

**DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
AT
THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE.
ON
7th MARCH, 2016.
AT
1900HRS.**

Present: Mr L Jones (Chairman); Mr P Garnish; Mr M Reynolds; Mr A Truelove; Mrs T Warlow (Items 1-8 only); Mr H Bishop (Clerk); Mr D Nockels (Deputy Clerk).

In attendance: P.C. J Dunn (Item 1 only); Ms P Khamidullina; Cllr R Owens.

Apologies for absence: Mr P Morgan.

- 1. Police – annual review / report – P.C. J Dunn** – the Chairman welcomed P.C. Dunn to the meeting and P.C. Dunn joined in a review of issues arising in / around Dale during the past year including:

- a. One way system abuse – Brook Cottage** – it was noted that an incident on 25th March 2016 involving a County Council van had been reported to the Police who had been asked to remind the Transport Manager of the County Council of the requirement to observe the traffic regulations. It was noted that, although the Police are willing to remind offenders wherever the offender can be identified, no more satisfactory action is available unless the Police themselves observe the offence. It was to be hoped that such reminder will help to reduce the number of incidents. It was noted that the Community Council had contacted the managers of Dale Fort to ask them to ensure that their clients do not use coaches that cannot negotiate the one way system and it was suggested that, on occasion when such a vehicle does have difficulty (whether Dale Fort or farm vehicles) the operator should contact the police to ask for an escort.

Action: Clerk to remind Dale FSC and confirm to next meeting.

- b. Rave prevention measures** – it was noted that the season of Bank Holidays and enhanced risk of “spontaneous events” is approaching. In previous years the Police have instituted a programme of enhanced patrols and visibility in the area and the residents have been asked to be alert to spot unusual vehicles or vehicles / persons behaving in a suspicious fashion. It was agreed that the Police should review / implement their plans for the coming season.

**Action: Police to review plans for the coming season.
Clerk to remind residents in Peninsular papers.**

- c. Fuel theft** – it was noted that there had been several incidents of fuel theft from the Old Lighthouse on St Ann’s Head, despite CCTV security equipment. It was noted that this is a remote location and that policing is difficult.
- d. Mud on the roads** – it was noted that there have been a number of reports / complaints about the mud on the road at / around the Capestone turkey farm fields. These complaints should be addressed to the County Council Highway Authority, who will report the

matter to the Police who will (and do) take the matter up with the farm managers – who have their own road sweeping equipment and can use it to clear the problem when they wish. The Clerk was asked to report in Peninsular Papers to ensure that residents understand and exercise the process.

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

e. Fly tipping – it was noted that there has been a build up at / around the West Blockhouse.

Action: Clerk to alert residents via Peninsular Papers.

f. Lamping incidents – recent incidents of lamping on farm land around Hayguard Hay and St Ann’s Head were noted. It is thought that the perpetrators were from Milford Haven, but vehicle numbers / other identification was not possible. It was agreed that the Police should be alert to this problem which seems to be growing. It was agreed that residents should be alerted.

**Action: Clerk to report in Peninsular papers.
Police to be alert.**

g. Regular Patrols – it was noted (with thanks) that the Police continue to provide patrols in the area and that the Rural Neighbourhood Police Team are visible, however it was noted that incidents of fuel theft, fly tipping, lamping, together with the seasonal risk of spontaneous events emphasise the continuing need for patrols / surgeries to ensure that the police are a visible presence in the area.

Action: Police to maintain / enhance patrols / surgeries.

h. Events programme for 2016 – the Clerk was asked to draw up a list of planned events for 2016 and pass it to the Police so that they can ensure that these are taken into account by the Police in planning their patrols.

Action: Clerk to report to the Police and confirm to next meeting.

The meeting thanked P.C. Dunn for his attendance and for his helpful and positive contribution to the discussions. P.C. Dunn left the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15TH February, 2016 – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th February, 2016 were agreed as a correct record and it was agreed that the Minutes should be placed on the website.

Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange with website.

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 stinks issues** – the report of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) for the month of January, 2016 was noted – nothing adverse noted. However, the report for February, 2016 has not yet been received and the Clerk was asked to circulate this when it becomes available.

Action: Clerk to circulate and confirm to next meeting.

It was noted that, following on from their email message of 15th January, 2016, DCWW has reported that they consider that there is no connection between the “peaks” of reported stinks incidents and the peaks of population linked to tourism. The incidents in 2015 revolved around DCWW rising main odours, which have been resolved. The Clerk has responded expressing the hope that the link is, indeed, mere coincidence but reminding DCWW that patience with this problem has expired.

Action: Clerk to monitor.

It was noted that there has been significant activity around the plant in recent weeks and the Clerk was asked to request a progress report as agreed at the January, 2016 meeting.

Action: Clerk to request from DCWW and report to next meeting.

- b. **One way system abuse** – see Item 1(a) above.

Cemetery corner – it was noted that the Estate has confirmed that they have no objection in principle to selling the necessary slice of land to allow a road widening scheme at this location. The Clerk has so advised the County Council.

Action: Clerk to monitor.

- c. **Village maintenance issues** - it was agreed that the next “Walk-the-Village” event will take place on 18th April, 2016 at 1800hrs starting from the Slipway – immediately preceding the normal meeting of the Community Council. It was noted that the representative of the Estate is not able to participate, but wishes to be fully informed of the deliberations.

Action: ALL to attend Walk-the Village.

Grass cutting – it was noted that the Clerk has asked the County Council for a pre-East cut. The County Council report that this is “in hand”.

Action: Clerk to monitor.

- d. **Car Park issues** – it was noted that the hedges have been cut, but the work of loosening the soil to ease drainage has been passed to the County Council maintenance dept. And

not yet progressed. It was also noted that work of aligning the street and car park regulations / times will not take place this season.

Action: Clerk to remind the County Council and report to next meeting.

- e. **Pontoon – markings / notices** – it was noted that it is planned that the pontoon will be placed before Easter and that the plastic signs and the aluminium backing for them has been acquired and is ready to be installed by Messrs Truelove and Nockels. The cost of the plastic signs was £90.14 which was paid by Mr Nockels – the Clerk was instructed to reimburse the cost to Mr Nockels from Community Council funds. The cost of the aluminium backing was £44.00 which was paid by Mr Truelove – the Clerk was instructed to reimburse the cost to Mr Truelove from Community Council funds.

**Action: Clerk to arrange payment and confirm to next meeting.
Deputy Clerk / Mr Truelove to erect signs and confirm to next meeting.**

Markings on the pontoon – it was noted that the Deputy Clerk and Mr Truelove have identified suitable marking tape and they were authorised to purchase to necessary materials with a budget of £75.00 for this purpose.

Action: Deputy Clerk / Mr Truelove to purchase and report to next meeting.

- f. **Mast, Dale Airfield** – it was noted that Cllr Owens has received a response from the office of the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, from which it is clear that there is little prospect of the Secretary of State reversing the decision to cut off funding for these schemes at the end of March, 2016. It was noted that the mast at Trewarren (S Ishmaels) seems to be going ahead and may be a benefit to Dale.

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

- g. **Broadband issues** – it was noted that there has been no progress on this issue since the last meeting. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should establish contact with Mr Edgington and coordinate efforts with him.

Action: Deputy Clerk to contact providers and report to next meeting.

- h. **Floodgate issues** – the Deputy Clerk reported on his discussions / meeting with the representative of Natural Resources Wales, who has undertaken to review the issues raised - missing circlips, water ingress to the interior of the gates, wear on the seals and deposits of gravel and rock on the sea side of the gates - and propose solutions. The Deputy Clerk was asked to monitor the responses of Natural Resources Wales and to explore the possibility that NRW may provide funding for the cost of stones clearance.

Action: Deputy Clerk to monitor NRW and report to next meeting.

- 6. **Road closures** – it was noted that the proposal to close the road to Milford during the week commencing 7th March, 2016 had been published on the website and on the usual notice boards.

The County Council road surface dressing proposals for 2016 were noted – involving the road 1 St Ann’s Head, Dale Castle Road and Dale Hill Road.

Action: Clerk to report in Peninsular Papers.

7. **Queen Elizabeth II – 90th birthday** – it was noted that the Community Council has been sent sample of the commemorative medal for this event. It was agreed that it is not appropriate for the Community Council to take any action in this respect and the Clerk was asked to offer the sample medal to the Heritage Centre.

Action: Clerk to offer the sample to Heritage Centre.

8. **County Council matters** – the continuing concerns regarding the County Council plans for 6th form education provision were noted, including the proposal that Haverfordwest 6th form provision will be handled by the College rather than by the schools. The range of A levels on offer at Milford Haven School 6th form was noted as a concern – although it was noted that the headmaster at Milford Haven has expressed himself committed to keeping 6th form / A level provision. Cllr Owens agreed to investigate further with the Headmaster of Milford Haven School and report to a later meeting.

[Mrs Warlow left the meeting]

9. **Planning matters**

- a. **Local Development Plan** – it was noted that the latest iteration of the Local Development Plan is being considered and that the affordable housing element of the only development plot in Dale has been reduced from 80% to 30%. However, there seems no likelihood that the landowner will develop this site so it may be removed from the LDP. The Community Councillors were asked to identify alternative sites around Dale, but it was pointed out that much of the village land has been designated as flood plain and is not suitable.
- b. **Others** – nil..

10. Finance.

a. Receipts	-	nil
Payments	-	nil
b. Balance	-	£1,570approx.

N.B. It was noted that payments of £44.00 and £90.14 had been authorised at Item 5(e) above.

- c. **Bank accounts** – the Deputy Clerk confirmed that his application to join the list of approved signatures is being progressed, but it was noted that the authorised signatures in place at the moment are Messrs Jones, Morgan and Bishop.

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

- d. **Audit arrangements** - Mr Copley has agreed to serve as Internal Auditor. However, there has not yet been contact from the new External Auditor.

- 11. Correspondence – nil**
- 12. Any Other Business - nil**

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, 18th APRIL, 2016.

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AFTER THE WALK-THE-VILLAGE REVIEW.