

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
Wednesday 9th October - 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall

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

Present: Victoria Evans (Chair); Liz Williams (Vice Chair)(Online); David Cole, Jason Crowther, Phil Eynon, (Councillors); Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk) **Apologies:** Phil Davies (Councillor)

23/061: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as accurate record of meeting. Chair signed.

23/062: Matters arising:

a. Bluestone: Clerk confirmed schedule for Bluestone Walk and Talk is Tuesday 21st November. Cllr Evans confirmed she will need it to start at 2:30pm. Clerk will confirm with Bluestone they can start at 2:30pm.

b. Ironman Wales: Clerk reported a response was received from PCC which was as previously and therefore further to discussions with Cllr Evans and Cllr Williams (main feedback) she went back to PCC requesting meeting with PCC Officer, Head of Highways and the CEO. She will await a response.

c. Pembrokeshire Community Review: Cllr Williams and Clerk to attend the Pembrokeshire County Council T&CC Boundary Review meeting on Monday 23rd October at 4:30pm. Clerk confirmed she had, in preparation, watched back the recording of the meeting of the Working Better Together Group when PCC had requested feedback on their plans from T&CC Councillors and Clerks. She noted there had been some negative feedback to PCC. Confirmed the feeling was authorities are trying to ensure local authority at this level is more effective in the long run, and future proofed. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed PCC have a meeting later in the week to finalise the number of councillors in each ward, representation from each ward, and the matter of merging of T&CC's. Further discussion followed on the idea of the boundary review and how it might affect community councils going forward.

d. Newsletter with County Councillor: Discussion regarding County Councillor newsletter combining Community Council news. Cllr Williams will supply dates for coffee mornings and any other events. Cllr Clements will include information regarding each Councillor, contact details etc. Time scale agreed for delivery around half term. Cllr Davies offered to assist with delivery. Clerk confirmed there is a new pharmacy opened in Narberth High Street, next to the Spar. Open 7 days a week, until 8pm in the evening. Clerk confirmed she had put it on the Facebook page. Cty Cllr Clements are going to meet the new broadband company taking over from Broadway and hopes to add the update. Clerk suggested mentioning the boundary review.

e. Community Events: Cllr Evans reminded councillors of the next community event. This is the firework event at Little Pencoed. Cllr Evans confirmed Cllrs Cole, Crowther, Davies, and Williams to help with parking. This year event is on Saturday 4th November.

23/063: Planning

a. Applications Received: None received.

b. Application Notices Received:

23/0373/PA: The Bungalow, Martletwy, SA67 8AR. Approved.

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c. Other Planning Matters:

1. Monitoring and Enforcement: Cty Cllr Clements confirmed she did not chase the Enforcement Team for an update this month. Leaving time for action and will follow up in due course. There was disappointment expressed throughout the council's that the current Head of Planning, who had made such a difference, was moving on.

23/064: Highway Matters

a. Clerk: Clerk confirmed last month's issues had been reported to PCC. Also confirmed the new officer is now out of the office until Mid-November, and she will make enquiries with PCC who to contact in the meantime. Also confirmed a concerned resident in Martletwy has reported 20mph signs at each end of the village have been defaced. Clerk confirmed the resident, and a group of volunteers had cleaned them. PCC Officer confirmed all signs will be cleaned once they have a list of all those effected.

b. Councillor Reports:

Cllr Evans expressed relief the big dip on Burnett's Hill has been repaired. Also reported rubbish on the verges has become worse. Noted recently there was a lot of rubbish at Martletwy Cross. Cty Cllr Clements will see what if anything PCC can do to alleviate this. Cllr Eynon reported someone has put salt around the galvanized stanchions on Moneybank Bridge. All agreed this was concerning. Clerk to report. PCC have also filled up the salt bins.

23/065: Finances:

a. Grants/Funding Updates: Clerk passed on information regarding two funds that may be useful to some groups. They are a) the Electrical Safety Fund. This may benefit community safety organisations/schools and educational and not for profit organisations; b) the Nature Networks fund, suitable for community food projects and not for profit organisations.

b. Invoices & Remittance: Clerk presented the following invoices for payment:

a) High Speed Training - £36 - in relation to Clerk training. Clerk funded payment initially. All confirmed agreement for Clerk to claim back.

b) One Voice Wales - £38 - in reference to Cllr Williams recent training.

c. Clerk Salary: Clerk presented salary report for August as previously sent to Councillors. Councillors agreed the report and approved payment to Clerk and HMRC.

d. Quarterly Financial Report: Clerk presented the Quarterly Financial Report as emailed to all councillors prior to meeting. Report available with approved minutes. Cllr Eynon confirmed Nat West are now offering a better interest rate on an annual saver. Clerk to research. Clerk confirmed there are still payments due out of the balance. As yet PCC have not requested the return of the balance of the Warm Spaces Grant. Cllrs queried how much was left. Both Cllr Williams and Clerk think the balance is around £300. Clerk also confirmed there has already been discussion with regard Lawrenny play area fencing, and finally there are at least 3 years of Audit fees to be paid when Audit Wales have completed the outstanding audits.

e. IRPW: Clerk confirmed she has emailed to the Annual Return of Councillors expenses paid to IRPW. This has now been published on the Community Council Website as required.

23/066: Community Council Policies:

a. Training Policy: Cllr Evans confirmed the Training Policy needs to be reviewed in December. If there are changes to be made, they can be implemented at this point. Matters

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such as the time between refreshing training, such as planning.

23/067: Councillor/Clerk Training: Cllr Crowther confirmed he attended planning training. Clerk confirmed Planning Aid Wales had been in contact to say Cllr Eynon's training was completed March 2021. According to the Training Policy it has to be refreshed every 2 years it is now therefore due.

23/068: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk: Cllr Williams attended the Resourceful Partnership meeting. Nothing to feed back on at this point.

23/069: Correspondence Received:

a. Pembrokeshire County Council: Private Water Supply Contingency Plan. Cllr Evans asked if anyone had any thoughts on this matter. It was sent to all prior to meeting. Clerk to send to Cllr Clements. May be included in newsletter.

23/070: Communication:

a. County Councillor: Back in full business after the summer break. There is currently a moratorium on expenditure. Work continues with regard the budget and budgetary shortfall and raising of Council Tax. Clerk mentioned ECO4 (Energy Company Obligation 4) might be a useful addition to the newsletter. It is a UK Gov initiative, overseen by Ofgem, managed by PCC.

23/071: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th November, 7:30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 20:23

Signed: E. Williams Date: 6/11/23

Position: Vice chair