

**DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
AT  
THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE.  
ON  
8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015.  
AT  
1900HRS.**

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

**In attendance: Mr I McCulloch (Item 6©(i) only); Mr D Nockels; Cllr R Owens.**

**Apologies for absence: Mr P Garnish; Mr M Reynolds.**

- 1. Item 6©(i) – Planning Matters – Yellow Cottage** – this item was taken out of order in order to accommodate Mr McCulloch (owner of Yellow Cottage). It was noted that, at the request of the owners and tenant of the neighbouring property, the Clerk had attended a meeting with the owners of Yellow Cottage and the architect on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. The Clerk had explained the Community Council response to the application in December, 2015 (NP/14/0711). It was noted that PCNPA had never passed on our comments to the architect / owners of Yellow Cottage. It was noted that, at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, the owners of Yellow Cottage had agreed to reduce the height of the wall to a level that seemed to be acceptable to the neighbours. The colour of the new wall has yet to be agreed, but it was agreed that, with the reduced height of the wall, the wall presents a less imposing feature on the landscape and that the colour of the new wall could reasonably be left to the good sense of the owners of the properties concerned.

[Mr McCulloch thanked the meeting for their attention and left the meeting].

- 2. Item 4(k)** – it was noted that advice has been received from the County Council that no formality is required for the appointment of a Clerk to the Community Council and that the Community Councillors may make what arrangements they consider reasonable. It was noted that Mr D Nockels has agreed to take on the role of Clerk to Dale Community Council from the next Annual General Meeting and it was decided that he should be appointed Deputy Clerk with immediate effect so that he can have the opportunity to acquaint himself with the business and processes of Dale Community Council in the coming months. Mr Nockels agreed to accept the post of Deputy Clerk and he was welcomed to participate in meetings.

**Action: Clerk to notify PCC / Peninsular Papers and confirm to next meeting.**

**3. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

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

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

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

## **5. 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.

## **6. 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.

## **7. Progress reports:**

- a. Sewerage smells** – the meeting noted that there has been no report of odours since the last meeting and that the latest monthly report from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) shows that the weekly inspections are taking place.

**Action: Clerk to monitor and report to the next meeting.**

**Flooding in the Meadow** – it was noted that DCWW, the County Council and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) are continuing to debate the issue of the route by which the water gain access to the Meadow – including the storm water valve. Meanwhile DCWW have double sealed the manhole chamber in the Meadow and sealed the covers on the storm tanks at the plant. DCWW now report that they are “looking to seal further covers in the vicinity of our works”.

[POST MEETING NOTE – at the request of Cllr Owens the County Council has now reported that the water in the Meadow has been tested and found to be saline – i.e. not sewerage / treated water. The County Council and NRW are now seeking the source of the ingress, including the effectiveness of the storm water valve.]

**Action: Clerk to monitor and report to the next meeting.**

**Paul Davies AM** – it was noted that Mr Davies AM has written to the Chairman with a copy of letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 that he had received from the relevant Minister (Mr Carl Sargeant AM) reporting the liaison meeting which his officials had held with officials from DCWW, where DCWW had reported their continued and continuing investigations and their “commitment to continue looking for ways to improve the odour performance of the works”. The minister confirmed that “[his] officials will continue to liaise with the Company and NRW to ensure that the various odour control initiatives are progressing”. The Minister confirms that DCWW “has made a commitment to continue looking for ways to improve the odour performance of the works”. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Davies AM for his continued support.

**Action: Clerk to send letter and confirm to next meeting.**

- b. Village maintenance issues** – it was noted that the Yacht Club has confirmed that the works identified for them during the “Walk-the-Village” meeting in November, 2014 have been completed except the new notice to the Boathouse dinghy park. It was noted that the planter project has been deferred, while the repair of the wall and the shifting of stones is a matter for the tenant of the Boathouse.

It was noted that some of the tasks to be undertaken by the Castle Estate have yet to be carried out and the Clerk was asked to remind them.

**Action: Clerk to remind Castle Estate and confirm to next meeting.**

- c. **One Way System Issues** – it was noted that incidents continue to occur, but that the County Council has promised that the exit to the car park will be remodelled “by the end of June”.

**Action: ALL to monitor.  
Clerk to request reports of incident – Peninsular papers.**

- d. **Floodgate** – it was noted that a meeting has been arranged and will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 201 to complete the handover of the new gates.

**Action: Deputy Chairman / Clerk / Deputy Clerk to attend and report to next meeting.**

**Box** – the Clerk was reminded to deal with the contractual arrangement with the Yacht Club.

**Action: Clerk to attend and report to next meeting.**

- e. **Beach Pontoon Issues** – it was noted that the Blue Flag was not yet in place. [POST MEETING NOTE – the Blue Flag is in place].

**Bins** – the Clerk was asked to report the continued poor performance of the bins at the top of the slipway to the County Council – Mr Truelove agreed to supply photograph evidence.

**Action: Clerk to report to PCC and confirm to next meeting.**

**Stripes on the pontoon** – the Chairman agreed to remind Dale Sailing Co Ltd.

**Action: Chairman to remind and confirm to next meeting.**

- f. **Disabled access issues** – it was noted that the road markings at the disabled car park have not been refreshed and that the sign still requires disabled parkers to pay at the meter – the regulations have been changed. Cllr Owens agreed to take up the matter with the relevant officers of the County Council.

**Action: Cllr Owens to report to PCC and confirm to next meeting.**

- g. **Benches** – deferred.

**Action: Clerk to raise at next meeting.**

- h. **Events**- it was noted that:

- a. **Dale / Haverfordwest – rowing event – 2<sup>nd</sup> August** - details of the arrangements have not yet been supplied and the Clerk was asked to request details and circulate them to the Councillors as soon as possible.

**Action: Clerk to request/ circulate and report to next meeting**

- b. **PCRC regatta – 22/23 August** – the Clerk was asked to request details of the arrangements in place – especially for the evening events – and to report to the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to request and report to next meeting.

- c. **Dale Half Marathon – 27<sup>th</sup> September** – the Clerk was asked to request final details of the arrangements – said to be the same as last year.

**Action:** Clerk to enquire and report to next meeting.

- i. **Grit bins** – the Clerk was asked to inspect the bins and report to the next meeting. A lock will be placed on the bin by the Yacht Club for the summer season and then removed for the winter.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange and report to next meeting.

- j. **Regulatory compliance** – Mr Garnish has confirmed that the necessary data has been loaded on the dedicated site on the village website and that he would continue to do so. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk will be trained to assist Mr Garnish.

**Action:** Mr Garnish / Deputy Clerk to arrange.

**Register of Interests** – it was noted that the Clerk has now received returns from all the Councillors and that this data will now be loaded.

**Action:** Mr Garnish / Deputy Clerk to arrange and report to next meeting.

- k. **Appointments** – see Item 2 above.

**8. County Council matters – report** – Cllr Owens reported that the work of the County Council in recent weeks has included consultations (6<sup>th</sup> Form Education; Adult Education; Library services) connected with the need to reduce costs, the search for a new CEO (interviews are likely to involve the full Council and will take place in July). The issue of voluntary amalgamation seems to have faded and is seen as less of a priority. Cllr Owens has conducted a tour of the area with Highway Authority officers to identify issues – issues in Dale include the Cemetery Corner and the proposal for a footpath between Pickleridge and Dale, but it was noted that issues related to the narrow road between Dale and Herbrandston were discussed. The meeting thanked Cllr Owens for his report.

## **9. Planning Matters:**

- a. **1, Townsend Cottages** – it was noted that, at a site meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, it had been agreed that there is no objection to the proposed development and that the Clerk has responded accordingly to PCNPA.
- b. **42, Meadow Vale** – it was noted that, at a site meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, it had been agreed that there is no objection to the proposed development and that the Clerk has responded accordingly to PCNPA.
- c. **Others:**
  - i. **Yellow Cottage** – see Item 1 above.

- ii. **Charnwood, Castle Way** – it was agreed that there will be a site meeting at Charnwood on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 1800hrs and the Clerk was asked to notify / invite the owner.

**Action:** Clerk to invite and confirm at the site meeting.

## 10. Finance.

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| <b>a. Receipts</b> | - | <b>Nil</b>                       |                  |
| <b>Payments</b>    | - | <b>Coronation Hall (grant)</b>   | - <b>£250</b>    |
|                    |   | <b>Cemetery (grant)</b>          | - <b>£250</b>    |
|                    |   | <b>Peninsular Papers (grant)</b> | - <b>£50</b>     |
|                    |   | <b>Insurance premium</b>         | - <b>£243.80</b> |

At their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 the Clerk was instructed to arrange a further print of the Beach Use Guide. Cleddau Press has agreed to print a further 200 at a cost of £25 and the Clerk was authorised to make the necessary payment.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange payment / collection / distribution and confirm to next meeting.

**b. Balance** - **£850.65**

**c. Others** – it was confirmed that the Audit Return has been signed and sent to the External Auditors. There has not yet been any response.

## 11. Correspondence – nil.

## 12 Any Other Business

**a. The Gann bait digging** – it was noted that the Working Group of NRW has produced a DRAFT Code of Conduct governing the practice of bait digging on the Gann. It was noted, however, that it is proposed that notices on the beach will refer to the beach as “Dale Beach”. It was agreed that this is a confusing identity – causing delay to emergency services – and that the beach should be called “Jubilee”.

**Action:** Clerk to request NRW and confirm to the next meeting.

**b. Coronation Hall** – it was agreed that the Clerk is appointed as the representative of the Community Council on the Coronation Hall Committee.

**Action:** Clerk to notify the Secretary of the Committee.

**c. Flowers on the Green** – it was noted that the County Council has replaced the damaged flowers and the Clerk was asked to thank them.

**Action:** Clerk to thank PCC and confirm to next meeting.

It was noted that some gaps remain and Mrs Warlow was asked to get a price from St Ishmaels Nursery and the Clerk was authorised to arrange payment. Mrs Warlow agreed to plant them.

**Action:** Mrs Warlow / Clerk to arrange and confirm to next meeting.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE:**

**MONDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015.**

**AT**

**THE JUBILEE SUITE**

**AT**

**1900HRS.**

NB there will be no meeting in August.