advise them directly of any further incidents.

Priorities for September: Speeding on the Ridgeway and Parking on yellow lines in the Glen.

11. Agenda Items:

a. Parking Post

As 9a above. Also payment made to Cllr Williams BEM for the reimbursement of the collapsible post.

b. Children Playing Signs

Further signs have been purchased depicting children playing and drive with care. These are to be sited either side of the MUGA at each end of the Council's roadway.

c. MUGA Update

The locking and unlocking of the MUGA continues to be an issue. Previous advice given to the Council was to have no gate or to leave it unlocked to prevent damage when access is trying to be gained when the gates are locked.

The idea of an automated gate system was raised but this will raise many Health and Safety issues. Things for further discussion

- Card entrance system
- Booking system
- The positioning of the Facebook Logo when the booking system is confirmed

It was also noted that R and M Williams carried out the concreting of the goal areas free of charge.

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d. Pay and Display Car Park - Election of a Working Party

Cllrs Boughton-Thomas, John, Mattick, Williams BEM, Baker and Ludlow.

e. Cricket Changing Room

Discussions took place regarding the proposition to assist with the cost of shutters/fencing to increase the security of the changing rooms adjacent to the Sports Field, Saundersfoot.

Advice was requested from One Voice Wales, via the Clerk, regarding this matter. The Clerk advised the Council that a new Lease should be in place first before any money is passed over and that a set of accounts should be presented showing all the monies collected from the parking charges and the passing thereof to the Sports and Social Club.

Cllr Williams presented to the Council a quotation for the supply and erection of fencing around the windows and open area to the front of the changing rooms. He also presented the list of works required to the changing rooms and the cost to carry out these works as prepared by Mr Parker. (These works will be carried out by a skilled workforce connected to the Cricket and Football Clubs free of charge).

Clarification was requested by Councillors regarding the following points:-

- Who owns the changing rooms. (Sports and Social Club or Sports Field Association). Legal proof required
- Whether enough money might be raised from the 'Just Giving' page to repair the pitch and pay for the shutters/fencing.

Cllr Williams BEM proposed that circa £1,750 be paid directly to the suppliers of the shutters/fencing as a donation; Cllr Hayes MBE seconded the proposal with a majority vote in agreement.

f. CCTV

Diarised for October

g. Hedge cutter for Council's Use

It was brought to the Council's attention that a petrol hedge cutter/trimmer was being offered at a reasonable second hand rate. As the hedge cutter would only be required for one day per year it was agreed that the clerk would add the work to the contract of those who tended the Sensory garden.

h. The election of a Regency Hall Trustee

Cllr Boughton-Thomas advised the Council that Cllr Mattick would continue as a Trustee for the Regency Hall representing the Council. This raised the question of the amount of Councillors as Trustees for the Regency Hall and the fact that would we have a Forum when considering differing matters relating to the Regency Hall. The Clerk will make enquiries with the Monitoring Officer for advice on this matter.

i. The Tunnels

Cllr Hayes MBE brought to the Councils attention the fact that water is ponding at the Strand entrance to the Tunnel and whether the gulley by Beach House could be extended to accept the rainwater from this area. Also the same was occurring at the Coppet Hall entrance. The Clerk to advise Pembrokeshire County Council accordingly.

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There were concerns expressed regarding the recent triathlon. Councillors mentioned the congestion in several areas, the worry caused to walkers in the tunnels as well as dangerous incidents in relation to the cycling. It was also suggested that Saundersfoot Community Council representatives should meet with the organisers to discuss future events.

j. Barriers on the Strand

Safety barriers have once again been placed along a portion of the Strand. The Clerk had already contacted Pembrokeshire County Council regarding this matter and further information is awaited from them.

k. Lighting of the Beacons

This item has been diarised for October

l. Purchase of sweets for Father Christmas

Cllr Cleevely proposed that a budget of £80 be set for the Clerk to purchase sweets for the distribution by Father Christmas; Cllr Beedles seconded the proposal with all council in agreement.

m. Christmas Lights

Cllr Boughton-Thomas gave a report regarding the Christmas lights within the village over the past few years and the involvement of the Chamber for Tourism.

The cost of reinstating the decorative lights on the newly installed Pembrokeshire County Council lampposts was also discussed and it was agreed that the cost here was too much for the Council to consider the possibility.

Cllr Williams BEM advised the Council that he had spoken with Mr Nigel Ayers (electrician) and Mr Dave McDermott (past Councillor and has worked along side Mr Ayers for many years erecting and repairing the Christmas lights), and the suggestion of a customised, prefabricated, engineered, cone shape Christmas tree with white lights on be used instead of the Hean Castle Christmas tree and coloured lights. A circa figure of £3,200 was put forward for the purchase of such. (Precept of £2,500 for Christmas lighting)

Cllr Boughton-Thomas proposed that this was a good alternative to the Christmas lights on lampposts and further information should be gathered before a decision could be made; Cllr Pearson seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Cllr Williams BEM suggested that all relevant parties meet for a 'fact finding meeting' and he will revert back to the Council in October.

n. Clerk's Contract

Diarised for October

Date for October Meeting – 5th October 2017 at 6pm

Meeting closed at 21.40