

Martletwy Community Council
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**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
Wednesday 4th December - 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall**

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

Present: Victoria Evans (Chair); Liz Williams (online); David Cole, Jason Crowther, Phil Davies, Phil Eynon, (Councillors); Cty Councillor Clements; Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)
Apologies: None

23/083: Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as accurate record of meeting. Chair signed.

23/084: Matters arising:

a. PCC - Ironman Wales: Clerk confirmed the relevant officers at PCC are sending over possible dates for meeting in January. It was agreed there was some advantage to going to County Hall, especially as the officer in charge of Ironman was familiar with Martletwy. Clerk to email councillors when PCC have responded with dates.

b. Pembrokeshire Community Review: Clerk confirmed the response to the PCC Community Review was on schedule to be in by 17th December. A general discussion followed and the Clerk will formulate these into a written response. A draft will be forwarded to all councillors prior to being sent to the Boundary Commission.

c. Newsletter with County Councillor: Cty Cllr Clements confirmed further to her meeting with Voneus, the company who have taken over the work of Broadway Partners regarding the UK Gov rural broadband voucher scheme, she is awaiting a response to be included in her newsletter. This will also include a piece on the community review with a brief consultation.

d. Community Events: It was confirmed Cllr Williams has organised a Carol Service at Lawrenny Church at 1:30pm. It will include a performance by St Oswald's School. Donations will be taken and shared between Patch and the Church.

23/085: Planning:

a. Applications Received:

i. PNCP: NP/23/0543/FUL: Burnett's Hill Chapel. The Community Council considered planning application NP/23/0540/FUL in regard to an outbuilding west of Burnett's Hill Chapel, Weston Lane, Martletwy, SA67 8AX, and a proposal for conversion and extension of traditional outbuilding to residential unit. The size of the building extension was queried by a councillor, and whether or not it was within policy. Council voted to support the application, with a majority of 5-1 votes.

b. Application Notices Received: None received.

c. Other Planning Matters:

1. Monitoring and Enforcement: It was confirmed the local planning authority enforcement teams continue to operate in the area. No details are available at this time.

23/086: Highway Matters

a. Clerk: Clerk reported the officer at PCC is still off. She continues to liaise with the alternative contact in the meantime.

b. Councillor Reports:

Cllr Davies reported the culvert below Little Waddock remains blocked. Three Words reference Presume Telephone Tigers.

Cllr Eynon reported the highway leading down to Lawrenny Ferry has considerable surface water washing across due to blocked pipes.

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23/087: Finances:

- a. Invoices & Remittance:** Further to issues with Defibrillators at Martletwy and Landshipping Clerk presented an invoice for 3 new batteries. £238 + VAT. Clerk authorised to pay forthwith.
- b. Clerk Salary:** Clerk confirmed salary report had been forwarded to all councillors. No comments and no revisions required.
- c. IRPW:** Clerk urged all councillors to provide bank details for bacs payments for the two mandatory payments for costs and consumables.
- d. Lawrenny Village Hall:** Clerk reported receipt of email from the Lawrenny Village Hall confirming increase in booking fees from £8.50 to £15 out of season and £12 during the Summer. All in favour.
- e. Welsh Gov:** Clerk confirmed receipt of letter from Welsh Government confirming the Section 137 Expenditure Limited for 2024/2025. No action required.
- f. Audit Wales:** Clerk updated councillors on situation with Audit Office. There is still no response from the officer at the Audit Office. Clerk to chase in new year.

23/088: Community Council Policies:

- a. Training Policy:** Cllr Evans asked all councillors to confirm if they have completed any training. None to date other than any already listed.

23/089: Councillor/Clerk Training: None

23/090: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:

- a.** Cllrs Cole, Crowther, Davies and Williams attended the walk and talk meeting at Bluestone. It was confirmed the meeting was very informative and useful. Cllr Davies confirmed they raised the issue of local children being able to access facilities at Bluestone, especially the Blue Lagoon. This will be investigated. It was confirmed there were circa 100 children living in the Martletwy community. Councillors in attendance confirmed Bluestone are focusing a good deal on environmentally friendly policies. It was confirmed Bluestone have a new programme working closely with third sector organisations and charities, offering them the opportunity to hold events at the Blue Lagoon. They have offered MCC the opportunity to host an event.

23/091: Correspondence Received:

- a. Neyland Town Council:** Clerk confirmed receipt of an email from Neyland Town Council asking for assistance in advertising events on social media. It was unanimously agreed to assist as long as the event fits in with MCC policies.
- b. Dyfed Powys Police – Same Resident Event:** No one available to attend.
- c. Resident Correspondence:** Clerk confirmed receipt of correspondence from a local resident who wished it to be noted Rowena James, formerly of Vallen Stud, has passed away, and her family, then of Vallen Stud, had generously given a piece of land so the hedge and bank and fence, on the back road to Cresswell Quay, could be removed in order to negate a dangerous blind corner, on the Martletwy side of Vallen Stud entrance. This has provided drivers and other road users with much better visibility on the corner and improved the safety of the road for the years since. It was agreed this was extremely public spirited and should be

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23/092: Communication:

a. **County Councillor:** Cty Cllr Clements confirmed all attention at PCC is currently focused on the budget and the issues of the short fall of £21M for the 2024/25 financial year. PCC have been consulting the wider public online.

b. **Councillors:** It was queried whether there would be an advantage in moving the Lawrenny defibrillator as there is already one at the Cricket Club.

c. **Councillors:** Cllr Eynon raised the issue of safety for the children boarding and alighting from the school bus at Cross Hands. It was queried whether some form of shelter would be possible. Cty Cllr Clements will investigate.

23/093: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th January, 7:30pm online via Zoom

Meeting closed: 20:44

Signed:  **Date:** 11/1/24

Position: CHAIR