

SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the General Meeting of The Saundersfoot Community Council held on Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 6pm.

This was a remote meeting held via the medium of Zoom

Members of the public were given the opportunity of joining the meeting by Emailing the Clerk and requesting the meeting details (Email: melaniepriestley.scc@gmail.com)

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

Also present – One member of the public and The Clerk

2020/08 294 Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Beedles

Cllr Sefton proposed as per Standing Order 10 a (vi) that agenda item 2020/07 302 (1) be brought forward; Cllr Boughton Thomas seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Cllr Baker declared a personal interest in this Agenda item

2020/07 302 (1) NP/20/0302/FUL - Highpoint, Sandy Hill Road, Saundersfoot

It was noted by Councillors that the plans submitted were updated just prior to the meeting, it was further confirmed that all Councillors had considered the latest plans (As also confirmed by the Planning Officer)

Concerns regarding retrospective planning applications were raised but it was confirmed that some emergency works had been undertaken for safety reasons and these works require planning permission hence the retrospective element of this application.

Following consideration of all information provided Cllr Williams BEM proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council support this planning application with the holiday accommodation being offered adding to the economy of the village and the design will enhance the village; Cllr Sefton seconded the proposal with all Councillors in full support

The Member of the public left the meeting

2020/08 295 Chairman's Report

In spite of there being no events where I could formally represent Council, chain of office etc. I have been quite busy during July:

There was a meeting on Thursday, 9th July, at the Police Station which centred around recent reports of cockle picking on the beach. It was attended by myself and The Clerk, representing the Council, together with at least ten other attendees, including five policemen, three from Gangmasters and two from Fisheries.

Dilys Hackett, Chair of the Chamber for Tourism, invited me to attend the Business Forum ZOOM Meetings, which I attended on 13, 20, 27 July. Cllr Baker is our appointee to the Chamber, so any relevant information will no doubt be covered in his report later.

Along with most of you, I attended the Zoom meeting on 16th July with Michael Davies and Ted Sangster re the Harbour Revision Order, following which I wrote a draft response for the Council to submit to Welsh Government as part of the consultation process. Based on email replies, a majority of the Councillors who did reply, agreed support for the HRO, but with several key

reservations, which featured in my first draft response. Following further information provided to Councillors it was changed to an objection to the HRO in its current form. This letter was approved by the Council at the Emergency Meeting, held by ZOOM on 28th July, and The Clerk emailed it to Welsh Government on 29th July, receiving acknowledgement that it would be considered.

I also met, and walked around the village, with Cllr Baker & Marc Owen from PCC, regarding the use of Car Parking spaces to help maintain Social Distancing for visitors and residents alike, and to introduce “Café Culture” within the village. Cllr Baker had already canvassed opinion over the previous weekend and there was support for the idea from the vast majority of the businesses we spoke to. As per usual Cllr Baker ensured that approval was gained within a few hours, and the bollards were in place within days.

With other Councillors we met, on a wet and windy day, with Wicksteed regarding playground equipment.

During the month I posted very little on Facebook, apart from a reference to Café Culture, but I know The Clerk has contributed to the Saundersfoot Connect Facebook page regarding the play park.

2020/08 296 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Baker declared a person and prejudicial interest in any matters appertaining to Saundersfoot Harbour

Cllr Baker declared a personal interest in Agenda item 2020/07 302 (1)

2020/08 297 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 2nd July 2020

Cllr Hayes advised the Council regarding Minute 2020/07 279 – Saundersfoot in Bloom had purchased and planted some flowers in planters around the village – Flowers purchased by others were within the planters along Brewery Terrace only.

It was proposed by Cllr Cleevely that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council held upon 2nd July 2020; Cllr Baker seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

2020/08 298 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

None

2020/08 299 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 28th July 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Cleevely that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council held upon 28th July 2020; Cllr Boughton Thomas seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

2020/08 300 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

Cllr Baker left the meeting

Cllr Williams BEM requested the Chair to advise the Council why certain decisions were made regarding the sharing of, what he considered to be pertinent, information appertaining to the Harbour Revision Order. The Chair advised the Council that the information was received by himself and the Vice Chair as private and confidential but following a conversation with the author it was agreed that the information received could be shared with all Councillors.

Cllr Baker re-joined the meeting

2020/08 301 Account(s) for Payment and Bank Reconciliation

Cllr Boughton Thomas proposed that the bank and cashbook reconciliation be a true and accurate

record of the Council's accounts, Cllr Sefton seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Cllr Hayes MBE proposed that the Accounts, as presented to the Council, be paid in full; Cllr Wainwright seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

- Consideration of payment for overtime worked by The Clerk during July 2020

Cllr Sefton proposed that the Clerk be paid for over time worked, as set out in the Email received by all Councillors prior to the meeting; Cllr Wainwright seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Due to the fact that without a Licence for Zoom all meetings are interrupted every 40 minutes with all persons present having to log on again, Cllr Baker proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council purchase the Licence for Zoom thus avoiding the interruptions; Cllr Boughton Thomas seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

2020/08 302 Planning Application(s) Received

(2) NP/20/0355/TPO TPO 77 - W1 For the Picton Beatrice Estate - Land off Incline Way, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire

Felling 1 tree and carrying out tree surgery to 3 others as recommended in the 2019 Tree Hazard Assessment

Following consideration Cllr Sefton proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council have no concerns or objections regarding the proposed trees works which are required as a health and safety matter; Cllr Ludlow seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

2020/08 303 Licensing Application(s) Received

LA2003 - Minor Variation - Beachside Barbeque - For information only

2020/08 304 Consideration of Correspondence Received

- Recent correspondence from residents from at The Glen received – Parking issues the possibility of double yellow line markings and the enforcement there of. – This will be covered in Cllr Baker's report
- Request for memorial bench in Saundersfoot – This will be considered following the collection of certain information regarding where there are possible spaces for memorial benches.
- Letter received requesting Councillors consider a book exchange (wooden storage facility) be placed in the Sensory Garden, this would be a project run and supported by crowd funding. Following consideration, it was agreed that, although a good idea offering a service for the community of Saundersfoot, The Sensory Garden is not the ideal place for this. Cllr Baker will make contact with the Author and discuss other potential, more suitable locations for this project.
- Cllr Wainwright advised the Council that he had been approached by a member of the public of the surface of the 'long tunnel' between Saundersfoot and Wisemans Bridge – Cllr Baker advised that this is a privately owned tunnel maintained by Pembrokeshire County Council. Cllr Baker will advise Pembrokeshire County Council of the concerns raised.

2020/08 305 To receive County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Phil Baker – Available on request

2020/08 306 To Receive Any Reports from Committees/Sub-Committees

Sensory Garden Sub Committee – Cllr Williams BEM

All Councillors received the report prior to the meeting – During August, a Rose Bed will be formed within the Sensory Garden (special thorn-less roses will be planted)

Play Park Sub Committee – Cllr P Beedles

All Councillors received the report prior to the meeting. During August there will be a site meeting with a representative from Kompan

Cllr Sefton advised that the hoarding placed along Cambrian Terrace, once building works have been completed, will be auctioned with any proceeds being used to purchase play equipment for Saundersfoot's updated play park.

2020/08 307 To Receive Reports from Council Representatives

The Regency Hall - Cllr Boughton Thomas

Cllr Boughton Thomas advised the Council that the Regency Hall staff and volunteers are working hard to ensure the Regency Hall is safe and fully compliant with Government recommendations when it opens to the public.

It was also stated that Pembrokeshire County Council are considering an order and collect library service to be offered at Saundersfoot Library along with other libraries in Pembrokeshire.

2020/08 308 To consider the request made by Andrew Muskett – Building Projects Manager Pembrokeshire Coast National Park for Saunderfoot Community Council to grant permission to Western Power Distribution to cross land in the ownership of the Council with electrical cables to enable the proposed installation of 2 No. Electric Vehicle Charging Points within the Brewery Meadow Car Park.

(All information regarding this item was Email to Councillors prior to the meeting)

Following discussion Cllr Baker proposed that Saundersfoot Community Council grant permission for Western Power Distribution to cross land in the ownership of the Council with electrical cables to enable the proposed installation of 2 No. Electric Vehicle Charging Points within the Brewery Meadow Car Park; Cllr Sefton seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

2020/08 309 To consider installation of CCTV equipment to offer coverage of the Saundersfoot Play Park – Due to the Continued Vandalism to Saundersfoot Play Park for the Saundersfoot Community Council to obtain information and costings regarding the installation of CCTV in this area to cover the MUGA, Tennis Court and Play Park area.

Cllr Sefton proposed that the Clerk make enquires and considerations of prices from three installers of CCTV equipment, presenting such to the Saundersfoot Community Council for consideration at the September meeting.

2020/08 310 To Consider and Draft Further Policies Required by Saundersfoot Community Council – To include consideration of an Unreasonable Behaviour/Vexatious Complainant Policy

Cllr Saunders advised the Council that she would like to join the Policy and Procedure Committee to assist with the drafting of documents for adoption by the Saundersfoot Community Council.

A meeting of the Committee to be arranged to move this heading forward.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 3rd September 2020

Meeting closed 20.30