

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
Monday 6th March 2023 - 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall

Notes: With the agreement of all parties involved these proceedings were recorded

Present: Victoria Evans (Vice Chair); Jason Crowther, Phil Davies, Phil Eynon, (Councillors); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

Apologies: David Cole (Chair); Liz Williams (Councillor); Di Clements (County Councillor)

22/105: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as accurate record of meeting. Signed.

22/106: Matters arising:

a. Community Play Areas inc Funding: Cllr Davies reported on consultation. Confirmed the response was low. Those that did respond wanted new equipment and adult exercise equipment. Less than a dozen residents responded. Expressed his disappointment. Cllr Eynon confirmed those he had spoken to had expressed interest. Cllr Evans queried the cost of the upkeep of both play areas. Clerk confirmed the cost of the Service Level Agreements, inclusive of insurance. Maintenance on top of that. Cllr Davies stated his gut feeling was to keep them going as they are for now for as long as possible. See what latest surveys show and act upon major issues in surveys once they are raised. Will continue to consider look at funding, however Cllr Davies reiterated most are now available for maintenance, only capital expenditure. Clerk suggested speaking to Jeffreyston Community Councillors as they had recently been awarded Big Lottery Fund grant. Cllr Davies confirmed JCC had also put in a pot of money themselves, which at present does not seem an option for MCC. Clerk raised issue of fence at Lawrenny. Cllr Eynon suggested using reserves and funds from increased Precept. Cllr Evans reminded do not have to supply a fence. Cllr Eynon felt quotations previously received were high. General discussion regarding lack of availability of services to do works. Clerk queried whether it is acceptable for community councillors to do the work themselves. Clerk to enquire from both insurance provider and PCC. General discussion regarding possible fencing suppliers. Councillors to get contact details for Cllr Davies.

b. Woodland Trust Trees & PCNP 70-year Anniversary Trees: Clerk gave report provided by Cllr Cole. All trees for children delivered except just a few where they might be in our patch. Specifically, Trevayne. It was agreed this was in the ward. Cllr Davies offered to speak to Cllr Cole to confirm and arrange delivery. PCNP Trees not yet delivered. Date for working party will need to be changed.

c. Ironman: Cllr Davies confirmed he had met with Officer from PCC. They drove the route and discussed diversion signs, commencing at the crossing points, so people would know where they were going. Cllr Davies confirmed this was agreed to. PCC officer also promised to sort out cross junction at Canaston Bowl. Cllr Davies confirmed PCC had confirmed Economic Impact Assessment, basis on which PCC give Ironman money, Ironman write this themselves. It would appear to be guess work. Do not consider any negative impact. PCC say they cannot give out a copy of the assessment as it belongs to Ironman. Cllr Davies will send in a Freedom of Information application to get the information. Cllr Davies confirmed it was eye opening on both sides. Cllr Crowther queried whether PCC are closing their eyes to the issues. Cllr Davies agreed there may be some of this. PCC officer confirmed there is a great deal of objection to the date this year. It was suggested LCW also write their own impact assessment. Disappointment was expressed by Cllr Evans, Crowther and Davies with regard to the perceived lack of proper due diligence with regard spending of public funds.

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22/107: Planning

a. Applications Received:

NP/23/0062/FUL: Chalet 3, Lawrenny Ferry, SA68 0PR. Extension to occupancy.

Comments: Cllr Davies no objection. Cllr Eynon stated occupancy of all chalet's at this site should be the same. Cllr Davies stated this was the same as previous. Cllr Eynon asked if anyone checked. Cllr Davies stated the owner of the site keeps a very close eye on it. All councillors voted no objection to the proposal. Clerk to respond to application.

b. Application Notices Received:

22/0804/PA: Bluestone, Solar panel array. Conditionally approved. Cllr's commented work had already commenced.

c. Other Planning Matters:

i. Monitoring & Enforcement: Clerk asked Councillor's if all had read County Cllr Clements report. Cllr Eynon asked if Community Council had been invited to meeting at property near Baglan re OPD application. Clerk confirmed no invitation had been received. Clerk confirmed details of email report from Cty Cllr Clements. Various enforcement proceedings are taking place and PCC are working on a number of issues including the property at Jericho. Also reported in her email that Canaston Bowl works now almost complete.

ii. Canaston Bowl: Councillors queried ongoing plans for site. All agreed would just have to wait. Clerk confirmed County Councillor to confirm with owners if the area would be fenced.

iii. PCNP – LDP2: Annual Monitoring Report 2021/2022. Consultation. Clerk confirmed this had been sent to all Councillors. The consultation is open until June. Clerk will remind everyone of this at the next meeting should they wish to comment. Cllr Eynon having issue accessing link. Clerk suggested going to website and looking for it there.

22/108: Highway Matters

a. Clerk: Nothing to report. Clerk will discuss with County Councillor to see if the PCC team could be chased for a response.

b. Councillors Reports:

Cllr Davies met with County Councillor Vanessa Thomas who represents Loveston area with regard speed on Loveston Road and A4075. He reported she is keen to work with Community Council. Hoping to take the matter to PCC Highways. Cllr Davies suggested PCC might be able to acquire some of the land at Canaston car park to create a roundabout.

Cllr Eynon reported Curley Wells bridge hit twice and needs work & Southern Pitts pothole.

c. County Councillor Highway Report: Carried forward to next meeting.

d. Bluestone National Park Resort - Brown Lagoon Signs: Carried forward to next meeting to await County Councillor's report. Cllr Davies also noted there had been a comment on Facebook regarding the continued use of the Blue Lagoon by locals. Cllr Davies has looked at planning and does not believe this was a planning condition. It was agreed it had been an offer in the early days before it became busy with visitors.

e. Lawrenny Triangle: Clerk confirmed receipt of response with regard enquiry about the maintenance of the triangle at Lawrenny. Work is due to commence on 22nd March.

Confirmed community group would appreciate any volunteers to help and are looking for contributions towards a replacement bench. Cllr Eynon's queried if a chat bench would be helpful there. Councillor's agreed chat bench offer was now closed.

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22/109: Finances:

a. IRPW Report: Clerk confirmed IRPW annual report emailed to all councillors. Offers clarification of mandatory payments made to community councillors.

b. Grant Applications: Cllr Evans has not yet heard back with regard the application to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant regarding noticeboards. Will check with PCC.

Cllr Davies reported regarding the £1500 grant offered. Not yet accepted. Consideration to be given to leaving it until another time.

c. Invoices: Clerk presented a list of invoices pertaining to Warm Spaces events, held in the ward. Monies to be taken from Warm Spaces Grant. Two invoices for Wild Lakes, one for Snooty Fox. See attached list. £388.50 in total. All in favour of payment. It was confirmed there had been other events, with more to follow, which will be invoiced in due course.

One Voice Membership Invoice. Clerk presented the invoice for £110. Chargeable dwellings 284. Clerk confirmed how useful the membership is. All in favour.

d. Clerk Quarterly Payment: Clerk presented Quarterly Payment Report for approval. Clerk ran through the report and the figures. Confirmed wording at the bottom of the report, regarding total monies paid, altered to reflect the move from cheques to online payments. Clerk explained payments had historically got out of sync with the Community Council's financial year, causing some frustration. Suggested there be a one-off monthly clerk payment at the end of March to bring payments back in line with the financial year. All voted in favour of this suggestion and approved payment. HMRC payment also approved.

e. Quarterly Financial Report: Clerk presented the Quarterly Financial Report to 28/02/2023. See attached. Clerk confirmed this is not the end of year financial report, this will be presented at the next meeting. Total Current balances £6090.11. After payments approved balance will stand at £5897.57. This figure includes reserves set aside as reserves.

22/110: Audit: Clerk confirmed Annual Returns have been completed, including the Internal Auditor's work. Annual Returns have now been sent completed to the Audit Office.

22/111: Community Council Policies: Cllr Evans and the Clerk confirmed this work is still ongoing. Work to carry on. Report again at next meeting.

22/112: Councillor/Clerk Training:

a. Councillor Training Plan: Clerk confirmed completed form sent to Cllr Evans. Councillor forms not yet received. Clerk stated if Councillors are not able to return completed forms training will have to be undertaken in all areas, which in turn will have a financial impact on community council finances. Cllr Evans reiterated the importance of keeping all training up to date. Cllr Evans asked Cllrs Crowther, Davies and Eynon to complete and return forms.

22/113: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:

a. Hywel Dda New Hospital: Cllr Evans attended online meeting for consultees. Confirmed HD considering three different location options. Health Board covers a quarter of land mass of Wales. Discussed three different options, all East of Pembrokeshire. Two in/near Whitland. One in St Clears. All private landowners onboard. Explained in the meeting what would happen if they don't go ahead. 93% of population within 1 hour travel of all 3 sites.

Repurposing Withybush into community centered hospital. Will await further developments. Information online until 19th May for comment.

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22/114: Correspondence Received:

- a. PCC – Town & Community Council Questionnaire:** Clerk confirmed it would be helpful if councillors could please fill it in.
- b. One Voice Wales – Value of Planning Seminar:** Clerk confirmed there was a seminar coming up, but it would make more sense to get training matters sorted first.

22/115: Communication: None Received.

22/116: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm. Venue: To be confirmed

Meeting closed: 20:23

Signed:.......... Date:..........

Position:..........