

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council  
held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall**

**Present:** David Cole (Vice Chairman); Phil Davies; Liz Williams (Councillors); County Councillor Di Clements; Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Jason Crowther, Victoria Evans, Phil Eynon (Councillors);

**CORONAVIRUS.** *All due care and attention is taken to ensure the safety of Councillors, and the public, when attending meetings in person.*

**21/126: Minutes of previous meeting:** Cllr Cole took the Chair. The minutes were taken as a true copy and signed and dated.

**21/127: Matters arising:**

*a. Community Play Areas Funding:* Cllr Davies reported he has met with a second supplier of equipment. They have supplied a quote. The quotes are composite so can pick and choose. He will now plough on with applying for grant funding.

*b. New Defibrillator:* Cllr Davies confirmed the new defibrillator was registered and a photo would be taken in the current week with the sponsors. Funds to be forwarded in due course.

*c. Council Complaints Procedure:* Clerk confirmed there had been some response to her correspondence with One Voice Wales and other organisations. It is common practise for local authority organisations to refuse to action anonymous complaints. They are logged as 'no further action'. It was agreed further consideration should be given to this issue.

*d. Local Resolution:* Clerk updated the meeting. Monitoring Officer and One Voice Wales have given conflicting responses. From the Clerk's further investigation it seems OVW are correct. Clerk has gone back to the Monitoring Officer to request a written response. The Monitoring Officer has confirmed due to the local elections it may take time.

**21/128: Planning**

*a. Applications Received:*

i. 21/1004/PA: Cllr Davies confirmed this application was for Condition 1 relating to Plans and 3 relating to surface water. Disappointment at another retrospective planning matter was expressed by all present. Councillors offered no comment with regard the application.

ii. NP/22/0108/FUL: The Old Potting Shed, Lawrenny, Kilgetting, SA68 0PW. Councillors unanimously expressed disappointment at receipt of another retrospective planning application. Especially with regard to this application in light of the works having been completed. There was general consensus among councillors at their dissatisfaction with regard the continued blatant disregard for planning process. Councillors were mindful of the consent already given with regard to 39 additional properties in the village of Lawrenny and the traffic assessment required during the application process for this enlargement of the village. There were unanimous concerns regarding the need for a traffic assessment for the current application, and any additional impact to the village. It is believed this application will create a great deal more transient traffic which will make the highway much busier. Councillors present unanimously agreed they cannot support this application until further information has been provided, especially with regard to the impact of the additional traffic linked to this application.

*b. Application Notices Received:* None received.

*c. Other Planning Matters:*

*i. Monitoring:*

Councillor Clements confirmed the local authority is currently putting together a plan in order to address the issues in the planning department, equally with regard to enforcement. It will not be a quick fix but there is hope it will resolve many of the issues. There was a consensus PCC were going about it the wrong way. They should address the issue of the lack of planning and enforcement



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officers first and then put someone in place at the head of the department. It was stated if there is no one to manage why put someone in charge. It was agreed the situation is dire and needs to be addressed urgently.

**21/129: Highway Matters**

**a. Matters Reported:**

**i. Long Course Weekend – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Clerk confirmed she had contacted the Highways team at PCC to confirm the information on the LCW leaflet was approved. It seems LCW have done it again. The leaflet should have been a consultation document. PCC are currently going through the process of discussing potential closures with LCW before finalising the routes.

**ii. Surface dressing programme:** PCC have sent out a list of future works. Martletwy Cross to Cross Hands being resurfaced. Clare House to the path leading to Woodhouse Grange also in scope of works. Park Road, Martletwy and Camps Hill, Yerboston are also on the list.

**iii. Clerk Report:** Clerk reported on the responses from PCC traffic works team.

**iii. Councillors Reports:**

Cllr Davies reported pothole outside Bubbleton. Whilst it is not within the ward it is a road much used by Martletwy residents.

Cllr Cole reported a large depression in the highway surface on Martletwy Hill, down from Post Office Farm.

**b. Litter Signs:** The new litter signs are currently with Councillor Cole. Cllrs Cole & Davies will erect the signs on a mutually convenient evening. Smaller signs will then be relocated to areas likely to be seen by pedestrians and walkers.

**c. Dog Fouling:** Councillor Clements recommended purchasing dog fouling signs from an online provider. This will be much quicker and cheaper than sourcing them through other channels. Cllr Davies will action this.

**21/130: Finances:**

**a. Nat West Bank:** Cllr Cole reported he is in communication with the bank. As soon as everything is in order the details will be updated. He will also order a cheque book.

**b. Invoices for Payment:** Clerk presented invoices as follows:

- i. One Voice Wales – Training Invoice – Approved. Cheque written.
- ii. Eon – Electricity for Defib Invoice – Approved. Cheque written.

**21/131: Local Authority Elections May 2022**

Clerk gave update. She took five sets of forms to County Hall for Cllrs Cole, Crowther, Davies, Evans and Williams. These were checked and all but one accepted. Cllr Crowther's form needed an additional signature. This was done and the form returned to County Hall, where it was accepted by the Returning Officer. Cllr Eynon opted to complete and return his own form.

**21/132: Councillor/Clerk Training:**

Clerk reported all training should wait until after election.

**21/133: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:**

- i. Cllr Williams attended the Good Neighbours lunch. Well attended. All enjoyed themselves.

**21/134: Correspondence Received:**

**a. Resident – Canine Access at public footpath styles:** Clerk presented correspondence from a local resident who had raised the issue that the new styles are not dog friendly as they have rigid wire grid across the bottom. Councillor Clements will investigate at PCC.

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*b. PCC – Temporary Road Closures:* Clerk reminded councillors there were temporary road closures due in Landshipping at the end of April. Pass information on to local residents where appropriate.

*c. Good Neighbours Lunch Club – Councillor Clements:* Councillor Clements confirmed there is an opportunity to apply funding. It was agreed a meeting of the Good Neighbours Committee would have to agree to this. County Clements to look into it in more detail.

**21/135: Communication:**

*i. Minwear Woods:* Councillor Clements confirmed she is working with local PCSO's with regards the adult activity in Minwear Woods.

**21/136: Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm. Venue: To be confirmed.

Meeting declared closed at 20.44

**Signed:**.....  ..... **Date:**..... 09-05-2022.....