

**DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
AT
THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE.
ON
13TH JUNE, 2016.
AT
1900HRS
MINUTES**

Present: Mr L Jones (Chairman); Mr P Garnish; Mr P Morgan; Mr M Reynolds; Mr A Truelove; Mrs Warlow; Mr H Bishop (Clerk); Mr D Nockels (Deputy Clerk).

**In attendance: Mr B Dilly; Mr P Marshall; Mrs R Mecklenburgh; Cllr R Owens; Mr K Rogers
Mr S Vickers; Mr S Warlow.**

Apologies for absence: Nil.

- 1. Events – review – S Vickers** – the meeting noted that the Beer & Cider Festival hosted by The Griffin Inn took place at the Coronation Hall, Dale on the weekend of 28th / 29th May, 2016. No adverse comments had been received by the Community Council and a number of favourable comments had been received.

However, the meeting noted that a letter dated 8th June, 2016 had been received from Mr Vickers which had been circulated to Community Councillors in advance of the meeting – together with email messages dated 31st May, 2016 and 9th June, 2016 which had been received from P.C. Dunn and Mrs Warlow (respectively). It was noted that the letter from Mr Vickers was in the form of an Official Complaint and that the issues raised in that letter included:

- i. The existence of some personal animosity between the families of Mr Vickers and Mrs Warlow.
- ii. The allegation that Mrs Warlow had used her membership of the Community Council without authority in pursuit of that personal animosity.
- iii. That this intervention by Mrs Warlow had had the effect of wasting police time.
- iv. That the Community Council does not do enough to support local businesses.

Mr Vickers took the opportunity to clarify the issues raised in his letter of 8th June, 2016 and to highlight his concerns. The meeting noted these clarifications and that Mrs Warlow in her email message of 9th June, 2016 has denied the allegation that she had abused her membership of the Community Council in all or in pursuit of any personal motivation – alternatively, if there had been such an abuse, it had been accidental. The meeting also noted the report of P.C. Dunn dated 31st May, 2016 on the meetings which he had had with Mr Vickers and Mrs Warlow.

It was noted that both Mrs Warlow and the Clerk had raised concerns with the Neighbourhood Police Team after the meeting of the Community Council on 23rd May, 2016 and that, despite the fact that the Community Council had noted the proposed arrangements for the Festival and had requested no follow up, their email interventions on 24th and 26th May, 2016 were phrased in a way that could suggest that such intervention was authorised by the Community Council. Both Mrs Warlow and the Clerk denied

that their intervention had been motivated malice or by anything other than concerns that the event should pass off satisfactorily and without upset to the community of Dale.

It was agreed by the Community Council that the interventions by Mrs Warlow and the Clerk were inappropriate in the context of the decision of the Community Council at their meeting on 23rd May, 2016 to note the plans being made by The Griffin Inn, because they gave the – incorrect- impression that they came with the authority of the Community Council.

It was decided that the Community Council would review the issues in more detail at a later time and that a written response will be provided to Mr Vickers when that review is complete. [Mr Vickers left the meeting].

**Action: ALL to review.
Clerks to DRAFT letter as soon as possible.**

2. **Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd May, 2016** – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd May, 2016 were agreed as a correct record.
3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 23rd May, 2016** – the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 23rd May, 2016 were agreed as correct record for submission to the next Annual General Meeting.
4. **Matters arising** – it was noted that all matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting have been included in the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.
5. **Declarations of Interests** – 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 items were discussed was noted.
6. **Progress reports.**
 - a. **Sewerage stinks** – it was noted that there had been reports / complaints of stinks coming from the area of the sewerage treatment plant on 26th / 28th May, 2016 and again during the following week. The incidents were reported to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) by the Clerk and by members of the Community. DCWW attended in response to these reports, but report that their operatives detected no odour and that the plant / network was operating “as designed”. It was noted that these incidents occurred at a time of high usage and high tides and the Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of DCWW.

Action: Clerk to notify DCWW and report to next meeting.

It was noted that DCWW had carried out routine inspections at the plant on 2nd, 12th, 16th and 26th May, 2016 and that no faults had been detected.

It was noted that the Managing Director of Waste Water Services for DCWW has reported that DCWW continue to work at the maintenance programme reported at the meeting in January, 2016 – including removal of / replacement of all wooden door frames and windows and the installation of additional odour prevention equipment, however, these works will constitute the final resolution with regards to odour at the Dale Sewerage Treatment Works. The Managing Director reports that, although in an ideal world there would not be a plant in Dale, the cost of moving it away is prohibitive and DCWW cannot justify spending more of their customers’ money when the works are performing properly. DCWW have to balance the cost of bills to customers with environmental improvements and in this case, DCWW consider that the best

option is the upgrades they have planned for the Dale facility. The Clerk was asked to report to the County Council and seek their assistance in taking this matter forward.

Action: Clerk to contact PCC and report to next meeting.

- b. **Car park / parking issues** – it was noted that the County Council has, as agreed, put notices by the ticket machines pointing to the availability of a second machine.

It was noted that the car park had been very full over the Whitsun Bank Holiday, with issues that included parking in the village (residents parking areas, parking on the grass and walkway and parking on the double yellow lines), trailers and large vehicles occupying large areas of the car park and irresponsible / incompetent parking in the car park. It was agreed that the position should be monitored through the season and that the options should be discussed with the County Council at the next review meeting. Options discussed included:

- i. Opening the Summer Road for Bank Holidays – as seems to be permitted by the Lease
- ii. Manning of the car park by parking guides.
- iii. Some leeway on street parking regulations.
- iv. The use of the meadow fields for overflow car parking
- v. Banning trailers / boats or restricting their access to the period of launching – possibly term of the lease.

It was agreed that the Clerk should, as an initial step, ask the County Council to provide a copy of the latest Lease of the car park.

Action: Clerk to obtain copy lease and review / report to next meeting.

- c. **Village highways issues – review** – it was noted that the County Council has agreed to mow the verges between Black Rock and Pickleridge ahead of schedule for safety reasons – but they have not yet done so.

It was noted that the County Council has agreed to look further into the issues of:

- i. Point Road – mudslide – request to channel water / mud off the highway before it can reach the houses on The Brig.
- ii. Road signs at the exit to the Summer Road – DONE.
- iii. Speed bump at Coldstream – to calm traffic speed.
- iv. Road markings at the disabled car park – agreed but not yet implemented.

It was noted that the grass in the Summer Road needs to be mowed and the Clerk was asked to request the County Council's attention.

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

- d. **Village maintenance issues** – the meeting reviewed the task list from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Council and noted:

- i. Slipway repairs – DONE.
- ii. Planter – Mr Morgan to review / report.

Action: Mr Morgan to review / report to next meeting.

iii. Regrassing of bald patches on sea front – to await suitable opportunity.

Action: Mr Reynolds to deal and confirm to next meeting.

iv. Road sweeping / flap drains – no response from County Council.

Action: Clerk to remind PCC and report to next meeting.

v. Path by Henry VII Stone – no response from County Council.

Action: Clerk to remind PCC and report to next meeting.

vi. Replacement plants – the Clerk was authorised to purchase 5 replacement plants at a cost of £7.99 each.

Action: Clerk to arrange purchase and confirm to next meeting.

vii. Fence Meadow Vale / Meadow – no response from County Council.

Action: Clerk to remind PCC and report to next meeting.

viii. Walls at Castle Way – Castle Estate confirm that these will be done in due course.

ix. Stones – dinghy park – Mr Morgan to review / report to next meeting.

Action: Mr Morgan to review and report to next meeting.

x. Temporary fencing on sea front – DONE.

e. Broadband issues – the Deputy Clerk and Mr Rogers reported on the meeting that they had attended on behalf of the Community Council arranged by Rt Hon S Crabbe MP between representatives of Community Councils and the Director of BT Superfast Broadband. The meeting clarified:

i. Fibre to the premises – is the plan for Dale, but it requires new infrastructure in the form of fibre connections to individual properties. It will probably incur an initial installation cost to the subscriber in addition to an increased monthly charge.

ii. Benefit of fibre – include the fastest possible Broadband speeds and less prone to problems due to corrosion. Can also carry voice telephone if the subscriber chooses to opt for this.

iii. When will it happen – not for another year.

iv. Will all premises benefit – not clear, but unlikely to benefit premises outside the village – e.g. farms – and the further the premises are from the exchange, the less likely.

It was agreed that a report should be made to Peninsular Papers in order to explain the position to residents in a form which is more prominent than the usual report of the Community Council meeting

Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange report in Peninsular Papers and confirm to next meeting.

- f. **Slipway / beach / pontoon issues** – it was noted that the village had been busy over the half-term holiday season, but no serious issues had been reported on slipway, beach or pontoon. Issues that were noted include:
- i. Boat blocking on the pontoon- probably slightly better for the markings, but not a complete cure
 - ii. Crabbers vs. Boats – no incidents were reported.
 - iii. Repairs to slipway – DONE.
- g. **“Brown signs” for the village** – it was noted that the Clerk has asked the County Council for advice, but this has not been received. The Clerk was asked to remind the County Council.

Action: Clerk to remind PCC and report to next meeting.

7. **Storage box repairs** – it was noted that the Yacht Club has submitted an invoice in the sum of £33.96 for the shared cost of repairs to the storage box caused by its pre-existing condition at the time of the lease. It was agreed that there is no evidence that the Community Council is responsible for this cost and that the account should not be paid by the Community Council.

Action: Clerk to notify Dale Yacht Club and confirm to next meeting.

8. **County Council Matters** – Cllr Owens reported that the business of the County Council has continued during the past month. The issue of merger seems to have receded from the forefront of considerations – to be replaced by increased attention to ways and means for local authorities to share resources. It was noted, however, that the new County Council Monitoring Officer is planning to hold a joint meeting with Community Councillors in the Coastlands area to explain regulatory matters.

9. Planning matters.

- a. 139, Castle Way – amended application – it was noted that the applicants have amended their plans to eliminate the proposed windows in the east elevation. This is in line with the Community Council observations at the site meeting.
- b. 4. Coastguard Cottages, St Ann’s Head – it was noted that the Clerk, as instructed at the last meeting, confirmed to PCNPA that the Community Council has no objection to the proposed development.
- c. Meadow Lodge, 133 Castle Way, Dale – it was noted that, at a site meeting which took place on 13th June, 2016 it had been decided that the proposed development is not overlarge or more prominent than the building’s prominent position, but that it could result in neighbouring property being overlooked and that it is not in keeping with the neighbouring buildings in the Crescent, which form a coherent group of buildings with shared architecture and some historical significance. The Clerk was asked to report to PCNPA accordingly.

Action: Clerk to respond to PCNPA and confirm to next meeting.

10. Finance.

- a. **Receipts** - Nil
- Payments** - £251.85 – Zurich Insurance – meeting 23-5-2016 7(d)
£10.00 – Dale Forum – meeting 23-5-2016 4(k)

N.B. It was noted that the Clerk had been authorised to purchase replacement flowers for the area of Henry VII Stone - £39.95.

- b. **Balance** - £1,650 approx
- c. **Bank account signing arrangements** – the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Clerk and Deputy Clerk signed the necessary application forms and asked the Deputy Clerk to submit them.

Action: Deputy Clerk to apply and report to next meeting.

- d. **Insurance renewal** – it was noted that the insurance policy has been renewed, the premium has been paid and the policy is in place.
- e. **Audit progress report** – the Clerk confirmed that the Audit Return and its supporting documents has been signed and submitted to the External Auditor.
- f. **Spending proposals** – the meeting reviewed to Budget Documents (updated) and the proposals for spending put forward by the Deputy Clerk. It was that the following grants should be made:
 - a. Coronation Hall - £250.00
 - b. Cemetery grant - £250.00
 - c. Peninsular Papers - £50.00

Action: Clerk / Dep. Clerk to arrange payments and report to the next meeting.

11. Correspondence – nil.

12. Any other businesses – it was agreed that the Clerk / Deputy Clerk should review the format of the Agenda to reduce the number of repetitive items.

Action: Clerk / Deputy Clerk to review and report to next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting.

The Clerk to make progress reports by 18th July, 2016 and arrange a meeting if required.