

DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON THE 15TH June, 2020.

1. Present

Lyn Jones (Chair), Jane Warr, Andy Truelove, Peter Morgan, Paul Garnish, Francesca Jones (RFO)

Others present.

Wendy Kehoe

2. Apologies.

Mark Reynolds

3. Declaration of Interest.

None.

4. Matters Arising.

i) AT suggested that the council write to the National Parks to verbalise their evidence to support the application for Dale Hill Campsite. The owners had been asking for evidence to show that they had been a campsite at the site for more than 10 years. The council were all in agreement that they can say that the campsite has been there for 20 years plus.

Action.

Clerk to write a letter to Planning.

ii) The matter of how to support the villages three main businesses; The Griffin, Boathouse and Coco's at Dale Yacht Club, was discussed. PM suggested a road closure to allow for customers to easily access the premises and to then use the outside space created by road closure to eat and drink whilst adhering to the 2-metre distancing. PG suggested that if the businesses were interested, that a discussion with them first to hear their views and ideas might be a good starting point.

Action.

LJ to speak to the proprietors to gain their views on the situation.

iii) PG mentioned some of the good deeds that had been done so far to keep the villages spirits up during lockdown. He suggested perhaps sending something as a way of showing the council's thanks for their efforts.

Action.

Council members to note anyone who should receive a means of thanks and let the clerk know so that cards etc can be distributed.

5. Clerk's Contract

All agreed with the contract for the new clerk. Payments were to be made quarterly and would increase in small increments each year in accordance with the pay scale.

Action.

LJ to sign.

6. Coronavirus Update

WK thanked JW for displaying the relevant information sent by government so that the public could see it. We are to continue to follow guidance from Welsh Government as and when we receive it.

7. Future Guidance

Nothing not already discussed.

8. Village Maintenance

It was noted that the grass is still being cut and the bins emptied which is keeping the village tidy. Alan Picton is to remove his bench from the seafront to carry out repairs, and then replace it.

9. Sea Grass

LJ mentioned that a few people have mentioned to him that they have noticed an increase in the amount of algae on the shore. The council noted that the Swansea University would be coming on Wednesday 17th June to snorkel the area of sea grass that was planted to monitor its progress.

10. Triathlon

An email was received from Dave Astins on behalf of the Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club regarding the annual Dale Half Marathon & 10K due to take place in September. He wished to gain the council's views on the event. The council agreed that the race should be able to go ahead if Government restrictions allow it to do so. The race is a source of income for our main businesses and they could gain some much-needed revenue from the day.

Action.

PG to relay council's thoughts to Dave Astins

11. Planning

The council noted that they had no comments on the proposed plans at Brook Cottage, NP/20/0260/LBA and NP/20/0259/FUL. JW asked if we could clarify that the pebble dashed render to the outside would be as close to the original as possible.

Action.

Clerk to relay the council's notes to the planning department.

12. Pontoon

Clerk received an email from Cllr Owens, forwarded from Gary Nicholas regarding the possibility of the pontoon being placed this week. Gary noted that they are waiting on risk assessments from the Port Authority and Dale Sailing. He stated that it would not be put in this week as was mentioned as a possibility, but that July would be the earliest due to the next high tide. He also said that it would be dependent on further restrictions being lifted by Welsh Government.

Action.

PG to ask Dale Sailing in the morning to find out where they are with the risk assessment.

13. Toilets

The toilets remain closed due to government restrictions. Danfo have been seen cleaning/keeping an eye on them.

14. Financial Report Audit/Payments/Mandate

Wendy compiled a list of finances for the councillors.

Paul Garnish compiled a spreadsheet for the Dale Community Council Finances.

To date 15th June 2020.

Current Account £2,101.82

Business Account £1,503.63

The council approved payments for

Coronation Hall £250

Cemetery Grant £250

Peninsular Papers £100

Wendy Kehoe Clerk 1 month @ £125

2 months @ £132.50

The Clerk's salary was agreed £1590 p.a

Addendum: It was noticed after the meeting that the insurance that was due for renewal on June 1st, had not yet been paid. The amount was the same as the previous year £257.60. The cheque was issued and appropriately signed.

15. County Council

PM noted that the council have kept us well updated with information.

16. Correspondence

Only email regarding pontoon and triathlon, as discussed above.

17.Date of Next Meeting

Due to the on-going coronavirus restrictions, it was decided that a meeting would be held as and when needed.

As a last point, Jane Warr wanted to thank Wendy Kehoe for all her work as Clerk. The councillors agreed that she has done a fantastic job and the councillors are all very appreciative of all she has done, especially having gone for quite a while with no Clerk.