

# Dale Community Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale**

### **1. Present**

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

Francesca Jones (RFO)

### **Apologies**

Mark Reynolds

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

None

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

### **4. Matters arising**

**i.** Clerk contacted Coastal Laser Fabrications re the Clock to mark the Coronation. They suggested that any mechanism for the clock would have to be housed internally otherwise the elements would damage it and it would not last well.

**Action - Clerk to contact Sandra Duncan, formally of Time Is to see if she can offer any ideas.**

**ii.** The Clerk contacted Clare Williams in PCC and copied in Stephen Benger, Cllr R Owens and National Parks about the 20mph suggestion and asking for an 'Access Only' sign. This was on June 13<sup>th</sup> and so far, there has been no reply. Councillors were disappointed at this because when Will Bramble visited back in March, he stressed that communication from PCC was a top priority for him. It was agreed to chase the email, asking why a response or acknowledgment hasn't been received and copy in WB, as well as Dale Fort and stress that the coastal path is dangerous to use, especially as the hedges still haven't been cut. To add in that the missing no entry sign at Brook Cottage has still not been replaced.

**Action – Clerk to write to Clare, chasing the email.**

iii. Run, Walk, Crawl have confirmed that their event will finish in Dale on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 and that they will be based at Dale Farm.

## **5. Village Matters**

### **i. Public Toilets**

The update from PCC is as follows: “Our legal team have analysed the legislation in some detail and in consideration of their interpretation, we have agreed internally that we will seek to use funding from Car Parking from April 2024 to fund the toilets. This is subject to the budget setting process and agreement on charges by Cabinet. Therefore, assuming the above is agreed, we will no longer be moving forward with a closure or a request of funding from your Community Council.”

All agreed that this was an excellent outcome.

### **ii. Litter Bins**

Either on Sunday or Monday of this week, new litter bins have appeared at the top of the slip way. Two for general rubbish and two for recyclables. It is a promising step in the right direction to solving the issue of cardboard takeaway rubbish and it is hoped that the new, larger bins will be able to cope with the volume of litter.

## **6. Parking**

Double yellow lines around the main circuit of the village are currently covered since the road has been resurfaced. Therefore, unsurprisingly, parking over footpaths and on the side of the road has increased this week. It is hoped that the line painting will be done asap.

It has been noted that on 3 or 4 occasions in the last few months, cars have been parked on top of the grass bank opposite the front of the Boathouse. The sloping near the litter bins has made it easy for cars to drive up and so it was agreed that a couple of the left-over stones be dug in along the edge of the road to stop vehicles being able to drive up it.

Ticket officers have not been seen in the village again for a while and it was noted that no officer is seen walking in the village to patrol the double yellow lines. An area that is always overlooked/ignored is outside St. Bridget's. It was agreed to ask for the number of tickets/fines issued for this season.

## **7. Highways**

The road around the one-way system has been resurfaced. It is hoped that the lines are repainted asap. The hedges have not had the safety cut as was promised in May. It was done as far as the first turn to Marloes at the top of Crabhall hill but no further. The growth from the Gann to the village is now so bad that cars are driving in the middle of the road and Councillors once again stressed how dangerous this stretch is. Last year, the safety cut was done on June 10<sup>th</sup> as far as Mullock and then in July, the cuts around junctions and signs were

done all in one go as well as the main hedges to the village. It seems this is what is to happen again this year, which is not good enough.

## **8. Planning**

NP/23/0258/FUL – Cliff Cottages. Cllrs attended a site visit. No objections were recorded and the application was supported.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **i. Coronation Hall Letter**

A letter from the Coronation Hall has been received via the Clerk appealing to the Community Council to change their mind about lowering their annual donation to the Hall. Councillors discussed the matter, however, they agreed to stick to the lower amount of £100. This amount would more than cover the hours they use over the year. It was pointed out that DCC is not a business and doesn't have an income. The money that comes in is from the local taxpayers and should be spent properly and appropriately. The Hall is now used regularly and the income covers the overheads, and if they face any shortfall, they should seek the extra income by increasing their fees to renters.

**Action – Clerk to write to the C Hall letting them know the decision and send the agreed cheque.**

### **ii. Endurance Life**

Thanks was sent for the feedback from DCC. The organiser said that next year they will use the facebook group and PP to pre warn locals and businesses about the event.

### **iii. Events Calendar**

PM has spoken to Kevin Rogers who said that a calendar could be added to the Dale Website but that it would need a person to enter the information. This creates a problem as it means that all parties within the village as well as outsiders would have to know who to contact to add an event. There would be no clear way of making people aware of such a calendar either. It was agreed to ask Wendy Kehoe if any large or prominent bookings for the C Hall could be added to the calendar dates that are published in Pen Papers. PM agreed to ask Ellie Morgan to propose to the Coronation Hall Committee that the hall bookings are updated on the hall website, as at present, the calendar there is always empty. CM was happy to be the person who enters dates on the village website calendar, should that come to fruition.

## **Financial Report**

### **i. July 2023**

Receipts/Expenditure/Balance

Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (18/05/23) £1398.74

Expenditure                    £214.00 Zurich Insurance  
   £54.00 One Voice Wales

Income                            £0.00

Closing Balance (30/06/23) £1130.74

Business Premium

Opening Balance (18/05/23) £3511.79

Income                            £7.32

Closing Balance (30/06/23) £3519.11

**Totals:**

Community/Current        £1130.74

Business Premium         £3519.11

**Payments to be issued today:**

£142.68 Reimbursement of plaque fee to Clerk

£100.00 Peninsula Papers

£250.00 Cemetery Grant

£100.00 Coronation Hall

£665.88 Clerk Wages

**10. County Council Matters**

None

**11. Date for the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale.

**Meeting was closed at 8.06 pm.**