

DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE DALE JUBILEE SUITE

ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019, AT 7PM.

PRESENT.

Lyn Jones (LJ)(Chair), Jane Warr (JW), Andy Truelove (AT), Paul Garnish (PG), Peter Morgan (PM), Mark Reynolds (MR), Cll Reg Owens (RO), Hugh Bishop (HB)(RFO), Wendy Kehoe (WK) (Clerk).

APPOLOGIES.

No apologies.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Kevin Rogers.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

No Declarations.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes were signed by Lyn Jones (Chair) as a true record of the meeting held on January 7th 2019.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. MAINTANANCE

Village Maintenance & Work Party.

There has already been several volunteers for the Dale Works Party to be held on the 23rd March.

a. The History Group has volunteered to maintain the H.M.S. Harrier bench on the sea front.

b. Mr Ian McColloch has volunteered to tend to the flower bed by the disabled toilets.

c. Robert Steen and Liz Aston had already cleared around and opposite the Yacht Club, and emptied the salt /grit bin from water and then moved it to a more suitable place. Sean Kehoe had washed down the area opposite from all the mud.

d. Rob and Gail Smith are to continue with their beach clearing and cleaning.

e. John Mecklenburgh has volunteered to maintain the Henry VII grass area.

f. Andy Truelove had moved the Wade Bench.

The Council is waiting to know what the Wade family would like to put in place of the bench.

g. Mr Tim Hibbert has trimmed and cut the hedgerows, Mr Mark Gainfort and Mr Dave Pomfret cut and maintained several grass areas. The Council would like to thank Tim, Mark and Dave for all their hard work in maintaining the village.

Action: Clerk to write thanking them all for their work.

h. Stones and rubbish opposite arch on South Street have not yet been cleared.

Action: Cll. Reg Owens to contact P.C.C. to remove rubbish.

i. Fences in the meadow.

Jane Warr had informed Mr and Mrs H Richards that on the maintenance walk the Councillors had noticed that the fence in the meadow needed repairing.

5. HIGHWAYS

No Entry signs and road markings.

The Council is awaiting confirmation of a site meeting to discuss the No Entry/Road marking Signs. Mr P Garnish to meet with highways dept. to discuss the sign/road markings, preferably first thing in the morning, or after work. Some Councillors would also like to be present at the meeting.

6. CAR PARK MACHINES.

A new payment machines have been cited in the car park, after the last one had been submerged in water. P.C.C. are hoping to install a card machine very soon.

The car parks usage had increased since 2017- 21,504 to 2018- 21,990.

7. GRASS CUTTING.

P.C.C. still reviewing the grass cutting situation. P.C.C will still be cutting the grass on the front for the time being.

Action: Cll Reg Owens to contact Ian McCarthy for an update.

8. DOG FOULING.

The Clerk had been informed that the PCC no longer issued dog bins. The Council however agreed that there is a need for a bin, especially behind the Brig Quay houses down from the Fort, by the Coastal Path sign.

The Council would like to encourage people to adopt a 'village watch scheme', encouraging villagers and visitors to keep an eye on dog fouling, making sure that owners bin their dogs mess. The Council wanted more information about where and when dogs should be on a lead, especially when on the beach.

Action: Clerk to request a new bin. Clerk to contact the dog warden. (JW) to put a notice in the Peninsular Papers.

9. RURAL WISDOM PROJECT.

Rachel Evans from the Rural Wisdom Project had given a talk to Villagers about the project explaining how the project may be able to help by facilitating activities, groups and help with travel needs. Rachel was also going to talk the Councillors and villagers in St Ishmaels and Marloes about the project.

10. ENHANCING PEMBROKESHIRE GRANT SCHEME.

The applications for grants by 'Winter Warmers' and Peninsular Papers were successful. Unfortunately Coastlands P.T.A. Application for a grant for their play area was declined. Coastlands School are applying again for a grant.

11. DALE VILLAGE WEBSITE.

Mr Kevin Rogers came to give the Council an update on the Dale website, and alongside Mrs Gail Smith had put the Council Minutes on the website. Having a

link between the Dale website and social media e.g. Facebook was discussed and was thought to be something to think about in the future, highlighting questions as to who would run and oversee the link.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Planning consent had been approved for 151, Castle Way Dale.

There had been no new Planning Applications in Dale.

13. BROADBAND.

The cables to update Broadband around the village had still not been connected. The cables have been left lying around for over a year. The Clerk was asked to write to Cll. Paul Miller about this situation and to ask for his support for a final 'push' to get the cables connected.

Action. Clerk to invite Cll. Paul Miller to visit Dale to take a look at the problem.

14. FINANCIAL REPORT.

15. Financial Report

a. Receipts - NIL

Payments - £500.00 – Clerk's salary.

The meeting received and reviewed a progress report on the Budget and noted that no payment has yet been made for the Audit fee or for Village Maintenance (no invoice has yet been received). The progress report indicates that the balance available now stands at about £2255 although provision for the Audit fee and Village maintenance remains. The account is, therefore, on course to show a small technical surplus, although this is likely to be eliminated when the Audit Fee is eventually paid.

The RFO / Mr Morgan were asked to confirm that the payment for fireworks has in fact been paid.

Action: RFO / P Morgan to check and confirm to next meeting.

Balance – it was noted that the balance at the Community Council's bank accounts stood at £2,255.25 when checked on 26th February, 2019. Of this total, the sum of £751.08 is held on an interest earning account for the election expenses reserve.

b. Appointment of Internal Auditor – it was noted that Mr Coley has agreed to serve as Internal Auditor for a further three year term on the same terms as before.

c. Precept – the County Council has confirmed that the Precept for the financial year 2019 / 2020 will be £3,900.00 (as agreed by the Community Council at their meeting on 19th November, 2018). This will be paid by three instalments of £1,300.00 in April, August and December into the Community Council current account.

d. Remuneration – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales regulations – it was noted that the 2019 report of the IRPW has determined that Community Councillors of small Community Councils (less than £30,000) are entitled to receive payment including the following;

All Councillors - £150.00 per year

Senior roles - up to £500 plus £150 per year

Expenses - 45p per mile up to 10,000

5p per mile per passenger

£28 per day meals allowance

£95 overnight (£200 London)

£30 staying with friends

There are other provisions relating to the cost of care and for financial loss and full details are available from the Clerk or RFO on request.

The Clerk / RFO are required to make these entitlements available to all Community Councillors, who can, if they wish decline payments, but must individually write to the Proper Officer (i.e. Clerk) to do so.

The Clerk is required to publish within the Community Council area a Statement of Payments no later than 30th September in the year following the financial year in question and will have to submit a copy to the IRPW by that date.

e. Bank account signing authority – Mr Morgan confirmed that the request to add the Clerk and Mrs Warr to the list of authorised signatures has stalled and it was agreed that he and the Chairman should attend at the Haverfordwest branch to sign the necessary documents as soon as possible.

Action: Chairman and Mr Morgan to deal and confirm

15. A.O.B.

No other business.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next Dale Community Council meeting to be held on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7pm, in the Jubilee suite Coronation Hall, Dale.