

# DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Annual General Meeting

At

The Jubilee Suite, Dale

On

23rd May, 2016.

at

1900hrs

**Present: Mr H Bishop; Mr P Garnish; Mr L Jones; Dr J Mecklenburgh; Mrs R Mecklenburgh; Mr P Morgan; Mr D Nockels; Cllr R Owens; Mr K Rogers; Mr A Truelove; Mrs T Warlow.**

**Apologies for absence: Mr M Reynolds.**

**Mr L Jones took the chair.**

### Minutes

#### **1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

#### **2. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **3. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman's report on the activities of the Council in the year 2015 / 2016 drew particular attention to:

- a. Sewerage issues** – the Council has continued to keep a close watch on this long standing issue and maintains close contacts with DCWW, who have undertaken a number of improvements to the hardware at their site. DCWW are planning further works and improvements at the site, but, at a meeting in January, 2016 they confirmed that the location of the site in the middle of the village means that there can be no guarantee that no odours will be detected.
- b. The slipway floodgates** – NRW have installed, commissioned and handed over new floodgates for the Community Council to operate. Volunteer Councillors arrange to close the gates in response to information from the NRW Floodline and local knowledge and the gates have been closed on a number of occasions. Minor maintenance is carried out by NRW as necessary.
- c. Village one-way system abuse** – incidents of abuse by all classes of vehicles continue to occur and the Council continues to pass reports of such incidents to the police who follow up on all such reports. The Council has been in contact with all those who invite large vehicles to Dale to encourage them to ensure that appropriate vehicles and drivers are used. Discussions with the County Council over road improvements / widening continue.
- d. Broadband** – continued poor line speeds and unreliability continue to afflict the service in the village, and there has been a significant deterioration during the period of works to install fibre connections to the exchange. Our Member

of Parliament has arranged a meeting between local Community Councillors and the Director of BT Superfast Cymru to discuss the issues and the Community Council will attend this meeting and report the outcomes through Peninsular Papers. The arrival of the fibre connection at the exchange does not mean that the fibre will be delivered to all houses – the indication is that this will extend to about 35% of users.

- e. **Mobile phone not spots** – the Westminster initiative to install mobile phone masts to cover not-spots has been withdrawn and the proposal to erect a mast on Dale airfield has been withdrawn with it. The new mast at St Ishmaels has started to operate and some parts of Dale village are benefitting.
- f. **Pembrokeshire County Council** – the Community Council has continued to monitor activities at Pembrokeshire County Council as the County Council works to manage cuts in service delivery at a time of reduced funding. Particular issues have included education (especially Coastlands School and Milford Haven Comprehensive School) and proposals to merge County Councils.
- g. **Planning** – the Community Council has reviewed a number of planning applications for minor developments, and has noted that the proposed development of a large CHP unit at South Hook has been cancelled. The Local Development Plan is being updated by PCNPA and the Community Council is monitoring the position.

#### **4. Treasurer's report.**

The meeting reviewed the (unaudited) accounts of the Community Council for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016, which have been examined and approved by the Internal Auditor. Total funds at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 were £1,435.93 (2015 – £1,094.45) a surplus on the year of £314.48 (2015 – deficit £42.49). The Community Council has maintained the annual Precept unchanged at £1,650.00. The meeting approved the accounts and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign and submit the Audit Return.

#### **5. Appointment of Officers.**

It was noted that nominations had been made by the Community Council for the offices of Chairman, Deputy Chairman Clerk and Deputy Clerk. No further nominations have been received.

**On the proposal of Mr P Garnish seconded by Mrs T Warlow it was agreed that the appointments should pass on a single resolution.**

**On the proposal of Mrs T Warlow seconded by Mr P Garnish the following appointments were agreed.**

- a. **Chairman** – Mr L Jones, having been nominated at the meeting of Dale Community Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, was appointed as Chairman.
- b. **Deputy Chairman** – Mr P Morgan, having been nominated at the meeting of Dale Community Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, was appointed as Deputy Chairman.
- c. **Clerk** – Mr H Bishop, having been nominated at the meeting of Dale Community Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, was appointed as Clerk.

- d. Deputy Clerk** – Mr D Nockels having been nominated at the meeting of Dale Community Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, was appointed as Deputy Clerk

It was further agreed that the Deputy Clerk should take on the role of Responsible Financial Officer for the financial year 2016 / 2017.

**6. Any Other Business.**

There was no other business.

There being no other business the Annual General Meeting ended at 1922hrs.