

Dale Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

10th May 2022 at 7pm in the Coronation Hall

1. Present

Peter Morgan (PM)(Vice Chair), Paul Garnish (PG), Lyn Jones (LJ)(Chair), Mark Reynolds(MR), Daniel Jones (DJ), Chris Millership(CM), Francesca Jones (RFO)

Apologies

None

2. Declaration of Interest

CM – Item 8 Planning Matters

3. Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th March 2022 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

4. Matters arising

a. The Clerk has sourced one quote so far for a sign suitable for the end of the beach to alert the public to the rules for dogs when they walk along the seashore. A rough cost of an A2 sign was £40 plus VAT. Councillors eventually decided on purchasing a sign slightly larger than A2 to make sure it is visible from the wall they wish to attach it to. Clerk agreed to get an exact quote and to report back to confirm the purchase. It was suggested that 'Blue Flag Beach' was put at the bottom of the sign in a hope that the public understand the need to adhere to the dog rules at the Black Rock end of the beach. The Clerk was asked to check that Dale have indeed received their Blue Flag status this year.

Action – Clerk to get quotes to present to the Council and to ask Gary Nicholas about the Blue Flag.

b. Clerk reported that Welsh Water had replied about the broken hazard at the waste water outlet in the sea. They had informed the clerk that an investigation at low water, which happened to be the next day- April 1st, would be carried out and that they would give an update by April 29th however nothing had been received. Cllrs thought it best to pass this on to the Port Authority and notify the Harbour Master of the issue.

Action – Clerk to forward the correspondence to the Harbour Master.

5. Broadway

The Clerk had received the following update from Anne Peters:

“Things have been progressing well, and we have build well underway in Dale Village, Marloes and Talbenny, with St Ishmaels soon to follow. I am still waiting for a more detailed update from our Operations team which I need to for my update to residents in the community. As soon as I get my hands on it, I will forward across to you as well.”

The Clerk had spoken to Patrick Hanon of PCC earlier in the week about another matter and he had informed her that once the works at Mullock had been carried out, that 200 homes in the Dale Project Area would then be able to be connected within a matter of weeks. He assured her that things are moving much more quickly now and that there is work underway to connect a pole by the Yacht Club to the exchange at the top of the village. Councillors had, as residents, received an email hours before the meeting from Broadway’s CEO, however once again, it was very vague with no promise of any dates for connections. PM asked that Reg Owens is approached to push PCC for answers.

Action – Clerk to email Reg Owens

6. Parking

No license to plant the bushes has been received still and so this cannot go ahead to try and prevent the parking on the grass areas. Marc Owen sent a brief update before the meeting explaining that bollards have been sourced to trial the new layout in the car park and that Alistair would update as soon as he was back from Easter leave, no update has yet been received.

Councillors discussed the area behind the Boathouse as it is one of the worst areas for parking problems, even though there are doubly yellow lines. Most vehicles are parked the other side of the footpath on the grass which people believe is ok – this is not the case however and anywhere that has crossed a dyl means they can be fined. John Reynolds had been in talks with PM about using some large stones until the bushes can be planted to try and deter the problem, especially after a car slid down the bank and caused costly damage to the fence. It was agreed that the stones should be placed asap right the way from the junction to the Boathouse along to the entrance to the boat yard.

Action – DJ and MR to liaise with John Reynolds and install the stones.

PG noted that the newly turned over area at the end of the summer road has had one of the wooden bollards hit by a vehicle. He observed that they are not easy to see, especially once night falls and that perhaps they need something reflective added to them.

Action – Clerk to email Marc Owen to inform him.

7. Highways

Clerk has had a response from the double yellow line proposal that was sent to County. It reads:

“Your e-mail requesting the consideration of double yellow lines along Castle Way Dale has been passed to us in the Traffic Section.

In order to consider restrictions, we would need to be satisfied that there is a parking problem in the area and will monitor this location. We only carry out two waiting restriction reviews per year, so this location will be added to the list of outstanding requests.

By having a quick look on Google maps, it seems that sections of these adjoining roads are quite narrow, and therefore if any vehicle was to park on them they would be causing an obstruction as nothing would get through so restrictions on the narrower sections is unlikely to benefit. An obstruction issue would need to be referred to the Police as they are the only Authority with power to move a vehicle.”

Councillors were unhappy with this response, noting that looking on google maps was hardly going to give the full picture of the problem and that someone should at the least, have been sent to do a thorough investigation. The Clerk noted that the images used to mark the proposal, which were taken from google maps, had cars in the satellite images in two of the three problem areas. The police had been involved in a couple of similar situations previously and they were pretty unhelpful in being able to resolve the issue.

An update from Emrys Llewelyn had been requested on May 5th but no response had come back.

It was agreed that now the elections are over, William Bramble should be invited down to meet, as was suggested by Reg Owens at a previous meeting. It was also agreed that Emrys Llewelyn and Darren Thomas be invited to attend the meeting as well to discuss the ongoing list of outstanding actions around the village.

PM asked where things were regarding the speed sign, and it was agreed that the sign is something that is wanted.

A letter has been drafted to send to the Fort about the issues of previous meetings, which will be circulated for comments and then sent.

Action – Clerk to contact WB, EL and DT to invite them down to a meeting. Clerk to look in to the options for funding of the speed sign.

8. Planning Matters

The planning application for 5 Woodside has been taken to Committee and an email has been sent to the Clerk to ask if any of the Councillors wish to speak at the committee meeting. LJ and PM agreed to attend.

Action – Clerk to contact the necessary person to book LJ and PM in to attend.

9. Platinum Jubilee

Finding coins for the children had proved more difficult than first thought, mainly because companies would only accept orders of a minimum of 50, well above what would be needed for Dale. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that an area in front of the Henry Tudor stone would be planted up with flower and plants that will come back year on year, and that the village children would be invited to plant the area in memory of the Jubilee. It was hoped that the children would appreciate helping with this and remember doing so every year. The Councillors agreed on a maximum of £500 to be spent on this, which should be covered by the drop in money put away for elections.

There are no plans for an event for the Jubilee in the village. There is a very large sailing event taking place in Dale over the bank holiday weekend.

Action – Clerk to liaise with Simon from the Garden Centre to pick the most appropriate plants for what is required and to feed back before purchasing.

10. Finance

May 2022

Receipts/Expenditure/Balance

Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (01/03/22) £1,625.37

Expenditure £53.00 Seagull Sacks
 £50.00 One Voice Wales

Income £1,400.00 Precept

Closing Balance (30/04/22) £2,922.37

Business Premium

Opening Balance (07/03/22) £3,004.21

Income £0.07 Interest

Closing Balance (30/04/22) £3,004.28

Totals:

Community/Current £2,922.37

Business Premium £3,004.28

Payments to be issued today:

Clerk wages (Dec,Jan,Feb,Mar) £600.00

Zurich Insurance £257.60

Total cash held: £42.40

All were happy to issue the payments.

11. County Council Matters

None

12. Correspondence

a) An email from a member of the public who had visited Dale and the Gann was received by the Clerk. They had asked if it was possible to ban crabbing in the area because they had found an awful lot of fishing/crabbing line in the area whilst picking up rubbish on their walk. The Councillors noted the email and wished to offer thanks to the lady for the efforts of litter picking. It was noted that, as with most beaches, there is some debris from fishing/crabbing, mainly fishing wire and discarded tackle, but it was felt that this was not a major issue that needed following up at present.

Action – Clerk to write back

13. Date for the next meeting

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 28th June at 7pm in the Coronation Hall, Dale.

Meeting was closed at 8.51 pm.