

Martletwy Community Council

Minutes of a meeting of Martletwy Community Council held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at Lawrenny Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Phil Eynon (Vice-chairman); David Cole, Mike Lewis, Gill Williams (Community Councillors); Rob Lewis (County Councillor); Hayley Williams (Clerk).

Also in attendance: Mrs Lizzie Lesnianski.

Apologies for absence

Hayley Wilkinson (Chairman).

15/001 Minutes of previous meeting

There were taken, as read, and signed as a true and accurate record.

15/002 Matters arising

a) St Oswalds Governing Body Rep

The Council's nomination of Cllr Cole to replace Cllr Prentice as rep had been forwarded and a response had been received stating that the Governing Body would also have to contact the other Community Councils in order for them to forward a nomination if they wished to do so.

b) Consultation response re Review of Policy for Rate Relief for Registered Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs

At the last meeting it had been agreed to submit a response to the above consultation stating that:

"Lawrenny Village Hall is the only meeting place in the ward of Martletwy Community Council and, in such a rural location, is a very important asset. The Council has concerns over the financial viability of this local community facility should their rate relief be reduced."

However, the response form provided was mainly made up of multi-choice questions and did not encourage the respondent to disclose their identity.

It was resolved that the clerk should submit a letter on behalf of the council with the comments agreed at the previous meeting. Details of this consultation were taken by Cllr Eynon to pass on to the Village Hall Committee to ensure they had also been consulted. It was queried whether the Village Shop should also have been consulted although the clerk confirmed that the Shop did not appear on the provided list of organisations that would be affected by a change in this particular rate relief.

c) Short mat bowls equipment

Mr Donald Beynon had informed Cllr Eynon that a replacement jack would cost approximately £25 +VAT. It was stated that it would be required for use in competitions etc. The council agreed for Cllr Eynon to arrange for the purchase of a jack and that he would be reimbursed.

County Cllr Rob Lewis expressed concerns that the mat may not fit at The Snooty Fox after all. It would need to be tested and Mr Kevin Hart had indicated that he would be happy for the council to call up and try the mat out.

It was agreed that this item need not remain on the council's agenda.

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d) Council Christmas Party

It was agreed to postpone this event and discuss further at the next meeting.

15/003 **Planning**

a) Applications received

i. *NP/14/0702 – Church View, Lawrenny*

An application had been received proposing a new dwelling and detached garage at the above site. Comments were requested by 21st January but the clerk had received confirmation that the council's comments would be accepted immediately following their meeting on 2nd February.

The council held no objections in general to the application although concerns were voiced that the village's main sewerage pipes appeared to be passing directly beneath the proposed property.

b) Notifications received

i. *NP/14/0617 – Blackwells Cottage, Landshipping*

Notification had been received that permission had been granted in the above case subject to the stipulated conditions.

15/004 **Highway matters**

a) To review highway matters previously reported to PCC

The accumulative register was updated. County Cllr Rob Lewis requested that a copy of the list be forwarded to him so that he could assist the Highway Maintenance team with locating the issues.

b) To receive new highway matters to be reported to PCC

There were no new matters to report.

15/005 **Finances**

a) Payments due

No payments were due.

15/006 **Clerk Vacancy**

It was resolved to offer the job of Clerk to the Council to Ms Lizzy Lesnianski on a six-month trial basis to begin with. Arrangements were made between the outgoing clerk and Ms Lesnianski for the handing over of council records etc. The Contract of Employment would need to be reviewed and negotiated between the council and the new clerk and it was agreed to put this on the March agenda.

15/007 **Councillor Vacancy – to be filled by co-option**

PCC had confirmed that, as no letters requesting an election had been received, the Community Council could now fill this position by co-opting a new member. Letters of interest in becoming a member had been received from Mr Phil Davies and Mr John Williams.

As neither gentleman was present, Cllr Eynon proposed holding an informal interview to determine who was best suited to the post. This was seconded by Cllr Williams. It was agreed to book the village hall (if available) for Monday 23rd February with one applicant to be interviewed at 7.00pm and the other at

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7.45pm. Applicants would be given the opportunity to submit a written résumé if they preferred. It may be necessary to hold an extraordinary meeting of the council immediately following the interviews in order for a formal co-option to take place – this would be clarified with Mr Laurence Harding, Monitoring Officer.

15/008 Historic Local Place Names Project

A number of public sessions had been held over the past month. The format was discussed and it was commented that it may be easier to visit individuals to fill in sections of the map as only small numbers were able to actually write on the map at a time which made the process very time consuming.

There was one more session already scheduled which would be held at the Sports Club on Monday 9th February. The Good Neighbour Scheme Luncheon Club had indicated they would also like to have another session.

15/009 Councillor/Clerk Training

The new One Voice Wales programme had been received and the following training sessions were available locally over the coming months:

Picton Community Centre, Haverfordwest –	Health and Safety – 5 th March Code of Conduct – 29 th April Use of IT, Website and Social Media – 16 th June The Council as an Employer – 8 th July
St Peter's Civic Hall, Carmarthen -	Understanding the Law (Welsh) – 19 th February Local Government Finance – 18 th March Community Planning – 25 th June Information Management (Welsh) – 15 th July

15/010 Meetings attended by Community Councillors

There had been no meetings attended during the past month.

15/011 Correspondence received

- a) Pembrokeshire YFC – request for financial support and offer to provide presentation to council

It was resolved to respond to the above stating that all requests for financial aid would be considered at the council's meeting in May. It was further agreed to take up the YFC's offer of a presentation and that immediately prior to either the March or April meeting would be agreeable.

- b) PCC consultation re Registration Services – Outstation Service

Details of this consultation had been forwarded to councillors via email. It was resolved to respond with the following comments:

“Loss of the service at Narberth would negatively impact some members of the Martletwy Community Council ward.”

- c) ‘Experience Pembrokeshire’ Festivals & Events Guide 2015

The above guide would be produced in full-colour and will provide a comprehensive overview of festivals and events taking place in the county from April through to December 2015. Entry was completely free of charge for community led events. An application form had been provided.

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The Landshipping Raft Race had already been submitted for this publication. Cllr Eynon took the documentation to pass on to Mr & Mrs Lort-Phillips for any event they may have organised.

15/012 Communication

There were no matters for communication.

15/013 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.11pm.