

**Martletwy Community Council**  
**Clerk: Mrs Lizzie Lesnianski**  
**Bramley Lodge, Landshipping, Narberth SA67 8BG**  
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**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council**  
**held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Lawrenny Village Hall, Lawrenny at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Philip Eynon (Chairman); John Williams (Vice Chairman); Michael Carpenter, David Cole, Mike Lewis, Gill Williams (Councillors); Rob Lewis (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

**17/001 Minutes of previous meeting:** The Minutes of the December Ordinary Meeting were taken as read, and signed by Chairman Eynon as true & accurate records.

**17/002 Matters arising**

**Historic Local Place Names:** Chairman Eynon reported he was currently has the map. No progress had been made due to the festive season. He will carry forward completion of Broomhill and Vallen Farm in Martletwy. Cllr M Lewis will then take the map back to complete Forest Lodge, Cotts, Nash, Minwear and Folly Farm.

**Public Noticeboards:** Chairman Eynon confirmed he had not yet spoken to Mr J Crowther to confirm Community Councils decision regarding retaining the original design of the Noticeboards. Cllr Lewis reported he had been asked by Community Council representatives from other areas if Norman Industries, a sheltered factory facilitated by Pembrokeshire County Council, <http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=1210,1231,1234,1238> could produce/manufacture wooden noticeboards for supply to all local community councils. Chairman Eynon explained our boards are now up to date with final arrangements in hand with a local business. Councillors agreed there was no objection to using Norman Industries going forward when need arose.

**Defibrillators:** Chairman Eynon was pleased to announce three defibrillators had now been delivered to the Good Neighbours Scheme. The Chairman of the Scheme had reported a slight technical issue regarding the pads which he is sorting out. The defibs should be ready for use soon. Chairman Eynon reported training is underway and has been very well attended. Defib/CPR Training is scheduled every Thursday at Lawrenny Cricket Club for 7.30pm. Attendance needs to be booked in advance. He also confirmed to the Community Council a talk tied into the training is taking place at the Lawrenny Village Hall, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 3pm and again at 7pm. Positioning of the defibrillators was re-confirmed and Community Council unanimously agreed on all placements.

**Adopt-a-Kiosk:** Clerk reported still awaiting a response from BT. PCNP have stated the consultation has to be completed prior to adoption being able to take place. Councillors were unanimous they would like the matter resolved as quickly as possible.

**17/003 Planning**

**Planning Applications Received:**

**Numerous Applications (see below) - Bluestone Resorts at Blackpool Mill, Blackpool Bridge, Narberth SA67 8BL**

Clerk had circulated various applications to Community Councillor. Having seen the plans supplied (on CD) a full and frank discussion ensued. Councillors unanimous in their support for the application. Commended Bluestone Resorts on a commercial application seeming to retain original buildings and surrounding area. All Councillors agreed, due to amount of information supplied, comments may duplicate information already supplied. This was considered preferable to missing anything. Comments for Planning Applications as follows:

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**17/003 Planning (cont'd)**

**Planning Applications Received:**

**Numerous Applications (see below) - Bluestone Resorts at Blackpool Mill SA67 8BL**

**a. NP/16/0679/FUL: Engineering works to facilitate land train route.**

No objections were offered on this Application. Councillors were unanimous in their view the application must be mindful of flora and fauna and natural habitat in the area.

**b. NP/16/0777/FUL: Blackpool Mill Café & Surrounding area: See attached response sent by the Clerk to PCNP on 11 January 2017.**

**Planning Application Update:**

**c. 16/0549/PAL-One Planet Development, Martletwy.** Chairman Eynon provided an update on this Application. Clerk reported the matter had been deferred the next Planning and Public Rights of Way Committee scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. There is also to be a site visit on 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30. Chairman Eynon agreed he will once again represent Community Council at the recent meeting of the Planning and Public Rights of Way Committee regarding this proposal. Cty Cllr Lewis reported he will also speak in support of the local community and attend the site visit. Clerk to confirm Chairman Eynon's presence with PCC Planning.

**Notifications Received:**

**d. NP/16/0501/FUL: Caravan 17, Lawrenny Caravan Park, Lawrenny Quay.**

Clerk confirmed a notification had been received stating planning had been approved.

**17/004: Highway Matters**

**a. Grit Bins:** Cty Cllr Lewis reported the two purchased grit bins were now in place and full of salt. Chairman Eynon produced two sturdy padlocks recently purchased and presented an invoice for £29.98. The padlocks are keyless, requiring a code. A code was agreed for each. Councillors unanimously agreed the code would not be made public. The volunteers for each bin will be informed. Chairman Eynon then reported a local resident had offered a donation toward a grit bin in another location. Councillors agreed this matter should be discussed in order to make plans for the financial year 2017-18.

**b. Other Matters:**

Road between Cwm Deri Vineyard/Quarry - Sharp edging to road with deep drop.

Bottom of Garron Hill – The road is dropping/subsiding

Garron to Lawrenny Village – Pot holes have returned

Clerk to report to PCC.

**17/005: Finances**

**a. Precept Payment:** Clerk presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final remittance note for Precept payment. Chairman Eynon confirmed receipt and initialed the advice note.

**b. Wales Audit Office:** Clerk presented an invoice from the Welsh Audit Office. It was unanimously approved and will be paid at February meeting.

**c. Precept 2017/18.** Clerk presented a letter from PCC requesting a decision on the precept for 2107/18. Councillors unanimously agreed a budget should be prepared and discussed prior to making a decision. Clerk will present a budget for February meeting.

**d. Donations:** This discussion was carried forward to February to allow Councillors to identify suitable recipients.

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**17/006: Councillor/Clerk Training.** None reported.

**17/007: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors.** None reported.

**17/008: Correspondence Received:**

National Assembly for Wales: Consultation on change of Name.

WAG: National Development Framework for Wales. Call for Evidence and Projects

One Voice Wales: Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invite to Chairman.

WAG: Section 137(4)(A) Local Government Act 1972

IRPFW: Remuneration Panel Round Table Invitation

WAG: Consultation on Proposals to Ban Use of Plastic Microbeads in Cosmetics

One Voice Wales: Battle's Over – Clerk to express an interest.

Simon Hart MP: 50+ Event Poster – Councillors confirmed posters to be distributed

PCC: Email from Ken Shales re Empty Property – Clerk to express an interest.

**17/009: Communication.** None Reported.

**17/010: Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Signed: P H Eynon ..... Date: 6-2-17 .....

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**Application No: NP/16/0677/FUL - Planning Application Response  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Proposal:** Conservation & restoration of existing Mill and ancillary buildings to provide heritage tourist facility. Construction of light narrow gauge steam railway with associated station & platform. Construction of 658sq.m all-weather events barn & associated facilities, cycle parking, car parking, site infrastructure including drainage\* services along with hard & soft landscaping & boundary treatments.

**Location:** Blackpool Mill, Blackpool Bridge, Narberth, Pembrokeshire SA67 8BL

**Application Type:** Full OS Ref: SN06711386 **Case Officer:** Kate Attrill

**Comments:**

At their Ordinary Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Minuted under reference 17/003/(a), and after careful consideration of this proposal, the Martletwy Community Council principally offer their support to this application. Councillors are unanimous in their agreement a proposal has been put forward which retains the original buildings whilst working to retain the integrity of the natural surroundings and bring with it the benefits of local employment and income to the local economy.

In offering their support to this proposal they would however like to make the following comments and hope the Authority will consider them prior to approving the Proposal.

It should be noted that due to the vast amount of information supplied, by CD, with the application, it may be that the Community Council duplicate aspects already covered. The Councillors unanimously agreed it important to list their concerns in full and apologise if duplication arises.

Events Barn: The Community Council raised concerns regarding the visual impact of the events barn. They unanimously agreed they would like its exterior to be sensitive to a number of aspects, including to the existing listed buildings, the surroundings and location. They request the Authority consider, if not already done so, that the barn be manufactured in a finish or colour sensitive to its surroundings, and possibly include synthetic ageing of the exterior to reduce visual intrusion.

Traffic: The Community Council were unanimous in their concerns regarding the junction of the road from Blackpool Mill with the main A4075. Especially in consideration of its proximity to the main A40. If as stated vehicular traffic is to increase by circa 300 vehicles per day this will add considerable strain on a junction the Community Council understand does not at present satisfy Highway Regulations. The Community Council does not believe the junction can be left as it is and would welcome a Section 106 Agreement being put in place, ensuring improvements to access and traffic flow allowing safe passage for visitors to the attraction as well as local and through traffic.

The Road Train: With regard the Road Train the Community Council unanimously agreed the Authority should consider the entrance to Blackpool Mill. Public safety must be ensured for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. With the new volumes of pedestrian traffic, mixed with increased vehicular traffic, Community Councillors suggested the entrance should be widened to give better visual access to all, ensuring safe passage for all visitors, as well as local and through traffic.

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**Road Access:** In addition to visitors the road is, and always has been, regularly utilised by agricultural (large tractors etc), as well as local traffic. Therefore, and specifically between the Road Train platform and the main Blackpool Mill site, public safety must be made a priority. It is especially important in light of the volume of children likely to visit the proposed attraction. They unanimously agreed crossings would be required in addition to speed restrictions and traffic calming measures. The Community Council therefore reiterate they would welcome a Section 106 Agreement to ensure public safety.

**SSSI Site:** The Community Council do have concerns regarding the impact the Proposal will have on the SSSI site. The plans currently show access to the public is available to the edge of the river. The Councillors suggest a 30metre buffer zone be put in place from the edge of the field. This will ensure the protection of flora, fauna and wildlife habitat, as well as the retention of nesting birds and other animals, such as the established Otter population. The Community Council would like the Authority to confirm they have considered the impact of this Proposal on the SSSI and are working with the Applicant to ensure it will be both retained and preserved. The Community Council also consider a buffer zone would offer additional safety measures to visitors who are unfamiliar with the dangers of fast flowing river water.

**Road Signage:** In addition to the various road signage scheduled to be erected the Community Council unanimously agreed signage should be included to ensure visitor traffic is aware the road above Blackpool Mill is a narrow single track lane with passing places. In particular, the section from Minwear to the Landshipping turning is extremely narrow and passing is extremely limited.

**Litter:** The Community Council would like to raise concerns regarding the potential increase in litter created by the number of visitors and the new food outlets. Litter could cause damage to the SSSI, local eco systems, and endanger the welfare of local wildlife, such as birds and animals, through inappropriate consumption. The Community Council would like the Authorities assurance this matter will be properly addressed and is either already included in the proposal or will be included in conditions of approval.

**Recycling:** The Community Council would like assurances from the Authority this matter will be properly addressed and is either already included in the planning proposal or will be included in conditions of approval.

**Opening Hours:** The Community Council were unanimous in their agreement the opening hours as listed of 10.00 to 17.00 were acceptable. However they were also unanimous in their view any extension to these hours would not be acceptable and would have a detrimental impact on the SSSI, and the local wildlife, including nesting birds and the Otter population. It would also have a negative impact on local residents and an adverse effect on the local environment. They hope the Authority will agree restrictions on opening hours with the Applicant prior to approval of the Proposal.

**Noise Abatement:** The Community Council would like assurances from the Authority they will agree acceptable levels of noise prior to the Proposal's approval.

**Site Visit:** Martletwy Community Council would welcome the opportunity to consider this matter further at a site visit with the relevant parties.

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017