

**DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
AT
THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE.
ON
6TH JULY, 2015.
AT
1900HRS.**

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

In attendance: Mr R Bennett (Item 1 only); Ms T Gorringe (Item 1 only); Ms S Kenny (Item 1 only); Dr J Mecklenburgh.

Apologies for absence: Mr P Garnish; Cllr R Owens; Mr M Reynolds.

- 1. Events review – rowing race Dale / Haverfordwest – 1st August, 2015** – the meeting welcomed Mr R Bennett, Ms T Gorringe and Ms S Kenny (the organisers of the event) who reported on their arrangements for the Marathon Rowing Race scheduled to start from Dale on 1st August, 2015. It was confirmed that the organisers of the event are aware of the pressures that can exist on the Dale sea front in August – especially if the weather is fine and especially in the knowledge that there is a wedding in the village on that date. It is anticipated that there will be about 23 boats (about 160 people) taking part, of which 2 boats have reported that they intend to arrive on Friday, 31st July, 2015 (arrangements have been made by Dale Rowing Club to park the boats in the Meadow overnight while the crews stay at Point Farm). It is planned that the schedule for Saturday, 1st August, 2015 should be as follows:
 - i. Arrival of competitors – 1300 / 1500hrs.
 - ii. Unload boats from trailers - done by the crews on the road along the sea front under supervision of the 8 marshals who will manage the operation and the traffic flow. This operation should take no more than 7 minutes per boat, after which each boat will be carried to the beach by the crew and left on the beach until shortly before the start of the race. (NB some boats from Milford Haven will be towed in and will not arrive by road)
 - iii. Parking – very little parking is thought to be required. Most crews will arrive on the vehicle bringing the trailer, which will leave immediately after unloading and drive to Haverfordwest. There may be some supporters with cars, but it is more likely that they will select a viewing point elsewhere on the course.
 - iv. Registration and crew briefing – 1300 / 1530hrs at The Jubilee Suite / the Green.
 - v. Launch – 1530hrs from the beach where the boats have been left – the tide will be coming in
 - vi. Start – about 1600hrs – except two outrigger style boats which are scheduled to start at about 1630hrs.
 - vii. Clear up – will start as soon as the last boat has left, with the intention of leaving the place as they found it.

The Meeting thanked the organisers for their report and wished them well for the event. It is the intention that the Community Council will review the events of the day and supply feedback to the organisers – as they do for all such events which impact on the village and the community of Dale - with the intention that future such events can learn / improve from the experience, to the benefit of the

village, the businesses and the event itself. It was pointed out that there would be a preference to hold this event on a date away from the peak of the tourism season – if this can be fitted into the demands of time / tide and other demands of the schedule.

Action: ALL to observe / review events of the day and provide feedback at next meeting.

[Mr Bennett, Ms Gorringe and Ms Kenny left the meeting]

2. **Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th June, 2015** – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th June, 2015 were agreed as a correct record.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Progress Reports.**

- a. **Sewerage smells** – it was noted that there has been no complaint of odours since the last meeting – although, at the meeting, there was comment about a “faint whiff” on Saturday afternoon (27th June, 2015). The DCWW monthly report was reviewed and it was noted that the weekly inspections continue (with nothing adverse noted) and that the work of sealing the manholes should be complete by the end of August, 2015.

Action: Clerk / ALL to monitor and report ALL incidents to DCWW

Flooding in the meadow – it was noted that the puddle in the meadow has been tested and found to be saline – i.e. not treated, DCWW water or product. The County Council have reported that they are investigating the source of the ingress concentrating their attention on the storm drain exit in the sea wall adjacent to The Griffin. The flap valve will be removed on 23rd August, 2015 and replaced the next day by County Council staff

Action: Clerk / ALL to monitor and review at next meeting.

Paul Davies AM – it was noted that the Clerk has sent a letter to Mr Davies AM thanking him for his continuing interest and efforts in connection with this nuisance.

- b. **Village maintenance issues** – it was noted that the Clerk has reminded to Castle Estate of the outstanding issues that remain to be dealt with. There has not yet been a response.

Mowing – it was noted that the contractors seem to be getting on top of the mowing requirements and that the standard is now less bad – although it was noted that the sea front has been scalped in places.

- c. **One way system issues** – it was noted that there have been reports of abuse of the one way system at Castle Way by residents at the East end of the one way system. The Clerk was instructed to report the nuisance to the police in the usual way and to notify these residents. Also, incidents have been reported at the Brook Cottage entrance to the village

Action: Clerk to report to police and residents and confirm to next meeting.

- d. **Road markings at car park exit** – it was noted that the County Council has now reported that posts for the signs have started to go in, the signs are being manufactured and the works are expected to take place on 13th July, 2015.

Action: Clerk / ALL to monitor.

- e. **Flood gate issues** – it was noted that the hand over of the flood gates is complete, but that the distribution of the additional keys has not been completed (a key was handed to Mr Truelove).

Action: Clerk to finalise key handover and confirm to next meeting.

Box – it was noted that the Clerk has prepared and sent to the Yacht Club a DRAFT agreement covering their use of the box and reserving the right of the Community Council to take it back if it becomes necessary. It was suggested that a clause should be added preventing the use of the box for the storage of fuel, flammable materials or noxious substances and the Clerk agreed to send out an amendment.

Action: Clerk to DRAFT and send to DYC and confirm to next meeting.

- f. **Beach / pontoon issues** – it was noted that the poor performance of rubbish collection from the top of the slipway has been reported to the County Council. The initial response was dismissive, but there has been no report of repeated problems (nor has there been a busy, bank holiday weekend).

Action: ALL to monitor and review at next meeting.

Stripes on the pontoon – Dale Sailing Co Ltd have advised that they will not be able to do this work due to pressure of work.

Long stay boats – fewer problems have been reported although the Chairman confirmed that he has spoken to one boat owner, who seems to have desisted.

Action: ALL to monitor and review at next meeting.

- g. **Disabled access issues** – it was noted that there has been no progress with the re-marking of the notices at the disabled car park and the Clerk was asked to remind the County Council.

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

- h. **Benches** – it was noted that the planning authorities are insisting on the full process of pre-planning before commenting on the proposal to replace the wooden bench with a concrete / slate faced one. It was noted that all progress is stalled pending this decision and the Clerk was asked to go ahead with the process.

Action: Clerk to apply for pre-planning and report to next meeting.

i. Events review – 2015:

- a. Marathon rowing race – 1st August, 2015** – see Item 1 above.
- b. August Bank Holiday – PCRC Regatta** – it was noted that the usual sailing events will take place on Saturday and Sunday only (not Monday) with a dinner at the Yacht Club on Saturday evening. It is anticipated that the organisers will cease to control events from Sunday afternoon, but no difficulty is anticipated with this event.
- c. August Bank Holiday – fundraising events** – it was noted that the Saturday events at “The Village Hall” are to raise funds for the RNLI with events starting at about 1400hrs, followed by Caribbean Party from 2100hrs. On the Sunday, there will be further fundraising events (for the local youth groups/ play area) through the day based at “The Village Hall” ending with live music from 1800hrs. Both evening events have arranged the (now) usual security patrol by Gwyn which has in recent years been successful in reducing / preventing the nuisances that plagued the event in earlier years. The events are being organised by Ms Sian Mathias / the Griffin Inn who are responsible for licencing. No difficulties are anticipated with these events.
- d. Church Fete – Friday, 24th July, 2015** – using the Coronation Hall / Jubilee Suite and the Green in front for the usual fundraising events from 1600hrs to 1800 with raft racing from the beach to follow. The organisation / organisers / events are the same as last year and no problems are anticipated. No alcoholic refreshments will be provided.
- e. Dale Yacht Club Regatta – Sunday 23rd August, 2015** – based at the Yacht Club and their slipway, the organisation and management is unchanged from last year and no problems are anticipated.
- f. Dale Half Marathon – Sunday 27th September, 2015** – the organisers (Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club) have confirmed that the organisation, set up , clear up etc will be the same as last year, including an application to close the road outside the Boathouse (with marshalled two way operation of South Street) which will be made to the County Council in the usual way. No problems are anticipated.
- g. Coastland Local History Group – propeller – 304 Polish Squadron – Wednesday 12th August, 2015 - 1530 / 1730hrs** – about 100 people have been invited to an invitation-only event – half an hour in the Old Stable Heritage Centre, followed by tea in the Coronation Hall. The organisers recognise that parking may be an issue even on a Wednesday in August, but the Castle Estate have agreed to open the Meadow for supplementary parking for participants if there is a problem.
- j. Grit bins – maintenance** – it was noted that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk have inspected the bins and their contents which are all in good condition except the one in front of the Yacht Club, the lid of which appears to have become distorted / leaking. The Deputy Clerk has made a temporary repair, removed the water and secured the lid with a padlock (the key of which he has given to the Moorings, with a copy retained by him).
- k. Regulatory compliance** – it was noted that the loading of data onto the website remains incomplete and the Clerk / Deputy Clerk and Mr Garnish were asked to rectify the position as soon as possible and confirm to the next meeting.

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

- l. The Gann – bait digging** – it was noted that MHPA has agreed to label the beach with a less confusing name – probably Jubilee.
- m. Flowers on the green** – it was noted that purchase of the replacement flowers has been arranged by Mrs Warlow who will plant them. The meeting thanked Mrs Warlow and

authorised the Clerk to arrange payment to the St Ishmaels Garden Centre in the sum of £34.96.

Action: Clerk to arrange payment and confirm to the next meeting.

6. County Council Issues – in the absence of Cllr Owens there was no report on recent activities at County Hall, but Mr Morgan reported on his discussions with Mr Paul Davies AM at his recent “surgery” - which Mr Morgan attended in his private capacity. Among the items discussed were

- a. One way system abuse – in particular the problem around the entrance to the village at Brook Cottage. Mr Davies AM agreed to raise the issue with Mr Westley – Head of the Highways Dept at the County Council.
- b. Exit to the car park – Mr Davies AM noted that the promised works had not yet started and agreed to speak to Mr Westley – raising also the issue of the raised bump which has been left out of the scheme for reasons of cost saving.
- c. Footpath Dale / Jubilee – it was noted that this is “on the list” of items for County Council development, but, with the grass growing / delayed cutting, pedestrians are being forced into the middle of the road – a hazard. Mr Davies AM agreed to raise this with Mr Westley. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to press for early mowing.

Action: Clerk to request early mowing and confirm to next meeting.

- d. Reorganisation of County Council – both Mr Davies and the County Council oppose plans to recreate Dyfed or to merge with Carmarthen, but may not be able to do anything to prevent it.

7. Planning Matters.

- a. **149 Castle Way, Dale** – it was noted that, following a site meeting on 4th July, 2015, the Clerk was instructed to notify PCNPA that there is no objection to the proposed development.
- b. **Others** – nil.

8. Finance.

a. Receipts – NIL

Payments – NIL

It was noted that payments of £34.96 (to St Ishmaels Nursery) and £25.00 to Cleddau Press Ltd (Beach User Guide) have been agreed by the Community Council and will be made in the coming period.

b. Balance - £850.65 (approx).

It was noted that the second instalment of the Precept (£550.00) will be received at the end of August, 2015 – before the next meeting of the Community Council

Others – it was noted that there has not yet been any response from the External Auditor.

9. Correspondence – NIL

10. Any Other Business – NIL

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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