

Martletwy Community Council
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**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
held on Monday 4th March 2019 at Lawrenny Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: David Cole (Chairman); Michael Carpenter (Vice Chairman); Jason Crowther, Phil Davies, Philip Eynon, (Councillors); Cty Councillor Clements; L Lesnianski (Clerk)

Apologies: None

18/143: Minutes of previous meeting

Unanimously approved as true record of meeting. Signed and dated by Chairman.

18/144: Matters arising

a. Martletwy History Board: County Councillor Clements reported another community council successfully bid for funding from the Pembrokeshire Enhancement Grant for the creation of community history boards and pointed out this may be an option for Martletwy Ward. Vice Chairman Carpenter reported on the recent meeting with Marten Lewis, Head of Community and Sustainable Development at Bluestone, regarding funding for the community history boards. Vice Chair Carpenter attended with Chairman Cole and Cllr Davies. They reported Mr Lewis was very engaged with the proposal and hopefully Bluestone will be receptive to the idea of funding. Mr Lewis has taken the proposal for consideration by Bluestone. The company would produce the boards, including a QR system. Council to await feedback. During their meeting they also viewed the ongoing construction of the Skydome. They were impressed by the site, and reported construction is running to schedule with opening of the facility currently planned for Spring 2019.

18/145: Casual Vacancy

Clerk presented Council with the details of the three candidates seeking co-option on to the Martletwy Community Council. Clerk presented correspondence from each applicant outlining their experience and reasons for wishing to serve on the community council. Councillors considered each applicant in detail. Clerk explained to Council the process of voting as follows: if no candidate emerges as a clear winner after the first round of voting, the applicant with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated. The council will then re-vote until a candidate receives a majority of the votes. Clerk explained that with five councillors it would be impossible to have more than two rounds of voting. Chairman Cole then commenced the voting. After the first round of voting Mrs Ann Gamage of Folly Farm, Martletwy, had received a majority of the votes. The Chairman confirmed Mrs Gamage as the successful applicant with 3 votes. The Clerk to inform Mrs Gamage and confirm she is happy to proceed. Clerk to forward paperwork for completion by the successful candidate. Mrs Gamage will be co-opted on to the community council at the April meeting. It is noted County Councillor Clements neither participated, or had any role in, the candidate consideration or voting process.

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18/146: Planning

a. Applications Received: None Received.

b. Notification Received: i. NP/19/0044/NMA. Southern Pitts Farm, Lawrenny, SA68 OPY. Approval of Non-Material Amendment. Clerk presented the notice from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. This notice is for information only.

c. Other Matters:

i. NP/18/0622/FUL. Home Farm, Broad Lane, Lawrenny. Major Development. Clerk confirmed receipt of a letter from PNCP regarding the above proposal. The application will be reported to the Development Management Committee on Wednesday 6th March. County Councillor Clements confirmed the proposal is being referred for a site visit and did not expect there to be any discussion regarding the application, other than general observation. No Community Councillor to attend.

18/147: Highway Matters

a. Matters Reported

i. *Coedcanlas.* Councillor Eynon reported Contractors large vehicles were cutting off the corners at Coedcanlas House and Styne Cottage. This is having a negative impact on the verges. Councillor Eynon suggested it may be contractors for Langdon Mill, as they are working the land in this area. Clerk to report to PCC for investigation.

ii. *Vallen:* Councillor Davies reported a beat gang had inspected the pothole outside Vallen the day after the last meeting. He was impressed by the speed of reaction and hopes the pothole will be filled soon.

iii. *Vallen - Manhole Cover Missing:* Councillor Davies reported a missing manhole cover. Needs a safety bollard or someone will fall in it.

iv. *Tedion:* Chairman Cole reported the drainage cover here dips severely at the point where the herd crosses the road. Remedial work required.

v. *February Highway Matters Report:* Clerk presented email correspondence received from PCC Highway Maintenance team confirming February matters dealt with/reported to HAM.

b. PCC Highways Programme: Clerk presented correspondence from PCC with the programme for resurfacing works for 2019/20. Many located within the ward. No schedule of dates supplied.

18/148: Finances:

a. Clerk Quarterly Payment: Clerk presented a printed report outlining details of the quarterly payment for ork undertaken, in the sum of £430.22. Councillors gave the report their consideration and agreed unanimously to make payment. Cheque no: 000319, issued and signed. The cheque for the HMRC tax element of the Clerk's quarterly payment, cheque no: 000320, also issued and signed.

b. Quarterly Financial Report: Clerk presented Council with printed report. See attached. Councillors reviewed details. Unanimously agreed satisfaction with current position. Total cash in hand £6091.54. Balance will ensure funds available to cover determinations in IRPW Annual Report for payments to Community Councillors (see below) and election costs - should they arise going forward.

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c. One Voice Wales Membership: Clerk presented One Voice Wales annual membership renewal notice. Annual cost for 2019/20 £89. Councillors requested confirmation of advantages of membership. Clerk listed benefits both to her position as Clerk and also to the Community Council as a whole. Council voted on renewing membership. All in favour. Cheque no: 000321 issued and signed.

d. Council Tax Base 2019/20: Clerk presented letter from PCC Director of Resources, Nick Johns, confirming precept of £4025 for the year 2019/20

e. IRPW Determinations for Payment of Councillors: Clerk presented a report on the key IRPW recommendations for payment of Town and Community Councillors for the year 2019/20. See Attached. Clerk confirmed Martletwy Community Council falls into Group C of the Community and town Council Groupings. Group C is for councils with income or expenditure in 2017/18 below £30,000. Clerk also confirmed the timetable as laid out by IRPW. All determinations to be considered by this meeting, March 2019(13.9). Determinations to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Martletwy Community Council in May. Prior to the AGM proper notice must be received by the Clerk from any Councillor making a personal decision to forgo part or all of the payments (13.10). By September 2019 Community Council to publish, and send to IRPW, details of all payments made to individual members for the previous financial year in an 'Annual Statement of Payments' (13.22 and Annex 4). Following consideration of each of the determinations, Councillors voted on each as follows:

- i. Determination 45. All in favour to make payments as determined.
- ii. Determination 47. Unanimously voted against implementing this determination. No payment to be awarded.
- iii. Determination 48. All in favour to make payments for expenses as determined.
- iv. Determination 49. All in favour to make payments for accommodation expenses as determined.
- v. Determination 50. All in favour to pay financial loss compensation as determined.
- vi. Determination 51. This determination is pre-determined, however it is noted all in favour.
- vii. Determination 52. Unanimously voted against implementing this determination. No payment to be awarded.
- viii. Determination 53. Unanimously voted against implementing this determination. No payment to be awarded.

f. Wales Audit Office: Clerk presented the Wales Audit Office report previously forwarded to all Councillors. All details noted.

g. Lawrenny Village Hall: Clerk confirmed correspondence from the Treasurer offering the facility to pay by direct debit. In principle this was agreed. Clerk to prepare letter to Treasurer and bank in order to facilitate payment by Direct Debit.

18/149: Councillor/Clerk Training: None Reported.

18/150: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk.
Bluestone meeting reported in 18/144/a above. None other reported.

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18/151: Correspondence Received:

- a. PCC – Draft Street Trading. Clerk presented correspondence. No further action.
- b. WAG – Introduction of Voting for 16 year olds. Clerk presented correspondence. No further action.
- c. PCC – My Account Survey. Clerk presented correspondence. No further action.
- d. IRPW – Annual Report. Clerk presented report. No further action.
- e. Planed – Invitation to Post Brexit Meeting. Clerk presented correspondence. No one to attend.
- f. PCC – Dyfed Powys Police – Community Tension. Clerk presented correspondence. No response.
- g. WAG – Funding. Working Together. Clerk presented correspondence. Noted by Council.
- h. Correspondence from Resident. Clerk presented correspondence from resident of Martletwy regarding concerns about domestic waste in Lawrenny. Clerk reported on her response and action to date regarding correspondence in response with PCC. County Councillor Clements also offered support in this issue. Lawrenny Councillors and Cty Cllr Clement to monitor situation.
- i. Vale Holiday Park: Clerk presented correspondence. A written apology for inconvenience caused to residents of Landshipping following issues with debris left on the highway and in the ditches following work by a hedge cutting contractor, and the subsequent clean up operation by Vale operatives. No further action required.
- j. Long Course Weekend. Clerk presented correspondence from LCW regarding road closures. Councillors discussed at length. Cllr Davies confirmed he had discussed with the appropriate local authority officer, Mark Owen at PCC, who confirmed the legal process had not yet been undertaken and LCW were premature with their announcement. Councillors of the view this is too short notice for residents and businesses. Clerk to write to confirming the concerns of the Martletwy Community Council, copied to Mark Owen at PCC and the local Councillor.

18/152: Communication: None reported.

18/153: Date of Next Meeting. Monday 1st April 2019. Venue: Lawrenny Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting declared closed at 9pm.

Signed:.......... Date:..... 1st APRIL 2019.....