

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
held on Monday 6th February 2023 - 7.30pm.

Notes:

- a. with the agreement of all parties involved these proceedings were recorded
- b. Coronavirus: all due care & attention is taken to ensure the safety of all in attendance

Present: David Cole (Chair); Jason Crowther, Phil Eynon, Liz Williams (Councillors); Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

Apologies: Phil Davies, Victoria Evans (Councillors)

2/092: Minutes of previous meeting: After a point raised by Cllr Eynon minutes were agreed as a true copy. Signed by Chair.

22/093: Matters arising:

a. Community Play Areas inc Funding: Cllr Davies not present. Carry forward to report at next meeting. Cllr Eynon raised the issue of tiles and platform in the play areas needing cleaning, presumably with a pressure washer. He was told by a county council inspector who was looking at the time that they were slippery. Cllr Eynon also stated the council officer had suggested keeping the fence up because it stopped cats, dogs and badgers from creating mess. Clerk confirmed a new fence would be something for discussion after next year's budget had been finalised. It would require funds to be available.

b. Woodland Trust Trees & PCNP 70-year Anniversary Trees: Cllr Cole confirmed he had delivered trees to all but 5 families with children. He will complete these deliveries next. Cllr Cole has also emailed PCNP Ranger, Chris, to let him have contact and delivery details and is awaiting further correspondence.

c. Ironman: Clerk confirmed she is awaiting a response from the PCC officer with regard to a meeting. Will chase again this week. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed there had been a number of meetings at PCC with regard to the possibility of changing the date of the 2023 Ironman as per previous discussion. PCC have approached Ironman who essentially are leaving it as the same date, Sunday 3rd September. Have said next year they will put it back to where it should be. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed PCC is contracted to have Ironman Wales until 2026.

d. Dementia Friendly Pledge: Cllr Williams presented the Dementia Friendly Certificate. She plans to display copies in both public noticeboards. Clerk to put copy onto webpage. Cllr Williams confirmed there is a copy in Lawrenny shop as well. Cllr Eynon suggested Cllr Williams should contact local media, such as Tenby Observer.

22/094: Planning

a. Applications Received: 22/0871/PA: Weston Fields, Martletwy, SA67 8AS. Proposed Barn Conversion.

The application was considered. Comments from the ensuing discussion were:

1. Several Councillors commented the application is yet again retrospective. It was noted the council's response should include expression of disappointment at receiving yet another retrospective application.
2. Under current planning policy, variations and amendments are not sent out for comment by consultees. Cllr Cole identified changes that had been made under variations and amendments. It was suggested the council respectfully suggest the planning authority considers sending planning application variations and amendments to consultees, to get a broader sense of what is acceptable within communities.

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3. Several Councillors felt the property was not in keeping with the area and surrounding buildings. Whilst it meets the footprint of the latest variations and amendments, it was considered too big for its surroundings and not in keeping.

Council Voted. 2 Councillors voted not to support the application. 1 Councillor voted in favour of support. 1 Councillor abstained from voting. The majority of voting Councillors voted against supporting this application.

b. Application Notices Received: None received.

c. Other Planning Matters:

i. Monitoring & Enforcement: Cty Cllr Clements confirmed the enforcement team at PCC continues to recruit successfully. She is hopeful things are improving. It may be a slow process but it is moving forward.

ii. Canaston Bowl: Councillors reported they were all pleased to see demolition had commenced. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed there is no news as to what, if anything, they plan to do with the land. It was queried whether the car park might re-open, to relieve issues regarding school bus drops. It was agreed this is unlikely but would have to wait and see.

22/095: Highway Matters

a. Clerk: Nothing to report.

b. Councillors Reports:

Cllr Eynon i) he would like the community council to thank PCC for moving quickly on the clearing of the passing places. Clerk to report back to PCC; ii) Mountain Park/Jerusalem has got worse. Now half the carriageway. Clerk to report again. Important to report as otherwise any claims are invalid.

c. County Councillor Highway Report: Confirmed has chased pothole at Furzehill as it is getting bigger. Also reported the water at Lawrenny crossing the highway. Will chase again.

d. Bluestone National Park Resort - Brown Lagoon Signs: Clerk confirmed these are still covered with red tape. Cty Cllr Clements will chase this again with PCC.

22/096: Finances:

a. Annual Budget 2023/2024:

Clerk offered paper copies of the draft budget, although it had been forwarded prior to meeting. Following on from last meeting draft budget was presented with amendments, presented as separate columns. Example included a column without an SLA for Martletwy Play Area – though there would be a direct cost in removing the equipment which was not included. Clerk reminded Councillors of the additional IRPW mandatory costs. Also revisited the issue of a fence around the play areas. Confirmed grant funding is difficult to find for maintenance costs. Most are for new costs, such as for replacement equipment. Further discussion as to whether or not to use some of the reserves, and if so how much of the reserves. Discussion continued. Clerk confirmed money for Warm Spaces Grant funds had not been included, as any monies not spent would have to be returned. Clerk reiterated the need to ensure all spending was covered by the precept with a proportion of reserves. It was also confirmed the first quote for fencing of Lawrenny play area had been in the region of £3000. With expenses in March, including Clerk salary, monies need to last until next precept payment. If Council has to replace fencing before then it will be tight. Cllr Eynon commented if reserves were there should be used. Clerk confirmed we cannot run out of money. Also

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22/096: Finances:

a. Annual Budget 2023/2024 (cont'd)

confirmed the council cannot manage on the current rate of precept. Budget outlines what is required. Clerk confirmed things are changing for the community councils. Local authorities are and will continue to put more financial responsibility on town and community councils, requiring precepts to be increased. General discussion was had regarding affordability of the play areas and ongoing costs, including maintenance and the Service Level Agreements. In addition, payments, such as those agreed by IRPW, and need to meet training regulations, must be met. The budget was finally agreed. Utilising some reserves, and increasing annual precept for 2023/24 by £2250 (Two Thousand Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds)

b. PCC Precept 2023/2024: Cllr Crowther proposed an increase to the current precept of £2250 for the year. Seconded by Cllr Eynon. All voted in favour.

c. IRPW. Clerk confirmed she had checked the IRPW report and the monies payable for extra costs were mandatory for level 5 community councils, of which we are one.

d. Grant Applications: Carry forward

e. Invoices: PCC Invoice - election costs. Clerk confirmed had paid first annual payment of £95.40. Over next 4 years payment will be taken on 1st February by Standing Orders.

22/097: Audit: Clerk confirmed this is nearing completion and the Internal Auditor is now involved.

22/098: AGM: Clerk wanted to get organised on the date in May as there are 3 bank holidays in May this year. Clerk suggested Monday 15th May, or on Monday 22nd May. Councillors agreed on Monday 15th May 2023 for next AGM.

22/099: Community Council Policies: Carry forward until Cllr Evans is in attendance.

22/100: Councillor/Clerk Training:

a. Councillor Training Plan: Carry forward to next meeting. Clerk reminded everyone to send in their planning form as provided last meeting.

22/101: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:

a. Working Together: Clerk confirmed next Working Together meeting hosted by PCC is on 15th February if any Councillors would like to attend.

b. Bluestone National Park Resort: Planning has gone to committee. Clerk confirmed she had forwarded the email to all councillors. No one present will be attending.

22/102: Correspondence Received:

a. Resident Correspondence: Clerk reported further correspondence had been received from the resident who is making enquiries about having a new community hall in Martletwy. He is going to take up this matter himself.

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22/103: Communication:

a. County Councillor General Report: Cty Cllr Clements reported her group have called in the Haverfordwest Transport Hub as it has been reported costs have risen from £8M to £18M. Now going through all the council projects to check for further errors

The group are doing an alternative budget to the cabinet's budget.

b. Coronation Party: Councillor Williams raised the question of a Coronation Party. It was agreed this would be a good idea for those who wanted to attend. Cllr Williams will take on the organisation.

22/104: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.30pm. Venue: Lawrenny Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 21:01

Signed:  Date: 6/3/2023

Position: Vice Chair