

**DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
AT  
THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE.  
ON  
11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

**Present: Mr L Jones (Chairman); Mr P Garnish; Mr P Morgan; Mr M Reynolds; Mr A Truelove; Mr H Bishop (Clerk).**

**In attendance: none.**

**Apologies for absence: Mrs T Warlow.**

**1. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

It was further noted that the provisions of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 relating to the electronic publication of information came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015.

**4. Progress reports:**

- a. Sewerage smells** – it was noted that investigations by DCWW are continuing and that they have recently identified a source of water ingress in the sewerage pipes which they will repair as soon as possible. It was also noted that there have been reports of a stinks incident on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, but, on investigation (by us) it was noted that the stink had occurred at the same time as the sludge tanker was pumping out the tank. It was agreed that some element of stink is inevitable when these pump outs take place (about once every 4 to 6 weeks), and the Clerk was asked to request that DCWW should try to reschedule the visits of the tanker to take place away from peak times at the open air food outlets – e.g. early morning.

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

It was noted that the office of Mr Paul Davies AM has been in contact with the Clerk to confirm that he has reminded the Minister of this issue and requested that it should be raised at the next liaison meeting with DCWW, which was scheduled to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Mr Davies AM has asked for a note of the relevant part of that meeting which he will pass to the Clerk.

**Action: Clerk to monitor / pass on latest reports/ report to next meeting.**

It was noted that, especially while DCWW is investigating the cause of the problems at their plant, it is important that all incidents (including minor ones or incidents related to the tanker pump outs) must be reported to DCWW so that the findings of the odour detecting equipment can be compared with actual experience.

**Action: Clerk to report in Peninsular Papers.**

- b. Village maintenance issues** – it was noted that there has been no progress on the issues highlighted at the last meeting of the Community Council and the Clerk was asked to contact the relevant persons to request a progress report / and outline of their plans for attending to these issues.

**Action: Clerk to request progress updates and report to next meeting.**

Grass cutting – it was noted that complaints have been received from residents about the poor standard of grass cutting – especially on Meadow Vale. These complaints have been followed up with the County Council Maintenance Department who have undertaken to supervise the next cut by the contractor.

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

- c. One way system issues** – it was noted that the County Council has now reported that an order has been placed for the new / improved road markings, which should be in place “by mid / late June”.

**Action: Clerk to monitor and report to a later meeting.**

- d. Flood gate issues** – it was noted that the structural work is complete and seems to be of satisfactory quality, however, the formal hand over of the gates has not yet taken place. The Clerk was asked to press Natural Resources Wales to finalise the matter.

**Action: Clerk to press NRW and report to the next meeting.**

**Box** – it was noted that no progress has yet been made on the proposed lease of the box and the Clerk was asked to deal with this as soon as possible.

**Action: Clerk to negotiate with Yacht Club and report to the next meeting.**

- e. Beach / pontoon issues** – it was noted that there are preliminary reports that the Blue Flag status of the beach has been retained, but the formal notification is still awaited.

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

It was noted that while the Blue Flag flagpole is not in place the notice of dog restrictions is not in place either. The Clerk was asked to urge the County Council to re-erect the flagpole.

**Action: Clerk to press PCC and report to next meeting.**

- f. **Disabled access issues** – it was noted that progress has been made, but the road markings at the disabled car parking area have not been refreshed.

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

- g. **Benches** – it was noted that the owner of the defunct “JSR” bench has been identified as the Redfern family who have expressed an interest in replacing the bench. It was agreed that Mr Morgan will liaise with the family and seek an estimate for a stone bench, while Mr Garnish will seek estimates from a local supplier of wooden benches. The Clerk will check planning regulations to ensure that there is no objection to the construction of a stone bench.

**Action: Messrs Garnish / Morgan and the Clerk to investigate and report to next meeting.**

- h. **Events – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015 – review** – it was noted that the proposed rowing race was cancelled due to bad weather, but the Clerk was asked to identify the organisers of this event and to protest at the lack of any consultation with the Dale community in the planning of this event.

**Action: Clerk to identify and protest to organisers / seek consultations for future events.**

**EnduranceLife event** – passed off without problems. The organisers have asked to repeat the event next year and the Clerk was asked to confirm that the Community Council is not aware of any objections, but to urge the maintenance of the same high standards of organisation.

**Action: Clerk to respond and confirm to a later meeting.**

- i. **Grit bins** – it was noted that maintenance of these items / removal of rubbish and water is the responsibility of the Community Council.

**Action: Clerk to check bins and report to next meeting.**

- j. **Street parking** – it was noted that the Clerk has pointed out to the County Council the discrepancy between the road signs and the regulations. There has been no response.

- k. **Regulatory compliance** – it was noted that the new regime of the Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 and that the Clerk is required to comply:

- i. **Website** – Mr Garnish confirmed that he will load the required information – including contact details of Community Council, details of Councillors (name, contact arrangements and office held on the Community Council), Agenda, Minutes and papers of AGM and Community Council meetings and the Audited Accounts onto the designated (and protected) Community Council section of the Dale village website – starting with the Minutes of the AGM held in May, 2014 and the Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

- ii. **Declarations of Interest** – the Clerk reminded the meeting of the requirement to place the Register of Interests onto the website and the Members supplied updated entries for loading.

**Action: Mr Garnish to load onto website and confirm to next meeting.**

- iii. **Others** – the Clerk is reviewing the requirements of the Act in order to identify other documents etc that need to be loaded onto the website.

**Action: Clerk to review and report to a later meeting.**

**5. County Council Matters** - no report was made.

**6. Planning matters** – none.

**7. Finance.**

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| <b>a. Receipts</b> | - | <b>£550.00</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of Precept. |
| <b>Payments</b>    | - | <b>Nil.</b>   |

At the request of the Clerk, the Community Council authorised the Clerk to arrange the following payments:

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| i. Coronation Hall – grant | - | £250.00 |
| ii. Cemetery – grant       | - | £250.00 |
| iii. Insurance premium     | - | £243.80 |
| iv. Peninsular Papers      | - | £ 50.00 |

**Action: Clerk to arrange payments and confirm to next meeting.**

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| <b>b. Balance</b> | - | <b>£1,644.45</b> |
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N.B. After payments above the balance should be £850.65.

N.B. Next instalment of Precept - £550.00 – is due in August, 2015.

8. **Annual General Meeting – review** – it was noted that the Annual general Meeting which had taken place immediately before this meeting had appointed the following Officers to the Community Council - Mr L Jones – Chairman; Mr P Morgan – Deputy Chairman; Mr H Bishop – Clerk.

It was noted that the AGM had approved the accounts and noted the report of the Internal Auditor and the Clerk and the Chairman were authorised to sign and submit the Annual Audit Return to the External Auditor.

**Action: Chairman / Clerk to sign and submit Audit Return and confirm to next meeting.**

It was noted that the Clerk has given notice that he wishes to be replaced at the next Annual General Meeting. He was asked to confirm and report the process for advertising / appointing a replacement Clerk.

**Action: Clerk to investigate and report to next meeting.**

**9. Correspondence - Nil.**

**10 Any other Business - Nil.**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE:**

**8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015.**

**AT**

**THE JUBILEE SUITE**

**AT**

**1900HRS**