

## SAUNDERSFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held in the Regency Hall, Saundersfoot on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### 1) **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Boughton Thomas reported on the afternoon of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, she was honoured to be asked to cut the cake at the Regency Hall 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Emmanuel Church Mission, held in the village that day. The weather was kind to them and people travelled from around the world to join in their celebrations, both on the beach, and afterwards at the hall, where 150 people sat down to a buffet and service. It was a wonderful day that will live on in everyone's memories for quite some time.

Saundersfoot in Bloom held their annual Floral Display event during the week 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August. The church looked wonderful and she was sure everyone who visited St Issells took pleasure in the many floral displays provided by the village organisations.

Laster Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September she was asked to 'wave off' each of the entrants in the Vintage Motor Cycle rally, which started and ended on the Harbour. It was unfortunate that this year many dates clashed so the total number of entrants was half that of last year, but the weather, once again, was kind to them on the day, and the residents and visitors were entertained to an extensive variety of two and three wheeled old-style vehicles in a variety of shapes and sizes.

#### 2) **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Baker and McDermott declared an interest in any discussions taking place on Harbour issues.

#### 3) **Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016, the special meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the P & C meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.

- a) Cllr Boughton Thomas informed members that the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 meeting had not been completed and would have to be discussed at the October meeting.

With regards to the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Cllr Mattick updated members on the discussions that took place on St Issells Cemetery. He went on to say that all emails had been sent as requested and was awaiting responses. He queried whether the Clerk had carried out the requests suggested in the proposals section of the minutes.

Cllr Mattick went on to say that he had had a good meeting with Hean Castle Estate, and Mr Lewis had cut the field in the new cemetery at no cost and asked if the Council writes a letter of thanks to Mr Lewis. He said that all other issues discussed at this meeting would have to be revisited due to lack of communications by both Clerks. Cllr Mattick said that an appointment should be made with Price & Kelway to request if any documents are held with regard to ownership of the land in the cemetery.

Cllr Allsop asked if an apology is noted in the minutes for the cemetery not being cut due to a misunderstanding with the contractor and the tender process.

It was proposed by Cllr Allsop and seconded by Cllr Baker that these minutes be signed as a true record. All members agreed.

- b) Minutes of the P & C meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.  
It was proposed by Cllr Cleevly and seconded by Cllr Poole that these minutes be signed as a true record. All members agreed.

4) **Planning Applications**

- NP/16/0448 - Remove crown, Oak tree, The Cottage, Frances Lane, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0443 - Reduce spread, Ash Tree, 15 Scandinavian Heights, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0429 - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor en-suite, 9 Castle View, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0476 - Removal of pay phones various sites
- NP/16/0430 - Rooflight, Brookfield, Westfield Road, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0384 - Conversion of outbuildings, Bonvilles, Court, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0312 - Garages, Bonvilles Court, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0471 - Extension, 57 Sandyhill Road, Saundersfoot
- NP/16/0435 - Plot, 20 Sandyhill Road, Saundersfoot

Cllrs Poole, Cleevely, Baker, Williams, McDermott and Mattick declared an interest in NP/16/0429 and took no part in this debate.

With regards to NP/16/0384 and NP/16/0312, it was noted that two letters of objections had been received due to the access road, and a site meeting had been requested which never materialised. Cllr Baker informed members that National Parks has accepted that Mr Booth owns the access road to the site with limited use age.

Members decided to write to National Parks objecting to the application due to the dangerous access onto a busy road with the additional traffic being generated during the work taking place, and also due to the conflict regarding ownership of the access road.

Cllr Allsop declared an interest and left the room when this application was discussed.

With regards to NP/16/0471 members commented that this application would enhance the area.

With regards to NP/16/0435 members thought that this application created overdevelopment in this area and reiterated previous comments made when this application was discussed.

5) **Licence Applications**

As these applications are available only on line, Cllr Mattick said he would investigate if any are available to discuss.

6) **Correspondence Received**

- a) Cllr Hayes queried the maintenance of the defibrillator in Tesco and that no one in Tesco is qualified to use it. Cllr McDermott said that the battery has a 9 year life and the defibrillator has been in place in Tesco for 2 years.

Cllr Baker suggested that all trained personal have another session of training and he will contact the Ambulance Trust to arrange another session and also a member of Tesco staff to be included in this session.

- b) A letter was received from Saundersfoot in Bloom from Cllr Hayes thanking SCC for their participation in the Flower Festival in August which proved the best since the first one took place in 1984.
- c) The annual report for 2015/16 was received from Pembrokeshire Housing.
- d) A letter was received from a local resident expressing their concern at the new bus service from Tenby to Pembroke and Haverfordwest did not call into Saundersfoot as before for pick up.

Members decided that local residents rely heavily on this bus service for routine visits and Cllr Baker said that he would investigate why this was not happening. He added that the Town Rider Scheme was still in operation and suggested inviting Owen Roberts – Transport Officer, PCC to a future meeting of the Council to discuss the matter.

7) **Agenda**

a) **MUGA Update**

Cllr McDermott informed members that the MUGA project is progressing well and Nigel Ayers is in the process of connecting the 12 lights on the MUGA area.

Cllr Poole added that when the weather improves the new tennis posts will be concreted in and asked when the Council could order new ones.

Cllr Williams suggested contacting Haverfordwest Tennis Club for advice.

Cllr McDermott said that the next step would be to decide colours for the base of the MUGA and the paint is in stock to purchase.

Cllr Poole added that costs will be more than first thought but was still good value for money and a refund was due from David Rees, Fencing.

b) **Quotes for Gardening & Ground Clear-up Services**

Cllr Mattick informed members that confusion had arisen with regard to receiving quotes for various tasks to be carried out by SCC and was not aware that three quotes were needed for these tasks. He added that this had led to a delay due to this confusion.

Members decided that three quotes are obtained for clearing the stream in St Issells Cemetery as this was a major task.

Cllr Mattick said that he would investigate acquiring 'Dog Fouling' signs to be erected in the Sensory Gardens.

c) **Tenfoot Swim 2017**

Cllr Baker informed members that he had been approached by Mr Chris Williams with regard to organising this event in June 2017 which would include a 2.4 mile swim from Tenby to Saundersfoot and thought SCC should get on board to support this event. He had spoken to Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism and the Harbour Commissioners who both thought it was an excellent idea.

d) **Summer Pedestrianisation**

Cllr Baker suggested the above be considered for Saundersfoot during the summer months similar to Tenby which has proved to be very successful, and suggested SCC talk to the Stakeholders to obtain their views.

He said Ben Blake, PCC would have to be contacted to seek advice on signage and road closures.

e) **Youth Club**

Cllr Boughton Thomas said that she had spoken to the Youth Club and that they had never received the cheque for £174.00 for insurance cover and kayaks and asked if a cheque for £154.45 could now be given to the Club for insurance only as agreed by the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Cleevely and seconded by Cllr Hayes that a cheque be given to the Club. All members agreed.

f) **Senior Citizens Dinner**

Cllr Boughton Thomas informed members that the Senior Citizens Dinner this year would be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.00 for 6.30pm. A list would be placed in the Regency Hall for Saundersfoot residents only.

g) **Long Course Weekend**

Cllr Williams expressed his concern at Health & Safety issues with regard to the above event, especially on the road from Coppet Hall to Saundersfoot and Wogan Terrace/High Street and thought there was a lack of marshals on duty and asked if a Risk Assessment was in place for this event and hoped there would be sufficient marshals available for Saundersfoot Triathlon taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 the day before Ironman. Cllr Baker said that he would contact Mathew Evans (organiser) and Mark Owen with these issues.

Cllr Poole commented that SCC should be involved with any event taking place in the Saundersfoot area.

h) **New Road System/Cambrian Terrace**

Cllr Williams said that he had been contacted by several residents complaining at this new layout which was causing gridlock at busy periods.

Cllr Allsop said that she had also received many complaints and no positive views on the new layout.

Cllr Hayes thought the new system did not stop cars entering Cambrian Terrace. Cllr Baker said it will be reviewed by PCC at the end of the summer and he would pass the comments made onto PCC.

8) **Reports from Committees including County Councillors Report**

a) **Saundersfoot Neighbouring Police Forum 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

Cllr Cleevely reported as follows:-

Twenty Five members of the public and PCSO Jim Moffatt, Mr Dafydd Llewellyn (the new Police Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys) were present.

Mr Llewellyn told of his past career and explained the role of the Commissioner. He said he likes to be up front. He gave the strategic direction of the force but left the Chief Constable to run the force. He will appoint a new Chief Constable within two weeks. It must be a community led force. He believed that prevention is better than cure. He is a fan of CCTV.

There were 16 crimes in the Saundersfoot area. A very small number considering the big increase in population.

b) **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Baker reported as follows:-

Mrs Pam Marsden, Director of Adult Services is retiring

**Ward Matters**

Cllr Baker reported that he had been in discussion and meetings on a number of occasions with PCC Officers due to the proposed demolition and sale of the site at the garages in North Close. Following the exploration of a number of options, Cllr Baker was pleased to confirm PCC will now review the refurbishment and retention of the blockwork garages recognising the need for parking in Saundersfoot, the pre-fabricated garages will be demolished and the use of the resulting site investigated.

Cllr Baker is in discussion with PCC and local residents in regard to the reduction of bus services into Saundersfoot, he urges that the Community Council support the call for a meeting with the relevant officer to discuss the future options. Cllr Baker had been pointed toward the Town Rider Scheme to supplement the current services and he would distribute the 'fliers' provided.

Following a number of discussions with PCC Officers Cllr Baker was able to confirm that the reconstruction of Francis Lane would take place in the October half term, this work would look to solve the constantly sinking and cracking carriageway, and in addition funding has been

allocated to renew the kerbs and footway opposite the school in advance of the reconstruction.

**9) Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Boughton Thomas reported that Japanese Knotweed had appeared near St Issells Cemetery and was encroaching on a resident's home.

Cllr Baker advised members that it has to be sprayed regularly and he would speak to Glenville Codd, PCC on the matter.

- b) Cllr Williams said that thanks should go to Cllrs Mattick, Boughton Thomas for all the hard work they have put in since the resignation of the two Clerks in the last 2 months. He added the Council is lucky to have the expertise needed for the Council to carry on functioning efficiently.
- c) Cllr Poole informed members that he would not be attending the Remembrance Day Service in November 2016 and a new Parade Marshal would have to be appointed. It was decided to place this item on the agenda for October 2016.

Cllr Poole said that he had been approached as to where donations for the Poppy Appeal be sent and was informed the coordinator for this year is Mrs Anne Parcell, to whom donations should be sent.