

**Martletwy Community Council**  
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**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council**  
**held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm**  
**(meeting held online on Zoom)**

**Present:** Phil Davies (Chairman); Jason Crowther (Vice Chairman); Michael Carpenter, David Cole, Philip Eynon; (Councillors); Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

**Apologies:** None

**CORONAVIRUS.** *Due to the unprecedented position of local government in light of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic Martletwy is unable to hold the Annual General Meeting. Until such time as it is possible to do so, and new officers are elected, it was unanimously agreed Vice Chairman Phil Davies would Chair ongoing Ordinary Meetings of the Community Council.*

**21/012: Minutes of previous meeting:** Unanimously accepted. To be signed & dated remotely.

**21/013: Matters arising**

**a. Community Play Areas & Service Level Agreements (SLAs):** Cllr Carpenter reported the funding application for the Calor Community Fund, which will be integral to updating the play areas, had been completed and sent in before the original deadline, which had now been extended. He had received feedback to confirm the Council had an upper application limited of £20K. He had adjusted the figures as requested. The Calor Community Fund organisers will determine how much funding will be made available. Cllr Carpenter speculated it would likely be circa half the amount requested. Cllr Davies confirmed the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant application was almost complete and would be submitted before the deadline. He is also working on the Port Authority funding application. Both Cllr's Carpenter and Davies confirmed they are continuously seeking new funding and asked other Councillors to be aware. Clerk offered to look to see if any other funding opportunities had been emailed to the council email address. Clerk also raised an issue she had heard of from another Clerk. It had been noted that in most cases the County Council inspections of the play areas noted play equipment was sub-standard and why were PCC not upgrading the play areas prior to signing SLAs with Community and Town Councils. Cllr Davies confirmed he had raised this issue, at which point PCC had simply stated they would remove all the equipment before handing over ownership. It was unanimously agreed this is not what the Council want to happen. Cllr Davies confirmed he had not heard back from Lawrenny Cricket Club with regard to the Lawrenny play area. Cllr Eynon asked what equipment they were hoping to put in. Cllr Carpenter confirmed it would be new for old with additional exercise equipment.

**b. Landshipping Telephone Kiosk:** Clerk confirmed work had been done and invoice had been received. Cllr Eynon expressed concern with regard to paint on the windows. It was agreed the paint would need to be removed.

**c. Defibrillators:** Cllr Cole confirmed this is work in progress and asked for it to be carried forward to the next meeting. Action carried forward.

**d. Ultrafast Broadband Campaign:** Cllr Clements confirmed a supplier had now been chosen by the community for the installation of Ultrafast Broadband. The supplier is Broadway. They are now carrying out due diligence and the UK Government, Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Cllr Clements and the Clerk reiterated the importance of as many people as possible signing up. Work will continue to be done to encourage more of the community to join in the scheme.

**e. Casual Vacancy:** Clerk reported PCC are being spectacularly useless at providing the forms for completion for the advertising of the Casual Vacancy. It is as though none of them know what to do. She will chase up again.

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**21/014: Planning**

a. Applications Received:

**i. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Application No: NP/20/0535/FUL. Location: Lawrenny Ferry, Chalet 4, Lawrenny Quay, SA68 0PR**

One Councillor declared an interest and left the meeting. After careful consideration of the planning application, and a further discussion with regard to the details, Council noted the following:

- a) All Chalets at Lawrenny Yacht Station, including Chalet 4, should be in line with each other, and have the same conditions of occupation.
- b) Council would like all Chalets to be vacant from 1st January - 1st March each year.

Decision: Unanimously objected to the proposal as the requested change to conditions of occupation were not in line with other Chalets at the site.

**ii. Pembrokeshire County Council – Application No: 21/0060/PA. Land North West of Pen Y Cae, Martletwy, Narberth, SA67 8AZ**

One Community Councillor declared an interest and left the meeting.

After careful consideration of the application, and further discussion the following was noted:

- a) Council are disappointed to see yet another retrospective planning application.
- b) The current buildings are not at all consistent with the designs on the application plans and not in keeping with the area.

Decision: Councillors voted to object to the application based on the lack of consistency between the designs on the plans and the current structures on site, and because the buildings are not in keeping with the surroundings. The vote was 3-1 in favour of objection.

b. Application Notices Received: 20/1075/PA – Bluestone National Park Resort, Canaston Wood, Narberth, SA67 8DE. Approved.

Cllr Davies asked County Cllr Clements if the Community Council's comments had been referred to at the planning meeting as the National Park had gone against their own planning rules which had only been published in September. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed they had. Clerk noted Bluestone had released the information regarding approval prior to the application decision notice having been received by Council.

c. Other Planning Matters

i. Planning for Green Campsites: Cty Cllr Clements reported residents have been complaining about the plethora of campsites cropping up throughout the ward. She confirmed the National Park is currently in discussions with Welsh Government with regard the abuse of certified sites. The response so far is Welsh Government suggest authorities be flexible. The National Park are in further discussions with WG following this initial response. It is hoped if traction can be gained on this issue it will be adopted as national policy.

ii. Enforcement: Cty Cllr Clements confirmed she had still not received a response from the Planning Department. She is now aware the Enforcement Officer is on a prolonged absence due to illness. Cllr Carpenter confirmed the site in Martletwy is getting busier. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed she will continue to push both authorities' enforcement teams for responses but is also keen to see residents who complain get involved. It was unanimously agreed it is important for both PCC and PCNP enforcement teams to be aware of public feeling. Cllr Davies expressed his concerns PCC enforcement are not functioning properly and if this continues the matter should be raised again. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed a review into the team is now complete and hopefully things will begin to improve.

**21/015: Highway Matters**

a. Matters Reported:

- i) Cllr Eynon reported passing places have started to be cleaned out but more needs to be done.
- ii) Cllr Carpenter reported the sign between Highfield Farm and Burnetts Hill has still not be repaired.
- iii) Cllr Crowther reported the road at Ferry End, Landshipping is getting rough and unstable. Suggested it likely to be the household waste removal lorries turning around at that point.

b. Litter Signs: Cty Cllr Clements has ordered more signs as agreed at last meeting. Signs already supplied ready to be put up.

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*c. Grit Bins:* Clerk reported PCC have now requested Cllr Eynon's phone number in order to proceed.  
*d. Speeding Lawrenny:* Cllr Davies confirmed there had been considerable correspondence from Lawrenny residents with regards to speeding vehicles on Broad Lane at Lawrenny and action needed to be taken. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed there was also an issue with map apps and sat nav's leading lorries down Newton Lane to Flygate. Cllr Eynon confirmed this had been a problem for years. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed GoSafe can train residents with the speed gun to monitor speeds on the highway. No fines can be issued. Data would be forwarded to the police. Most residents feel the issue is with local drivers. Cllr Carpenter suggested reporting locals may act as a deterrent. Cllr Davies confirmed he had spoken to the spokesperson of the residents to confirm the Community Council would do everything they can to assist with this issue. It was agreed a public meeting was futile as everyone agrees it is an issue.

**21/016: Finances:**

*a. Councillors Payment – IRPW:* Clerk confirmed still awaiting formal responses from Cllr Crowther and Cllr Cole.  
*b. Projects to be financed:* After consideration it was agreed that until it was confirmed what funds would be required for the play areas no further consideration would be given to projects.  
*c. Natwest Online Banking:* Cllrs Crowther & Eynon confirmed they have still not yet been to branch to confirm ID. Clerk confirmed this is holding up the process of obtaining online banking services.  
*d. Donations Requests:* Awaiting further completed application forms. Carried forward.  
*e. Funding Opportunities:* Already discussed under matters arising.  
*f. Zurich Insurance Renewal:* Clerk confirmed Zurich insurance renewal is now due. Same price as last year. Unanimous agreement. Cheque to be issued. Two signatories to call at Clerk's house to sign cheque.  
*g. Supplier Invoice:* Clerk confirmed invoice for maintenance of Landshipping telephone box was for £480. Cheque to be issued. Two signatories to call at Clerk's house to sign cheque.  
*h. PCC Remittance:* Clerk confirmed receipt of the latest tranche of the precept from Pembrokeshire County Council.

**21/017: Councillor/Clerk Training:**

*a. One Voice Wales:* Cllr Crowther to be signed up for Code of Conduct training.  
*b. Planning Aid Wales:* Clerk requested all Councillors to get on with completing their training.

**21/018: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk: None**

**21/019: Correspondence Received:**

*a. Pembrokeshire Plots:* Clerk presented correspondence for Councillors. No further action.  
*b. Angela Burns:* Retired Senedd MS Angela Burns letter thanking Council. No further action.  
*c. West Wales Rail Consultation:* Clerk brought this to the attention of Councillors. To be put on Facebook for community to complete

**21/020: Communication:**

Cty Cllr Clements to arrange for a member of the PCNP team to come out to meet with Councillors to discuss the rationale behind the PCNP decision to approve the Bluestone planning application.

**21/021: Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm. Location to be confirmed

Meeting declared closed at 20.35

Signed:  ..... Date: 07-06-2021 .....