

**STACKPOLE AND CASTLEMARTIN COMMUNITY
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Minutes of the meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held at Castlemartin Community Hall on Monday, March 6th 2017, at 7.30pm.

Present: A Evans, B Rae, B Evans, E Morris, S Alderman and the clerk, Rose Kennington also guest speaker Steve Thornton from Valero. Apologies received from Councillors Mirehouse, Nicholas and Edwards.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held on February 6th 2017: Proposed by Councillor Billy Evans and seconded by Councillor Barbara Rae.

Update on current issues

- 1. Broadband provision:** Fibre optic broadband is up and running in Castlemartin. Councillor David Edwards has contacted Angela Burns stating that the village has been waiting for over a year. BT stated that Stackpole is far down in the queue for connection. No further update at the time of the meeting.
- 2. Closure threat to Stackpole VC School:** Final approval has been given a temporary governing body is in place. Clive Condon has been appointed as the new headmaster. The name for the new school has been decided and will be Penrhyn (welsh for peninsula). Email received from Barry Cooke Head of Property at PCC stating that PCC owns the school under two deeds of transfer. The main part of the site (excluding the additional playing field) is subject to a buy back clause in favour of the original owners whereby PCC must serve notice on the vendors or trustees of its wish to sell and the vendors may within one month of such notice elect to purchase the property at a price equivalent to the then existing market value thereof. The playing field is subject to a restrictive covenant not to use it other than for recreational purposes for the school. At the appropriate time PCC will serve notice on the vendors (for the main site) of their wish to dispose and, if they chose not to buy back, PCC will then draw up proposals for the marketing of the site. Disposal of the playing site will involve PCC liaising with the vendors to see if the restrictive covenant can be lifted or relaxed before making any decisions on its future. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Barry Cooke requesting a Village Hall for Stackpole on the site which would contribute to the wellbeing of the community. The community council was notified that because of a delay the new school will not open until January 2018. For one term only the new school will operate out of Stackpole VC School. The build is now well under way. PCC has still not provided an indicative budget. No further update at the time of the meeting.
- 3.** The councillors asked the clerk to write to Ruth Edwards the dog warden requesting bigger dog fouling signs to be put up on the entrance and exit of the village. The councillors again asked the clerk to chase this matter up as no response has been received.

4. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas and request that the bushes opposite 6&7 Woodland Rise be trimmed back. The bushes facing the road have been trimmed inside the fence to be trimmed in the New Year. The councillors asked the clerk to chase this again as the inside has still not been trimmed.
5. Steven Thornton from Valero attended the meeting to give a talk on the proposal to build a 45 megawatt Combined Heat & Power (CHP) Cogeneration Unit at the Pembroke Refinery. Valero has submitted plans for a proposed £100 million investment to build a CHP unit at Pembroke Refinery. The 45 megawatt unit under review by Valero will provide power to the refinery as well as supplement the refinery's steam demand. The CHP project is expected to result in primary energy savings compared to the separate production of heat and electricity. It is also expected to reduce the refinery's operational costs and improve its energy security, helping maintain the refinery's long term viability and secure future jobs in the Welsh refining industry. As the project is a Development of National Significance (DNS), Valero is required to consult with key stakeholders and members of the community during a statutory 6 week period prior to the final submission of the application. During the course of the project Valero will be engaging with communities in the vicinity of the project who may be impacted during the construction and operation of the CHP unit. The following communities form part of the projects consultation zone:

- Angle
- Hundleton
- Stackpole & Castlemartin
- Pembroke
- Cosheston
- Pembroke Dock
- Neyland
- Llandstadwell
- Milford Haven
- Herbrandston
- St Ishmaels
- Dale

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Kerry Macdermott of Pembrokeshire County Council acknowledging receipt of the precept for £1000.

Letter received from Barbara Rapley, Hundleton Community Council requesting support regarding the safety of the junction St. Daniels/Castlemartin & Stackpole.

Letter received from Hywel Dda University Health Board in relation to the transformation programme which provides a focus on how services can be designed to meet future needs of the population.

Letter received from Sian Waters Electoral Services containing the Town and Community Council Nomination Papers.

FINANCE

Balance of Community Account @ Feb 7th 2017: £842.73

Cheques agreed this month:

100123 Castlemartin Community Hall Room Hire £15.00

100124 Miss R. Kennington, clerk's salary and expenses, £85.21

PLANNING

NP/17/0094/LBA – Insertion of window to south gable, replacement of east boundary wall with fence & gate. Repositioning of pulpit & three pews within chapel Thorne Chapel Merrion, Merrion, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5EA.

AOB

Councillor Rae informed the community councillors that there are proposals in the pipeline for an EE mobile phone mast to be erected at Stackpole Home Farm in the near future.

Councillor Billy Evans asked the clerk to chase up the repair of the bump in the road at the bottom of the village outside John Phillips house. The dip is located down the hill past the pub the 2nd house on the left (John Phillips) Stantwall has a driveway just past it which also serves the 3rd house on the left which is set back Stoneycroft SA71 5DA) Jeremy Phillips John's son), just slightly past the drive is a channel in the road, possibly a mains connection to the 3rd set back house this is the problem as it isn't level. There are fast moving tractors with trailers that cause a lot of noise driving over this dip.

Councillor Steve Alderman asked the clerk to write again to Darren Thomas regarding a priority sign being put at Redford Hill, Pembroke SA71 5HA the councillor would like the sign situated at the lowest point where the river crosses the road giving the villagers leaving the village priority.

Councillor Nomination forms to be returned to Pembrokeshire County Council by the 4th April 2017.

Next Meeting: The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. The council will next meet at Stackpole VC School on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30 pm.