

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Saundersfoot Community Council

Convened on 4th August 2016 at The Regency Hall, Saundersfoot.

Present : Sue Boughton-Thomas ; Tessa Pearson ; Don Poole ; Rosemary Hayes, MBE; Steve John ; Bill Cleevely ; David McDermott ; Martyn Williams ; Mandy Allsop ; Mary Cavell.

In Attendance : Russel Smith ; Sarah Hoss and her son Geraint.

Meeting Commenced : 6:30 pm.

The Meeting was opened by the Chair Lady, Sue BOUGHTON-THOMAS who thanked everyone for attending.

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49. Chairman's Report :

On July 10th, Councillor BOUGHTON-THOMAS joined a group of SCC Councillors & the clerk, Russel SMITH in the pouring rain at St.Issells Church for a walk around both cemeteries identifying areas which required attention, confirming SCC's responsibilities alongside those of the Church of Wales and The Hean Castle Estate.

On July 27th, Councillor BOUGHTON-THOMAS was asked by Saundersfoot in Bloom Committee if she would present the prizes for the Saundersfoot in Bloom's garden competition at St. Brides Hotel. Unfortunately she was not in the village on that day so the Vice Chairman, Councillor Anthony MATTICK, was happy to stand in. The presentation was well represented by the members and entrants and Councillor MATTICK reported that it was a really nice affair. On behalf of the Council & the community at large, Councillor BOUGHTON-THOMAS wished to congratulate and thank Saundersfoot in Bloom for their endeavours and achievements during both 2016 and previous years.

On July 31st, Councillor BOUGHTON-THOMAS was asked to open the Carmarthen Modellers Club Exhibition at The Regency Hall. This was the first time the Club had exhibited in Pembrokeshire and she was amazed at the wide range of types and models on display with accompanying components from which they were made. The exhibition was very impressive and it is hoped that it will return in future years.

50. Apologies : Anthony Mattick ; Phil Baker ;

51. Declarations of Interest :

Declarations of interest – Councillor ALLSOP – Bonvilles Court, Saundersfoot ; Councillor McDERMOTT – Matters relating to Saundersfoot Harbour ;

52. Minutes of Meeting : (Police Forum not included in the minutes)

The minutes were accepted and approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr MacDermott proposed and Cllr Williams seconded.

53. Matters Arising :

- i. Good Citizens Award advert to be compiled & placed in the local paper to encourage people to submit nominations for the Council based award.
- ii. Councillors spoke of the terrible state of Moreton Lane and the condition of the coach park on Valley Road, Saundersfoot. Councillor JOHN requested that the owner of the area deemed as the coachpark, Mr.SHIMMINGS be contacted with a view of arranging a meeting to discuss matters surrounding the coach park. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr.SHIMMINGS (and a copy to National Parks) highlighting the concerns raised with regards to its current use and the parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the coach park, in particular at weekends.

If a meeting can be arranged with Mr.SHIMMINGS it was agreed that Councillors, BOUGHTON-THOMAS, BAKER and the Clerk should be in attendance.

54. Planning Applications :

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Discussions took place with regards to a planning application submitted by the proprietors of Bonvilles Court, Saundersfoot. Councillor ALLSOP left the room prior to the discussions commencing declaring an interest.

Councillor WILLIAMS asked the meeting to alter the agenda order and invoke Rule 13 so that Sarah and her son could leave earlier. The Councillors present voted in favour, proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr John.

The Council had received two letters of objection to the proposed planning application and both were read out. The letters outlined concerns about access along the lane and the increased use of vehicles, which would impact upon the existing residents who rely on 24 hour access for receipt of medical care. Sarah Hoss showed members evidence from Land Registry clearly indicating that she is the owner of the lane. She explained that in 2007 Mr Booth was granted reasonable access to the property, via the lane, amounting to thirty visits each way, per annum.

Councillors agreed to have a site meeting to have a first hand and fuller understanding of the area, together with the concerns raised by the residents along the lane.

Councillors moved to object to the planning application based on the fact that the lane provided a dangerous access on to a busy road. A further reason was the fact that the application amounted to

far more than reasonable access. The Clerk would write to Carolyn PHILLIPS of Pembrokeshire National Park to raise concerns and clarify matters.

Lexden, St.Brides Hill – No Objections

Land Fall, the Harbour, Saundersfoot - (Councillor McDERMOTT declared an interest). It enhanced the area and councillors offered no objections.

9 Ocean Point, The Ridgeway, Saundersfoot – Reduction of Trees. No Objections.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Pembrokeshire National Parks with regards to regulations and restrictions.

55 and 56. *Special meeting held on 13th July, 2016.* Following a special meeting that took place at St. Issell's Cemetery, councillors agreed that discussion of the matter should be adjourned until the September meeting when Cllr MATTICK would be present. There were no matters arising.

57. Accounts for Payment.

Oakfield Gardens for services relating to the village sensory gardens.

58. Licensing Applications.

A reply had been received with regards to The Strand Rock Café which verified that the premises is located within the Conservation Area and that National Parks should be notified in relation to the café's use of flashing lights.

59. To consider Correspondence Received.

- i. Cllr POOLE referred to the £35 the Council had received from John Davies in memory of his sister, Doreen. Proposed by Cllr POOLE and seconded by Cllr Pearson, it was agreed to send a letter of thanks. All members agreed. It was also agreed to donate such occasional donations to purchasing flowers for the Sensory Gardens.
- ii. Members had previously agreed that Mr Odley should be reimbursed for providing electric and water supplies in the Sensory Gardens. Mr Odley had declined the Council's offer and had suggested that the money should be spent on plants for the Sensory Garden. Cllr JOHN remarked that the Council's offer of payment should be recorded in the minutes.

60. To consider applications for donations.

No applications had been received.

61. Agenda items.

- i.* MUGA Update. Cllr MacDermott gave a detailed account of recent work and all members were pleased with developments. He provided members with a list of possible colours for the tarmacadam and it was decided that the tennis court would be a Wimbledon green with a black surround and that the MUGA area should be a different green. All members agreed to transfer £1219.02, received from the RAOB Lodge, from the Lloyd's Bank account to the Community Council account. The move was proposed by Cllr HAYES and seconded by Cllr CAVELL.
- ii.* Article 13 was invoked, once again. Cllr BOUGHTON-THOMAS stated that the Library project is £1,000 a year less than first thought. The contribution to be paid will be £1,767.00.
- iii.* Grass Cutting Contract. Councillors agreed that a new contract suitable for open tender should be drafted in readiness for contractors to submit their interest to maintain land/s owned and maintained by SCC. Smart Gardens would continue to maintain the grounds until the end of October.
- iv.* Complaints of speeding vehicles travelling along The Ridgeway. The Clerk is to initiate progress by liaising with Inspector Clouseau.

62. Reports From Councillors :

Councillor BAKER on PCC Matters.

County Hall ~ No further updates at present on 6th form education.

Ward Matters ~ The traffic arrangements at The Cambrian seem to be bedding in with drivers being guided into a single lane when approaching the mini roundabout. There are still vehicles turning left when leaving the road opposite the arcade and this has been reported to PCC.

The coffee / ice cream boat at The Captains Table does not have the required planning permission and has been given four weeks for removal.

A number of pot-holes were back filled in advance of The Long Course weekend cycling event.

Councillor HAYES.

Saundersfoot in Bloom ~ Last Wednesday 27th of July saw the annual prize giving of Saundersfoot in Bloom held at The St. Brides Hotel.

The Chairman, Mr Keith WILLIAMS welcomed a larger than usual audience & said how pleasing it was to see so many new entrants there and especially as some of them were prize winners. He said there is always a welcome for more participants each year. Comments were also made on the excellent street floral displays around the village this summer.

Councillor CAVELL ~ Activities, pre-summer break. The school recently held a successful live exercise involving the evacuation of the school to Saundersfoot Regency Hall. Mr Paul EADES of PCC Risk & Community Business Manager said afterwards that the staff of the school had done a fantastic job demonstrating that they have a robust business community arrangement in place. Recently the school welcomed some volunteers from Pembrokeshire College as part of the college's 'Make a difference day.' The school thanked them for their hard work in painting the sports sheds and the whole day was deemed to be a huge success.

As is customary, every pupil in year 6 was issued with a bound dictionary by Saundersfoot Rotary Club.

On the day of Wales' semi-final game with Portugal pupils wore red football shirts instead of their usual school uniform, to show their support for the Welsh Football Team.

Saundersfoot in Bloom Poster Competition Winners. The Posters advertised the flower festival which was being held from August 16th to the 20th. Mr Duncan HILLING, President ; Mrs Joan ALLEN, Vice Chair ; Councillor HAYES, Secretary, represented 'The Saundersfoot in Bloom' Committee and Mr HILLING presented the awards to the successful pupils.

Two staff appointments have been announced together with additions to the lunch time team as well as a part time care taker.

Councillor CLEEVELY ~ Policing Forum Report following the meeting which was held on the 1st of August.

The manager of The St. Brides Spa Hotel had been spoken to concerning the unloading of a delivery lorry on the bend at the top of the hill but as the activity is still taking place the matter has now been referred to the Roads Policing Unit at Haverfordwest to take what action they may deem appropriate. There has been considerable concern expressed about the new roundabout on Cambrian Terrace but it was decided that there would be continued monitoring for a few more months when it will once again be reviewed.

Residents had expressed concerns about vehicles parking on The Ridgeway at the junction into Ridgeway Close and this was making it hazardous for people emerging onto the road. Officers have visited the scene and a number of people been warned. It was deemed that the situation has since improved.

Crime Statistics ~ There were 10 reported minor crimes which was up by 2.9% upon the same period last year.

An Offender has been arrested and charged for the spate of recent burglaries in the village.

A report had been received of a man taking pictures of children on Saundersfoot beach.

Dog fouling is deemed to be a major problem again and it was suggested that should the identity of offenders be known then their details should be submitted to the Community Council who, hopefully, would then write to the owners.

Priorities for August ~ Speed camera to monitor traffic along the Temple Bar Road.

There is concern about the regulations in relation to the hours that HGVs can deliver to the village. It was suggested that Saundersfoot and Tenby Chambers of Trade should meet and propose solutions.

63. AOB :

> It was agreed that at Coppet Hall, Dwr Cymru should be asked provide a notice indicating where the nearest toilets are.

> The beach wheelchair is available free of charge from the Harbourmaster's Office.

> Councillor PEARSON discussed flowers for the sensory garden.

> Councillor JOHN suggested erecting a sign in the vicinity of Saundersfoot Police Station advertising free car park spaces within the village, to assist motorists.

> Councillor WILLIAMS informed the meeting about the over grown brambles and nettles along the Strand. He also mentioned the over grown hedge in front of the property called Bwthyn Bach, along Frances Lane.

The Meeting Concluded at 9:30pm.