

**Penally Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 12 March 2014
Village Hall, Penally
7.15pm**

Present:

Cllr S. Paul (Chair)

Cllr B. Barker

Cllr C. Cavill

Cllr V. Paul

Cllr M. Penn

Cllr A. Richards

192/13 Apologies

Cllr A. Jones; County Cllr Preston; Cllr T Roberts. Not present: Cllr M Jenks

Cllr S Paul read out an email received from Cllr Jones. Unfortunately for the next several months she will be unable to attend council meetings due to unavoidable work commitments. Following a short discussion it was decided that the Clerk will contact Cllr. Jones asking her to regretfully resign. However, she would be more than welcome to rejoin the Council at a later date should the opportunity arise.

193/13 Declarations of Interest

None received.

194/13 Signing of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held in January were signed with no amendments by Cllr. S. Paul. **All in Favour**

195/13 Matters Arising:

- *Amendment to Grass Cutting Tender. An extra charge of £10 per cut to cover the area opposite Kiln Park Entrance was accepted. **All in favour***
- *Uncollected recycling bags at Alma Garden Flats – This has now been rectified and large refuse bins have been installed in this area.*
- *Overhanging trees – The tree officer has inspected the trees and reported that there are no obvious problems apparent although the small amount of ivy growing up each tree does impair a quick inspection somewhat. There is no excessive lean or spread across the road.*

196/13 Planning

- 13/0969/PA Extension. Hafan Dawel, Penally SA70 7NR.

Following a short discussion no objections were given to the application. **Recommended approval. All in Favour.**

- 13/0399/PA Erection of Dwelling, Land East of the Firs, Penally

Cllr Barker informed councillors that on the original planning, various concerns and objections were raised by concerned residents. It is now felt that there is no reason to object apart from the fact that the property is not in line with the original building line. **No objection as long as the building line is maintained. All in favour.**

- 13/1023/PA Change of use from ground floor residential to tea room at Pen Alyn, the former railway station, Penally.

Councillors voiced their concern over parking and vehicular access for deliveries as located on very busy road. **No objection apart from parking subject to highways. All in favour.**

197/13 Information Technology – Website hosted by County Council

Following the imminent resignation of Cllr Jones, County Councillor Jon Preston will be asked to attend the next round of training.

198/13 Penally Court Farm - The Leet

Cllr S Paul has been approached by a village resident and asked who has responsibility for The Leet – an ancient monument located within Penally Court Farm grounds. Although a grant of approximately £20,000 was received in 2000 to stabilise this monument it is now, once again, requiring attention. The current owners of Penally Court Farm are thought to be Letchworth Estates and it is thought that they have the responsibility to keep The Leet in good condition. However the Clerk will contact PLANED for clarification on the owners and who has the legal responsibility of same.

The same resident also asked Cllr Paul who owns the Village Hall and the parking space. It was confirmed at the meeting that the Community Council own both.

199/13 Village Speed Limit

In approximately 2010 it was agreed that a 20mph speed limit would be enforced through the village from the entrance to Middlewalls Lane to Almer Cottage. This speed limit is still to be put in place. The Clerk is to contact Jamie Adams, Leader of Pembrokeshire County Council and ask when this will be actioned.

200/13 Correspondence Received - Please see Appendix A

- a Pembrokeshire County Council -
- b Other
- c Posters, Leaflets, Newsletters

A short discussion took place with regards to the erosion and 'steepness' of the dunes at South Beach due to the recent storms. It was felt that warning signs should be put in place informing people of the danger. The Clerk will contact Tenby Town Council for their comments.

A letter has been received from a Penally resident expressing their concern over the bench being washed away at the steps to South Beach, Penally, and asking if this will be replaced. The Clerk will forward a copy of this letter to PCNPA and Pembrokeshire County Council for their comments.

201/13 Accounts & Finance – See appendix B

- a Balance of Accounts
- b Accounts for Payment
- c Appeals for Funds

202/13 County Councillor's Report

The Williams commission

The Williams commission has been established to review the way in which public services are governed and delivered and how that affects the functions and shape of local government, health boards, the national parks and other public sector organisations and services. The Commission has recommended that agreement be made on the specific programme arrangement on local authority mergers by Easter 2014. There is sufficient evidence to prove that the status quo is not sustainable, either financially or in terms of the future quality of services. The Commission's premise is that one of the main problems facing the Welsh public service is its complexity, with more than 935 different organisations operating within the public sector across a multitude of boundaries. They therefore recommend changes within existing Health Board, Police and Fire boundaries, within the European Union funding boundaries, and by merging existing local authorities. The only council that remains untouched in all the options is Powys, while there are scenarios in which Swansea and Carmarthenshire would remain as standalone councils. The community council should have received a questionnaire regarding these proposals which I recommend we should respond to as there may be a direct impact on community councils in the future. It is unclear as yet how these proposals will affect the recent boundary review or if the review will be withdrawn altogether.

Village matters

The recent spate of storms caused extensive damage in the locality particularly on the coastline. Thankfully our community has experienced minimal damage despite the high winds and heavy rainfall. I would like to remind residents of the village to contact me without delay should they identify any unsafe structures. Mature trees are also vulnerable during severe gales and any which appear dangerous should be reported immediately. A mature fir tree which sits opposite the Paddock and backing on to Holloway Court was reported to me last week as showing signs of uprooting. The council team quickly responded and had the tree cut back to make it safe. Pathway to the South Beach I have raised concerns regarding the damage to the dunes along the Penally side of the South beach and along the Golf Links with the Public Safety Officer at PCC. I have been informed that the responsibility lies with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The priority at present is to address the beach access problem now that the path onto the beach and the viewing platform have been severely damaged and are no longer in use. Whilst some agreement needs to be reached regarding responsibility for the work in this area all parties acknowledge that the reinstatement of the public footpath to South Beach would run serious risk of breaching dune ridge, it has been agreed to continue to manage the temporary alternative path for the time being. This will involve improvements to the alternative path in order

to make it more convenient for use by walkers and help prevent deviation from the path. It has been provisionally agreed that the National Park Authority would undertake the to provide and install a fence running along the inland side of the alternative path to help prevent walkers and dogs trespassing onto the golf course and damaging the natural habitat. The fence would be wooden posts with sheep net wire and topped with a single plain wire strand. The fence would run from the beach to the tarmac path at a point agreed by Tim Jones (PCNPA) and Mr Myrddin Dennis (Golf Club). It has been indicated that this work will be completed prior to the Whitsun holiday period. In the long term options are being explored to improve the area's natural sea defences. For clarification the Penally side of the South Beach comes under Tenby Town councils responsibility , however I have liaised with PCNPA's member Cllr. Mike Williams in addressing all issues in this area.

Village sports field

As communicated to council via email due to the cancellation of councils February meeting. I have been approached by the Tenby mini football club who have requested that they may be able to use the village sports field for some upcoming matches due to the recent flooding of the Clicketts field. These matches are for teams of five aside for the under twelve year old age group. They will provide their own equipment on the days they use the field. I am hopeful that the community council be able to accommodate this request as Tenby Football Club have also expressed and interest in helping us to equip the sports field with a new set of goalposts which will be of benefit to all those who use the field for football practice.

I have had notification from the Welsh sports foundation that should we wish to receive funding for the proposed outdoor Boules / Petanque area we would need to provide evidence that we have an established team. I have been advised that we contact the Welsh Petanque association to support the establishing of a new club.

203/13 Items of Business Submitted by Members

Cllr Roberts has asked that an advisory note be forwarded to Tenby Trotters asking that they wear flourescent strips and take extra care on the roads whilst jogging through the village.

Cllr Penn mentioned the amount of rubbish being placed near to Chequers Nightclub and ask that this be monitored

Cllr Cavill reported that the telephone junction boxes in the village are quite shabby and require painting. The Clerk is to try and contact BT/Openreach and ask that they be painted. She also reported that the Giltar Way road sign is missing and a new sign be requested.

Cllr. V Paul asked that as planning comes in at various times throughout the month with only a 14 day reply time could a sub comitttee be set up to look at any planning applications received mid-month. It was agreed to invite all councillors to a meeting if any planning applications are received.

204/13 Reports from Councillors

None received

205/13 Items for Crow News

The lack of village support for the Christmas Carol concert will be added in the Autumn newsletter. Information with regards to South Beach will also be included.

206/13 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 09 April 2014

Wednesday 09 April 2014. Apologies received in advance by Cllr Penn

207/13 Closure of Meeting

closed at 8.40pm