

# **Dale Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale**

### **1. Present**

Lyn Jones (LJ)(Chair), Peter Morgan (PM)(Vice Chair), Daniel Jones (DJ), Paul Garnish (PG)

Francesca Jones (RFO)

### **Apologies**

Chris Millership (CM)

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

LJ and DJ item 9ii

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

### **4. Matters arising**

**a.** Annual village maintenance day was once again a great success. Many willing volunteers turned up to help with various jobs including weeding, pruning, tidying, litter picking, sweeping, sawing, coffee making and mowing. The tree that overhangs the road at Castle Way from the meadow was cut back to ease the pressure on large farm machinery getting passed parked cars and the stones were placed along the grass verge behind the Boathouse. Dwr Cymru was contacted to point out the unsafe and unsightly area behind the public toilets and have been asked to make the area safe as soon as possible.

**b.** Plaque for Jubilee Border – No quote was ever received from Inigo Jones and so it was agreed to go ahead with a plaque sourced online. The wording for this was finalised.

**Action - Clerk to confirm price via email and order online.**

**c.** Letter to businesses – the letter was looked at and a final draft was agreed on.

**Action – Clerk to send out to the relevant businesses.**

## **5. Village Matters**

i. Clerk fed back a brief overview of the meeting held with Mr Will Bramble, CEO of PCC back in March. The meeting was very successful with several points put to Mr Bramble. He was very understanding of the issues facing the village and seemed to take on board the points that were made. The main questions asked were:

- Does Dale represent a Tourist Destination for Pembrokeshire to be proud of, bright, clean, colourful, welcoming?
- Is Dale seen as being an important part of the council's plans and priorities?
- Do requests get answered when we ask for help?
- Does Dale get value for money from income generated?
- What gets spent on Dale?

The main points of discussion were:

- Public toilets
- Carparking and enforcement
- Second homes and the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant

Following this meeting, the Clerk, Chairman and CM attended an online meeting with Katie Daly of PCC regarding the upcoming closure of the Public Toilets. The outcome of this, which was suggested by Mr. Bramble, was that there could be a way to keep the toilets open and funded from the income of the car park. Katie was going to look into this and report back.

**Action – Clerk to chase Katie for an update.**

ii. King's Coronation – Clerk has heard from Marloes & St. Brides who are proposing money be sent to the local School to be put towards a bench or tree to mark the Coronation. Councillors noted that this would not include ALL children in Dale as some attend other schools in the county, it also would not include the secondary age children. A clock for the front of the Coronation Hall was something that was suggested and it was agreed to find out roughly how much this could cost.

**Action – Clerk to look for rough prices of a suitable clock.**

## **6. Parking**

PG noted that since the rocks have been placed behind the Boathouse, he has noticed that hardly any vehicles have parked over the DYL/footpath, as he can see the area from his property. Others agreed that so far, it seems to have had an effect. The area over by the crescent is getting worse and has now been churned up enough for a range rover to be able to park completely off the road. It was noted that it is still the intention of Dale Castle Estate to reinstate the grass here and install bollards, once K Krelle has finished the building works on a property in the crescent.

## 7. Highways

20mph information has begun to be circulated in preparation for the rollout.

## 8. Planning Matters

NP/22/0699/FUL – 3 Coastguard Cottages, St. Anne’s Head – No decision from parks has been made yet

NP/23/0144/FUL – 71 Blue Anchor Way – Councillors met to review this application and agreed to give their support.

## 9. Financial Report

### i. April 2023

#### Receipts/Expenditure/Balance

##### Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (12/01/23) £824.74

Expenditure £0.00

Income £0.00

Closing Balance (02/04/23) £824.74

##### Business Premium

Opening Balance (30/12/22) £3507.44

Income £ 4.35 Interest

Closing Balance (02/04/23) £3511.79

#### **Totals:**

Community/Current £ 824.74

Business Premium £3511.79

#### **Payments to be issued today:**

£600.00 Clerk’s Wages (Dec – March)

£54.00 One Voice Wales

£226.00 Audit 21-22

The payment for OVW has been decided to put on hold until the Clerk can clarify what it is that OVW supports and offers to the Community Council. If Councillors are happy with the answer, then the payment was agreed to be made.

#### **ii. Clerk salary 2023/2024**

The pay scale was consulted, and Councillors agreed that the Clerk should move up to SCP 12 following the April 2022 amount as the figures for this year will not be released until a few months' times. The new salary for the year 2023/2024 is £1985.88 and will be paid in three instalments as usual, one of £665.88, and two of £660.00.

#### **13. County Council Matters**

None

#### **14. Correspondence**

Hospital Survey – Booklets containing information on the 3 new proposed sites for the new hospital have been received. It was agreed to post the information in PP and on the

**Action – Clerk to post information to social media page and put in PP**

#### **15. Date for the next meeting**

The next meeting will be during May, a date will be set as soon as it is known what dates in May are free.

**Meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.**