

**DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
AT
THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE.
ON
14TH DECEMBER, 2015.
AT
1900HRS.**

Present: Mr L Jones (Chairman); Mr P Garnish; Mr A Truelove; Mrs T Warlow; Mr H Bishop (Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr R Owens.

Apologies for absence: Mr P Morgan; Mr M Reynolds; Mr D Nockels.

- 1. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th November, 2015** – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th November, 2015 were agreed as a correct record subject to correction of the dates at Item 7(a) and it was agreed that they should be placed on the website, together with a copy of the letter from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water dated 6th November, 2015.

Action: Clerk to arrange with website.

- 2. Matters Arising** – it was noted that all matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council have been included in the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.
- 3. Declarations of interest** – at the request of the Chairman, the Clerk reminded the Community Councillors of the obligation on them to declare any interest that they may have in matters for decision by the Community Council. The obligation on those with a “prejudicial interest” to leave the room while such matters were discussed was noted.
- 4. Progress Reports.**
 - a. One way system abuse** – it was noted that the Clerk has, as requested, placed a report in Peninsular Papers reminding residents to report all incidents. There has been no report of any incident in the period since the last meeting. In addition, it was noted:
 - i.** The Clerk has invited the Police to send representatives to a meeting of Dale Community Council and they have agreed to attend at our next available slot i.e. at the March, 2016. The Clerk was instructed to send an invitation to them nearer to the time.

Action: Clerk to invite Police and confirm to a later meeting.

- ii.** The Clerk and Cllr Owens have asked the County Council to look again at widening the bend at the cemetery corner. The County Council has agreed to add this scheme to their forward programme “for further assessment and prioritization” subject to getting the owners’ agreement, PCNPA planning agreement and funding. The Clerk was asked to invite the landowners to participate.

Action: Clerk to request landowner participation and report to next meeting.

iii. Dale Field Studies Centre has been asked to ensure that their customers refrain from using coaches that cannot exit the village legally. There has been no response.

b. **Sewerage smells** – the meeting noted the report of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) dated 7th December, 2015 for the month of November, 2015 and that DCWW have been active at the site during the last month including the major works scheduled for 19th November, 2015 of which notice had been given to residents. No reports of stinks incidents have been received.

Review meeting - it was noted that DCWW have reported that they are ready to attend a meeting of the Community Council to discuss the outcome of their review of the operation of the plant during 2015 and it was agreed that they should be reminded to attend the meeting of the Community Council on 11th January, 2016.

Action: Clerk to remind DCWW and confirm to next meeting.

c. **Flood gate issues** – it was noted that the floodgate had not been deployed in the period since the last meeting.

It was noted that Messrs Reynolds and Truelove had pushed the debris / stones etc clear of the gates to ensure that they can be deployed if required and the meeting thanked them for their work. The Clerk / Deputy Clerk were asked to monitor the position and the need for further clearance works.

Action: Clerks to monitor and report to a later meeting.

d. **Floodgate - DRAFT notice** – this item was deferred.

Action: Clerks to report to next meeting.

e. **NRW event 5-11-2015** – it was noted that the Deputy Chairman and the Clerk had attended this event in Swansea and that the papers from the discussions are available on request from the Clerk. Among the issues to emerge from the discussions is the need to plan in advance for an event, to identify vulnerable places and people and – most important – to be prepared to support victims for a long time after the flood has subsided and been forgotten. It was agreed that the Clerks will conduct a review in the spring of 2016 and report to a later meeting.

Action: Clerks to review and report to a later meeting.

f. **Village maintenance issues** – it was noted that the “Walk the Village Event” had been postponed due to adverse weather conditions. It was agreed that the event should be rescheduled to a time when weather is likely to be better – but sooner rather than later.

Action: Clerk to reschedule / invite Castle Estate.

g. **Car Park issues** – it was noted that the meeting with County Council officers took place on 26th November, 2015, when the officer agreed to

loosen the soil in the grasscrete to improve drainage and that they will review and make recommendations to deal with the issues of thoughtless / incompetent parking, large vehicles and overnight parking. The car park usage figures have not yet been supplied. It was noted that there had been reports that tourists using the 1 hour ticket have insufficient time to spend money in the village and the Clerk was asked to discuss this issue with the officers.

Action: Clerk to discuss / remind the County Council and report to next meeting.

- h. Beach / pontoon issues** – it was noted that the meeting with the County Council officer had taken place on 26th November, 2015, when it was confirmed that there is no reason to suppose that Blue Flag status and the County Council pontoon will be in place for the 2016 season. The issue of dogs on the beach was discussed and it was noted that the County Council dog warden service remains stretched and unable to respond to all reports. It was suggested that residents should complain more often and more vigorously in order to raise the priority of our problem over those of other areas. Markings on the pontoon and notices are agreed as an area for self help.

Action: Clerk to arrange review / planning at a later meeting of the Council.

- i. Benches** – it was noted that Mrs Y Gainfort of St Ishmaels has asked the Clerk whether she can arrange to erect a bench on the Dale seafront in memory of Mr Dennis Gainfort. It was agreed in principle that permission should be given but that the design of the bench had to be agreed with the Community Council. It was agreed that the Deputy Chairman will contact Mrs Gainfort to agree a design and to arrange installation.

Action: Deputy Chairman to contact Mrs Gainfort & report to a later meeting.

- j. Mast, Dale airfield** – the meeting noted that Marloes & St Brides Community Council has written to our MP and AM and also to Arquiva (the developer) to protest at the withdrawal of the proposal to erect a communication mast on Dale airfield for the benefit of neighbouring communities. It was also noted that the (Westminster) Government funding window for this scheme is scheduled to close on 31st March, 2016 although only £7million out of £150million has been committed to such projects. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the MP and the AM in support of Marloes & St Brides Community Council and urging an extension of the funding window sufficient to allow this scheme (and others similarly afflicted) to proceed. It was noted that Cllr Owens has arranged to discuss the matter with the Chief Executive of the County Council and that he will report the outcome of that meeting in due course.

**Action: Clerk to write to MP & AM and confirm to next meeting.
Cllr Owens to report progress to a later meeting.**

k. Coronation Hall – it was noted that the contractors’ claim for about £70,000 plus VAT (which is beyond the means of the Coronation Hall) has been referred to adjudication by an independent expert. It is thought likely that the final outcome will be that an award will be made to the contractor in the region of £20,000 plus VAT and that such an award can be funded.

5. County Council issues – Cllr Owens reported on latest news from County Hall with particular regard to the continuing issues surrounding education provision in the County. It was noted, however, that Coastlands School continues to perform well despite the continued use of temporary Head Teachers. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council Director of Education to enquire how much longer this position will continue.

Action Clerk to write to Mrs Kate Evans and report to next meeting.

6. Planning matters - nil.

7. Finance.

a. Receipts – NIL - NB The third and final instalment of Precept - £550.00 – is due by the end of December, 2015.

Payments £75.00 – Royal British Legion (Minutes 5-10-2015 Item 8(f)(ii)).

b. Balance - £1,079(approx) – NB following receipt of the last instalment of Precept the balance will stand at £1,629 (approx).

c. Budget – spending proposals – the meeting reviewed the budget / spending proposals for the 2016 / 2017 financial year which were agreed subject to the addition of a provision for a contribution towards fireworks - £150.00. It was noted that the village fireworks event should not be the exclusive preserve of any commercial business, although they should be encouraged to participate.

Action: Deputy Clerk to restate the proposals and report to next meeting.

d. Precept – proposals – having reviewed the budget / spending proposals for the 2016 / 2017 financial year, it was agreed that the Precept should remain unchanged - £1,650.00. The Clerk was asked to report to the County Council accordingly.

Action: Clerk to report to County Council and confirm to next meeting.

e. Bank Accounts – signing authorities – it was agreed that arrangements are being made to add the Deputy Clerk to the list of signing authorities with the Community Council bank account.

Action Deputy Clerk to arrange and confirm to next meeting.

8. Correspondence – NIL

9. Any Other Business.

- a. Dr Nockels** – the meeting noted with deep sorrow the sudden death of Dr Hilary Nockel and the Chairman agreed to express the sympathy of the Community Council to the Deputy Clerk.
- b. Street light** – it was noted that the street light at cemetery corner is malfunctioning.

Action **Clerk to report to County Council..**

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2016

AT

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1900hrs