

Dale Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

22nd May 2023 at 7.20pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale

1. Present

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

Francesca Jones (RFO)

MOP – Nial Watkins Rees, Jonathon Aylett, Jeremy and Sarajane Arden.

Apologies

None

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held 12th April 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th April 2023 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

4. Matters arising

i. Public Toilets – It seems that the closure of public toilets in the County may now be on hold due to an investigation into the matter which has been raised in cabinet. It was reported that they may now be funded until March 24 although nothing official has come to the Clerk. No further information from Katie Daly has been sent either.

ii. The Clerk has asked Simon at the garden centre for advice about a clock to commemorate the King's Coronation. He suggested that anything he may be able to source would not be hardy enough to withstand the elements. He suggested asking Ben Caddey for advice as he runs a laser fabricating business and makes signage etc from metal. It was suggested to also ask Sandra Duncan who used to run Time Is, as she may be able to help point us in the right direction.

Action - Clerk to ask Ben Caddey and Sandra Duncan.

5. Village Matters

i. Parking permits – Staff/Residents

Since addressing the parking in South Street, the Clerk reported that only one business has given any feedback. They said that staff who may only come to work for 3 or 4 hours a day would be left with very little once they have paid for the carpark and that paying for permits for the season would be too much of a cost for them. They said that if the permits were a lot less, similar to the PCNP carpark in Little Haven, which costs £50 a season, then they would buy a couple for their staff to use. However, the cost in Dale is much more, £120. They wondered if the Community Council might buy passes to help the issue, this was not agreed on by Cllrs.

It was however, noted by a MOP that the issue in South Street so far this year has been much better. The councillors agreed and said that the parking on double yellows by vehicles linked to businesses has greatly reduced as well. The resident who initially brought this to the Council's attention wished to thank CM for his proposal of the letter which was sent.

ii/iii. Endurance Life & Scouts/Events Calendar

It was very disappointing to learn that no businesses had been notified of either of these events. The Community Council had not been made aware of the Scouts that came and the issue was that both events took place on the same day, which stretched the services in the village to breaking point. The carpark was full very early in the morning and people were being encouraged to park opposite the Boathouse to unload which caused issues there. It has been reported that the traffic warden who attended the car park that morning was also unaware of either event and was faced with many vehicles that needed tickets issuing but was unable to get around them all before they drove off. The signage for Endurance Life was not much better than last year and runners were running the wrong way round the village which doesn't seem sensible. The organisers have again asked for our feedback and so an email will be sent with the findings.

A similar event was held on Thursday 18th May, however nobody seems to know who arranged it. MR reported that the Gann carpark was where 2 coaches dropped off participants and that spectators parked all up the lane to Haygaud hay which caused an issue for farm vehicles.

This leads in to point iii. – Events Calendar. PM suggested the village needs an events calendar, perhaps on the village website, that would allow all parties in the village to add their events. This would hopefully avoid any clashes and allow other businesses to be forewarned so that they can be prepared and hopefully benefit from events. It would mean that things like emptying bins/carparking/toilets could be preempted. It was agreed to speak with Kevin Rogers to see if this is a feasible proposal and to think through the logistics.

It was noted here that after the accessible watersports day that was held, the public toilets were in an awful state. This is disappointing and has highlighted that if events and businesses come to the village and use the facilities, they should be mindful of how they are left at the end of the day. It was discussed that in the future, *should* the toilets end up being paid for by parties other than PCC, then businesses who rely on them as their only toilet may have to help upkeep them.

Action – Clerk to feedback to Endurance Life following their running event. PM to speak with Kevin Rogers about the website.

iv. Supporting takeaway businesses

PM expressed that the Community Council fully supports the takeaway food businesses in the village and that both locals and visitors are benefitting from the service. However, the rubbish created from takeaway containers, especially around the bin at the top of the slip way, is causing environmental and aesthetic issues. A few suggestions to ease this were discussed, including each premises providing a bin on their property, more bins at the top of the slipway or a cardboard bin. The Clerk was asked to contact MHPA to see if they may be able to help the matter as once a large barrel type bin was provided to ease the rubbish that visiting vessels brought.

Jonathon Aylett left the meeting at 8.05pm

v. Nets on village green

The Clerk had received an email from two residents asking if temporary nets could be erected on the green alongside the Hall to protect the paintwork and windows and to protect the youngsters from falling off the edge. It was discussed and agreed that the proposal should be put to the Coronation Hall committee who would need to liaise with Dale Castle Estate as the green is owned by them, not DCC.

Action – Clerk to respond to the email

6. Parking

No correspondence has been received from PCC since the last meeting. As noted previously in the meeting, parking linked to business staff has lessened and the stones placed to deter people from parking behind the Boathouse has been much better.

7. Highways

PM attended the 20mph online information session. The rollout will see all rural roads in Wales change from 30mph to 20mph and posters have been issued to make people aware. As previously discussed, it was decided to propose making the road from the Gann to the village 20mph also. The main reason for this being the increased pedestrian use of the road, from the new campsite at Speedlands as well as holiday lets, and mainly from students using the fort. The road is part of the coastal path. LJ pointed out that to coincide with this change to the speedlimit, the CC should revisit the “access only” signage that was discussed with Emrys Llewellyn to try and reduce traffic along the seafront. The amount and speed of cars coming along the front has increased during this year.

Action – Clerk to contact PCC and make the above suggestions and circulate the posters.

The speed warning sign should be looked in to again to see if any grants are available, the Police Crime Commission have one that may be suitable, as well as the EPG.

The redressing of the road to the fort will no longer go ahead this year as no notice was given to residents or businesses along the road. An email was sent to the Clerk from Point Farm Campsite in which someone from PCC stated the Community Council was aware of the

The payment for OVW was agreed to be paid after feedback from the Clerk on her findings.

ii. and iii. Were discussed at the Annual Meeting.

iv. Insurance Renewal

The Insurance renewal and the new quote suggested to the council were compared by the councillors and it was agreed upon to go with the new policy which is £214 for the year. Clerk is to issue the cheque.

10. County Council Matters

None

11. Correspondence

i. Spud Run

An email notifying DCC that the Spud Run will take place in Marloes on June 11th. It should not affect Dale but it was good to be kept in the loop.

ii. Run Walk Crawl

Run Walk Crawl are looking at Dale as a possible finish for the Pembrokeshire Ultra Marathon. They would require parking for approx. 300 cars and camping and are looking at the 2nd or 3rd weekend in May next year. An event of this size was considered too large for Dale's infrastructure and parking/camping would have to be located elsewhere.

Action – Clerk to send feedback to the event manager

iii. Working Better Together

The Clerk attended an online webinar which aims to bring together councillors and clerks to discuss issues within the sector and to help strengthen the relationship between PCC and the town and community councils. It was a helpful resource and one that should be utilised in the future.

11. Date for the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th July in the Jubilee Suite, Dale.

Meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.