

Dale Community Council

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON THE 9th March, 2021 at 7pm.

1. Present

Lyn Jones (Chair)(LJ), Jane Warr (JW), Peter Morgan (PM), Paul Garnish (PG), Andy Truelove (AT), Francesca Jones (RFO)

Apologies.

Mark Reynolds

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held virtually 14th September 2020

All happy, minutes signed off by the chair and will be uploaded to the website.

4. Matters arising

The car park payment machine is now in place offering both card and cash payments. PG questioned why the car park is open again when Wales remains in tier 4 of lockdown and people are being encouraged not to travel for any unnecessary reason as this sends a mixed message. AT noted that it is currently being used daily by contractors to Brook Cottage who have been moved on by Traffic Control. LJ noted that with the review of restrictions imminent and the hope that restrictions will be slightly lifted it was in preparation for the coming season. There have been no major incidences even though there have been more people in the village who do not live here.

There are now bollards at the lime kilns to stop cars parking on the grass opposite the Gann carpark.

Gary Nicholas has assured the Clerk that the Blue Flag will be flown again in Dale this year should they again be successful in the application. It was not flown last year to discourage people from unnecessary travel. He did not know why it has been missing for the past 3 years.

Clerk still needs to follow up better/clearer signage for the rules of dogs on the beach.

5. Fort Road – Water Issues

PM had raised the issue of the amount of water and debris that comes down the road that leads to the fort. It was agreed that this is an issue that has been happening for many years and the grit, dirt and stones end up outside the cellar of the Yacht Club and behind the sea wall. Peter suggested a culvert just behind the 30 MPH sign that would take the flood water away down the woodland and into the sea. He asked that the council be contacted to clear up the mess that is currently at the bottom of the road. It was agreed that the water and debris cause a risk to drivers and people walking on the road.

Action - Clerk to contact Darren Thomas High Ways to put the concerns to him.

6. Coronavirus going forward

Pontoon – LJ asked that we have some clarity from Gary Nicholas as to the plan for the pontoon this season.

Gann Carpark – LJ reported that Mr M Ryder of Dale Castle Estate had relayed to him that he was still in talks as to a solution. Negotiations for the management and policing of the carpark is still on going with National Parks.

7. Planning at Point House

PM had been up to take a look at the property, most of the works are to be done at the rear of the property. No councillors had any objections to the plans and were happy that the name originally on the plans (Point House Farm) had been corrected to Point House as it should be.

Action – Clerk to respond with the comments from councillors to the National Parks Planning.

8. Water Sampling

Clerk had received an email from the leisure department which had been circulated to councillors. The Clerk had since found out some more information. The sampling was to be carried out at West Dale Beach and had been carried out for many years previously with the cost covered by the council. They were now asking the community to fund these samples at a cost of £13 per sample and they take 6 a year. There was an offer of the first 6 being covered as an initial offer. It was agreed that as Dale is sampled and is usually a Blue Flag Beach, it was an unnecessary cost to have the water at West Dale sampled, especially as it is not the main beach in the village and is not easy to get to or to park.

Action – Clerk to relay the councillors' views to Nathan Miles

9. Financial Matters

Clerk delivered the working Financial Report.

Current Account as of Feb 11th £1424.47

Business Account as of March 7th £2,253.95

The council approved payments for the following that were agreed and paid via email due to the Coronavirus Lockdown:

Clerk Salary £530 (August, September, October, November)

Clerk Training £60

Audit Fees £449.75

The Precept was also set via email since the last meeting and was agreed to stay the same as this current year at £4,200.

There are no payments that are arranged in the budget to be made now before the end of the year.

10. Correspondence

a) Letter received from Mr Ian McCulloch thanking the Community Council for their appreciation of his work maintaining the flower beds near the Public Toilets. He stated he was happy to continue to do so.

b) Two letters have been received asking for financial support in the way of donations from MacMillan Cancer and Paul Sartori. As in the past, the Councillors understand their needs however choose to support local charities and groups such as the Defibrillator scheme and so support was not agreed.

c) Mr Ryder asked the Chairman to notify the council that he has offered the use of the green for outdoor dining, to the Griffin and Yacht Club to share during the upcoming season to help with Covid restrictions.

d) Letter had been received via email to the Clerk from Mr + Mrs Warlow who live in Marloes. They had asked for support for a housing application request for a house coming available in Dale soon. The councillors agreed that on a personal level they have no objections, however it is not something that the Community Council have an influence over. They agreed that the letter should be sent to Cllr Reg Owens to see if he could offer any advice to them.

PM noted that it may be worth asking Cllr Owens to clarify the Community Council's position on housing applications so that the council are clear if another request is made in the future. A neighbouring village council has, in the past, been thought to influence who was considered/put forward for houses however this is not the case.

11. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the council should review in one month to see if a meeting is necessary/possible in person given the further easing of lockdown restrictions.

Before the close of the meeting PM noted that there has been a broken trailer on the beach, a broken trailer on the side of the road to the Fort and an inflatable kayak that is now beyond repair left at the top of the beach – all that have been there for many months. LJ was asked if he could remove the items and he accepted.

Meeting was closed at 19:42 pm.