

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
Thursday 12th May 2022. 7.00pm, Lawrenny Village Hall

MINUTES

22/01: Present: Jason Crowther (Chair); David Cole (Vice Chair); Phil Davies, Philip Eynon, Liz Williams (Councillors); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

22/02: Apologies for Absence: Victoria Evans (Councillor);

22/03: Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021 of Martletwy Community Council were unanimously agreed as a true copy. Signed by the Chairman.

22/04: Approval of Accounts: The Clerk presented Annual Accounts for Martletwy Community Council for the period ending 31st March 2022. Adoption of Accounts proposed by: Jason Crowther. Seconded by: Phil Davies. Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

22/05: Chairman's Report

I would like to start by thanking councillors, including our County Councillor for all their hard work this year. This year has seen us continue the process of taking over management of the play areas in Lawrenny and Martletwy. Hopefully by this time next year we will have been able to bring in some new equipment and make other enhancements. We have done more work on defibrillators. Renovating the telephone kiosk in Landshipping and relocating the Defib from the wall of Clare House into the kiosk. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and Victoria Evans on behalf of the community council for the kind use of their wall for the location of the defib until its relocation. We have also purchased a new defib which is now located on the wall of the Snooty Fox. This has been made possible by the generous donations from the proprietors of the Snooty Fox and also the Wild Lakes on Cott Lane. We continue to assist Broadway with their commitment to bring fibre broadband to the premises of every property in the Martletwy Ward and hope to see movement on this by the end of the year. Planning continues to frustrate us, with far too many retrospective applications, a lack of enforcement by Pembrokeshire County Council when necessary, and the changes to planning policy during covid, in particular for campsites etc. We have had two Casual Vacancy's this year and I am delighted they have been filled by Victoria and Liz, both of whom bring new skill sets to the council. Although not technically in the year to which this AGM applies, we have all either been re-elected or elected unopposed (though I did nearly end up in Carew!), which will enable us to move forward with a strong team of councillors into the ever-evolving world of community council work within the local authority remit. I believe we are now in a strong position to offer support to our local community and work to enhance our area for residents throughout our ward.

22/06: Election of Officers:

a. Chair: Councillor David Cole nominated. Proposed: Councillor Jason Crowther. Seconded by Councillor Davies. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Cole took over the Chair.

b. Vice Chair. Councillor Evans nominated. Proposed: Cllr Davies. Seconded by Councillor Crowther. Carried unanimously.

22/07: Resignations: None Received

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22/08: Appointment of Council Representatives

- a. One Voice Wales Representative. Cllr Davies offered to take on the role. Proposed: Councillor Crowther. Seconded: Cllr Williams. Carried unanimously.

22/09: Review of Council Policies:

- a. Financial Regulations Policy: The Council resolved to re-adopt the Financial Regulation Policy without amendment. Motion proposed: Cllr Davies. Seconded: Cllr Crowther. Carried unanimously.
b. Risk Management Policy: The Council resolved to re-adopt the Risk Management Policy without amendment. Motion proposed by Cllr Davies. Seconded by Cllr Crowther. Carried unanimously.
c. Standing Orders Policy: The Council resolved to re-adopt the Standing Orders Policy without amendment. Motion proposed by Cllr Davies. Seconded by Cllr Crowther. Carried unanimously.

22/10: Adoption of the IRPW Recommendations for the pay and reimbursement to Councillors:

Councillors at a previous Ordinary Meeting had unanimously resolved to adopt the IRPW's remuneration recommendations.

22/11: Staff Appraisal:

Clerk reported that whilst this matter was on the agenda historically, she was asking Council to look at whether this was a suitable medium in which to do a staff appraisal, taking into consideration current employment law. Cllr Davies stated it would be better for the Chair and Vice Chair to organise away from the meeting and liaise with councillors. Clerk also to have an input from their point of view. Chair and Vice Chair to then meet with Clerk to complete appraisal. Chair and Vice Chair to carry forward to AGM. Adoption of new procedure proposed by: Cllr Davies. Seconded by: Cllr Crowther. Carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 7:17pm

Signed:  Position: CHAIR

Date: 15/5/23 Minute Ref: 23/026