

DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE JUBILEE SUITE, CORONATION HALL, DALE

ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019, AT 7PM.

Present.

Lyn Jones, Chair, Paul Garnish, Peter Morgan, Mark Reynolds,

Reg Owens County Councillor, Wendy Kehoe, Clerk, RFO.

Mark Reynolds left at 8.10m.

Others present.

Martyn Ryder, Nial Rees, Tina Rogers, Kevin Rogers.

Apologies.

Jane Warr. Andy Truelove.

Declaration of Interest.

None.

Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes were signed by Lyn Jones, Chair, as a true record of the meeting held on Monday 9th September, 2019.

Matters arising.

No matters arising.

Sea Grass.

There has been a proposed revised location for 2 hectares of sea grass planting in Dale bay. However many members of the Community and Councillors have grave concerns about the project. The Council still feels that there are many questions yet to be answered. Planting began before any discussions were held with the Community, a greater amount of seeds had been planted, no reassurances had been given to how fast the sea grass could grow or to how far it could spread. Several questions were asked as to why National Parks and Leslie Griffiths AM, had already given their support to the project before talking to the community to discuss their feelings and concerns.

Action.

Clerk to write to Leslie Griffiths, Sky Ocean rescue, W.W.F., Swansea University.

Community Delivery project.

A letter had been sent to the Community Champion Co –Coordinator P.C.C. highlighting the Council's concerns about the matter of the public toilets. Dale has relatively new toilets, including a disabled toilet that serve thousands of visitors that come to Dale throughout the year. The Blue Flag status awarded to Dale requires public toilets to be available. It is absolutely essential for visitors. The Council suggested that the income that P.C.C have from the car park would more than cover the cost of running the toilets. However, because the toilets are not in a P.C.C car park they would not be able to use the money to offset the cost of running the toilets. The Coordinator did say that they would be looking into this situation and would be exploring all options to keep the toilets open. Dale Community Council also think that National Parks should be asked to take over the running of the toilets in Dale.

Action.

Cll R. Owens to write to National Parks.

Highways/ Pickleridge.

'People in Road' signs had been placed by Pickleridge and leaving the Village by Black Rock. Due to lack of resources and the 'authorities verge mowing policy', said they were unable to agree to our request of having the verges cut before the Easter holidays and on a regular period during the tourist season for Pickleridge to Black Rock. They said that one main cut is made on the 1st July and lasting 6-8 weeks depending on growth and that safety cuts are carried out at junctions, visibility splays. Bad bends and other locations where the growth restricts/impedes visibility for the road user. The verges on the Summer exit of the car park also restrict visibility and it was decided that a letter should be sent to National Parks to ask about hedge and verge cutting especially on the coastal paths in the village.

Action.

Clerk to write a letter to 'Rights of way officer' National parks.

Monitoring training.

Council members on the 5th February 2020, by the Monitoring Officer P.C.C. Monitoring/ Code of Conduct training session is to be held in the Coronation Hall Dale for all Community

Action.

Clerk to invite St Ishmaels, Herbrandston, Marloes, and Walwyns Castle Community Councils to attend.

Funding from Second Home Grants.

Funding from second home grants in Dale is quite high owing to the number of second homes in the Village. It was suggested that this money could be used in a more substantial way to benefit the whole Dale Community. Any money not used in the year is automatically added to the following year entitlement.

Planning.

Application for planning no NP/19/0555/FUL has been applied for Alterations and side extension to existing dwelling, Broad Reach, South Street, Dale. Dale Council members will have site meeting on Wednesday evening to assess the application.

Action.

Clerk to contact the Planning Office.

Brook Cottage.

The Council asked for an update on Brook Cottage from the Buildings Conservation Officer as there had been some local people that had expressed concerns as to the state of the property.

‘A structural survey has been done and the ecologists are on board. Architects /agents have been appointed and as of today sent application forms to the owner’.

There are however many structural defaults, but for now progress is being made with getting the applications in and these will be given high priority.

Emails/ letter response times.

All emails must be sent to all Community Council members, and all debates /decisions on Council matters need to be transparent and generally decided in public Council meetings. There are dangers where a Councillor discusses matters with one but not all Councillors. Emails are a very important in giving

Councillors time to think about relevant issues before the next Council meeting, especially as the meetings are held every other month.

Response times for Clerk and Councillors to write letters should be within two weeks of the Community Council meeting

Financial report.

Grant Thornton certified the Annual Return for Dale Community Council for the year ended 31 March 2019. Financial Regulations need to be adopted and reviewed every year by the Community Council.

Budget to be decided at the Budget meeting on the 4th December at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite Dale.

The Community Council also to revise Clerks salary.

£750.00 had been transferred from the current account to the business account for the Election expenses.

Current account to date on the 31st October £457.57

Business account £1, 502.19

Unpresented cheques	fireworks	£200.00
	M&Dpads	£100.00
	British Legion	£ 75.00

County Council Matters.

Cll Reg Owens informed us that there was a 4week waiting list for Pembrokeshire C.C. to deal with fly-tipping. Many Council buildings are being sold to help with the Council Finances. Milford Haven School was no longer going to have a 6th form.

The Council need clarification on Holiday home refuse collection arrangements.

Action.

Clerk to contact refuse /kerbside recycling.

Correspondence.

Milford Port Authority replied to the request for information about the excessive speed used by the Water Ranger in the Summer near the inner pontoon and his use of the blue light. Unfortunately the Water Ranger was away

on training courses. The Port Authority will discuss the matter with him when he returns.

Mr Ryder informed us that he had asked for the recycling bins in the car park to be taken away, and that the Council had asked for permission to install two car electric chargers in the car park.

Mr K. Rogers came to ask us to spread the word about a new voucher scheme to enable a full fibre broadband to be connected in the village .Pembrokeshire CC have a new project to extend high speed broadband coverage in rural areas. To do this they require an expression of interest from a sufficient number of residents and businesses within the project area .If there is enough interest they can access funds to provide high speed optic fibre connections both within villages and outlying areas.

Date of the next Community Council meeting.

Date of the next Community Council meeting to be held on Monday 13th January, 2020, at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Coronation Hall, Dale.