

# **Dale Community Council**

(4 Woodside, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3RG)

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.**

### **1. Present**

Lyn Jones (Chair)(LJ), Jane Warr (JW), Peter Morgan (PM), Paul Garnish (PG)(joined meeting at 7.20pm), Mark Reynolds (MR), Francesca Jones (RFO)

### **Others present.**

Cllr Reg Owens(RO)

### **2. Apologies.**

Andy Truelove

### **3. Declaration of Interest.**

MR declared an interest as he was the one who placed bollards across the carpark at The Gann as requested by the landowner.

### **4. Matters Arising.**

PM noted that Mr Macullock should be thanked for his maintenance of the flower border next to the Public Toilets as part of the village maintenance.

### **5. Pontoon**

Since the last meeting, the pontoon has been sighted, however there have been a few instances where PCC have threatened to have it removed should the social distancing measures not be followed. In light of this, RO suggested that the Community Council should arrange to meet with Gary Nicholas before next season to discuss the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions that may still affect the Pontoon's use next year. The councillors agreed that they should meet prior to speaking with Gary, so that they can decide what is the way forward with the Pontoon.

**Action-** To add the Pontoon with invitation to Gary Nicholas to the next Agenda.

### **6. Wild Camping at The Gann**

MR expressed his concern with the safety of road users as there is now hardly any room to pass which can be dangerous, especially when large vehicles and farm machines are on the roads. The bollards were initially to be placed right along the roadside, however this would have caused worse problems and so enough room to allow a vehicle to park parallel with the road has been left. MR had recently been asked to put out more of the bollards on the opposite side of the road to prevent the public abandoning their cars outside the Lime Kilns, however he had been too busy to carry this out.

The council is aware that the landowner is in talks with the necessary organisations and has told the general public that once they have come to a solution it will be shared with all. PG joined the meeting 7.20pm PG informed the council that the influx of cars during the last weekend could well be down to the sighting of a rare Osprey at The Gann. It is hoped that the situation will ease now that the Summer season is coming to a close. RO suggested inviting Mark Owen to the next meeting to gain the County Council's views on the matter.

**Action** - Clerk to email Mark Owen to extend the invitation.

## **7. Car Park**

PM addressed the issue of parking in general in the whole village. There have been a few cases during the year of cars left 'parked' in dangerous places around the village. This is thought to be the result of people not wanting to pay the price to park all day in the car park, and also because the car park is coins only currently and people do not have the change to pay.

RO was aware that a card machine was due to be installed by August, however it had not been achieved and was hopefully to be in the car park early next year. He was unsure if it was to be a card AND coin machine, or solely card.

It was agreed that PM was to lock the summer road from the exit of the car park ASAP as littering, including nappies and dog excrement, had been noticed in the Yacht Club area on the way out of the car park. The councillors agreed that they should meet prior to speaking with someone from PCC, so that they can decide what is the way forward with this matter.

**Action** – Reminder to be sent to PCC during the early new year to check on progress

## **8. Dogs on the Beach**

PM stated that there is legislation stating that no dogs are permitted on the beach North of the 'Blue Flag' flag pole. He explained that there is a sign however it has fallen from its position and is now located lying on the ground. There is also a lack of Dale's Blue Flag and has been for 3 years. RO believed it was the National Parks who check on the dogs. The councillors agreed that they should meet prior to speaking with someone from PCC, so that they can decide what is the way forward with the issue.

**Action** – RO to follow up on patrolling of the dog restrictions and the whereabouts of the Blue Flag.

## **9. Toilets**

There has been a revolting smell from the toilets during the week prior to tonight's meeting. Welsh Water have been seen on site all of the past week and are apparently aware of the issue and working to rectify it. Simon Vickers from the Griffin Inn is noted to have made a complaint as his customers are currently having to dine outdoors due to the Covid-19 situation. LJ felt that DANFO were doing a good job of maintaining the cleanliness of the toilets and a few comments have been made to councillors also to say how pleased they have been.

## **10. Coronavirus Update**

Nothing that has not already been discussed.

## **11. County Council Matters**

Again, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, RO noted that the council had been meeting as and when via online meetings. The chief executive is leaving. There have been no controversial planning applications.

Dale Broadband scheme is confident that it will be available by Christmas. Openreach have pulled out and so a smaller outfit have been given the contract who have a focus on the rural communities and so this hopefully will benefit Dale. PG mentioned Dragon Wifi but RO pointed out that because of its wireless nature there are sometimes breakdowns and that fibre should be a more reliable way of gaining fast Wifi.

## **12. Adopting Financial Regulations**

All councillors present were happy to adopt the Financial Regulations for the year. Chari to sign.

## **13. Adopting Standing Orders**

All councillors present were happy to adopt the Standing Orders for the year. Chair to sign.

## **14. Financial Report**

To date 9/7/20.

Current Account £854.22

Business Account £1,503.63

The council approved payments for:

Clerk Salary £265 (June + July)

Fireworks £200 (to be held until confirmation of event to go ahead)

Wreath £75

MADPADS £100

Mandate has been returned and transferred to Fran as Clerk.

£750.00 is to be transferred now that the mandate is back, into the deposit account for election.

IRPW – all councillors have declined entitlements, nil return to be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **15. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

## **16. Date of Next Meeting**

It is planned to hold the usual November meeting, should restrictions allow. A date will be agreed closer to the time.

As a last point, PM thanked the Clerk for her efforts taking over the role.