DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
AT
THE CORONATION HALL, DALE.
ON
14TH SEPTEMBER, 2015.
AT
1900HRS.

Present: Mr L Jones (Chairman); Mr P Garnish; Mr P Morgan; Mr A Truelove; Mrs T Warlow; Mr H Bishop (Clerk); Mr D Nockels (Deputy Clerk).

In attendance: Nil.

Apologies for absence: Cllr R Owens.

1. **Planning application – mast – Dale airfield** – it was noted that the proposed mast would be a very tal structure which would be prominent and would overlook properties in the immediate vicinity. Nevertheless, it was agreed that there is no objection to the proposal and the Clerk was asked to respon to the planning authority accordingly.

Action: **Clerk to notify PCNPA and confirm to next meeting.**

2. **Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th July, 2015** – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th July, 2015 were agreed as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising** – it was noted that all matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council have been included in the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.
4. **Declarations of interest** – at the request of the Chairman, the Clerk reminded the Community Councillors of the obligation on them to declare any interest that they may have in matters for decision by the Community Council. The obligation on those with a "prejudicial interest" to leave the room whi such matters were discussed was noted.
5. **Progress Reports.**

    a. **Sewerage smells** – the meeting noted the report of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) dated 7 September, 2015 and the unsatisfactory response to the event on 2nd August, 2015 – a substanti stink at the height of the evening trade. It was also noted that the fitting of sealed manhole cove has been delayed (unforeseen delays). The Clerk was asked to press DCWW to take the matter more seriously / urgently and to reconsider their reluctance to compensate the neighbours – particularly as their report dated 7th September, 2015 appears to concede for the first time that "seasonal demand" might be a factor in the incidents. The Clerk was asked to remind residents t report all incidents to DCWW.

Action: **Clerk to press DCWW and report to next meeting.**
Clerk to remind residents to report ALL incidents.

Flooding in the meadow – it was noted that the puddle in the meadow persists and periodically causes smells – independent of the smells from the sewerage treatment plant. The Castle Estate and the tenants are reviewing options to fill in the puddle and improve drainage and the Estate has also had talks with DCWW about building up the level of the manhole in the meadow so th it is above any foreseeable water level. It was noted that on the night of this meeting the meado

had suffered severe flooding which emphasises the need for improved drainage of the area and for improved protection for the manhole.

b. **Village maintenance issues** – it was agreed that there should be another "Walk-the-village" review in October or November in order to draw up a fresh list of projects for the coming new year.

Action: **Clerk to arrange date and report to next meeting.**

Mowing – it was noted that the contractors seem to be getting on top of the mowing requirements and that the standard is now less bad. It should be reviewed at the annual end of season review with the County Council officers.

Flooding at cemetery corner – the severe weather on 14th September, 2015 has illustrated the need for drains to be cleared and the Clerk was asked to remind the County Council.

Action: **Clerk to arrange end of season review with PCC officers and report to next meeting.**

c. **One way system issues** – it was noted that the Police have followed up on reported cases of abuse whenever they have been able to identify the offenders. It was also noted that the new markings / signage at the exit to the car park seem to have had some effect. Overall the number of cases of abuse seems to have been reduced – but not eliminated. The Clerk was asked to report to the Police and County Council accordingly.

Action: **Clerk to report to Police and PCC and confirm to next meeting.**

d. **Road markings at car park exit** – it was noted that the new markings / signage was in place before the peak of the tourism season.

Action: **Clerk to thank PCC.**

e. **Flood gate issues** – it was noted that the hand over of the flood gates is complete and that keys to the floodgate and new storage box have been distributed to the Chairman and to Messrs Harrison , Morgan, Nockels, Truelove and Vickers. It was noted that the team, the equipment and other arrangements are in place in time for the winter season.

Box – it was noted that the Yacht Club has signed the Lease, but that the Community Council's part has not yet been signed by the Chairman.

Action: **Chairman to sign and return the lease.**

It was noted that the box lid is damaged and that the Yacht Club is reviewing options..

Action: **Clerks to monitor and report to a later meeting.**

NRW event in Swansea 5th November, 2015 – Mr Morgan reported that the Community Council has been asked to send representatives to an event at Swansea to discuss processes in place for the operation of floodgates. Mr Morgan and the Clerk were volunteered to attend and Mr Morgan was asked to respond to NRW accordingly.

Action: **Mr Morgan to respond to NRW and report to next meeting.**

f. **Car Park issues** – it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange the usual end of season meeting with County Council officers - probably in November, 2015 – to review the season's experience, but should first seek feedback from the community through Peninsular Papers.

Action: **Clerk to report in Peninsular Papers / arrange meeting.**

The Clerk was asked to remind the County Council to align the times on notice boards between the double yellow lines and the car park.

Action: **Clerk to remind PCC and report to next meeting.**

g. **Beach / pontoon issues** – it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange the usual end of season meeting with the County Council officer to review the season's experience, but should first seek feedback from the community through Peninsular Papers.

Action: **Clerk to report in Peninsular papers and arrange meeting.**

h. **Benches / pre-planning enquiry** – it was noted that PCNPA have no objection to the erection of a replacement bench (concrete / slate faced) because the erection of "public shelters and seats" does not require planning permission. It was agreed that the Deputy Chairman will review options / designs and report to the next meeting.

Action: **Deputy Chairman to review / report to next meeting.**

i. **Events review – 2015:**

a. **Church Fete – 24th July, 2015** – no problems had been expected – the organisation / organisers were the same as previous years – and no problem have been reported.

b. **Marathon Rowing Pace – 1st August, 2015** – the organisers attended the Meeting of the Community Council on 6th July, 2015 and, as promised, they made every effort to avoid traffic disturbance and conflicts with other events. Poor weather ensured that tourism traffic was not too heavy. There have been no complaints from residents but businesses (pub and café) have expressed disappointment that lack of liaison between the organisers and the businesses caught them short of stocks and staff. It was agreed that it is probably preferable to hold the event out of the peak of the tourism season, but it had provided a good spectacle in the village and the good organisation ensured that disruption was minimal. The Clerk was asked to report to the organisers accordingly, encouraging them to come again, and offering to assist with the liaison with local organisations / businesses.

Action: **Clerk to respond to the organisers and report to next meeting.**

c. **Coastlands Local History Group – propeller event 12th August, 2015** – a one-off event (there are no plans to repeat it) which grew beyond the organisers' original intentions. The organisers arranged parking and a bus shuttle to minimise parking problems and the event passed off with little disruption and no complaints, providing a considerable spectacle for residents and visitors alike.

d. **Dale Yacht Club Regatta – 23rd August, 2015** – the organisers and the organisation was the same as for previous years. No problems were anticipated and none reported.
e. **August Bank Holiday events / PCRC regatta** – more emphasis this year on fundraising event and the events seemed to have been well supported despite poor weather. There were no complaints from residents or visitors (other than the usual issue of late night noise from The Griffin Inn and its satellite operations).
f. **Dale Half Marathon – 27th September, 2015** – plans / organisation are the same as last year, including road closure outside the Boathouse between 1100hrs and 1400hrs with managed two way operation of South Street during this time. No problems are anticipated and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly to the County Council.

Action: **Clerk to respond to PCC.**

g. **EnduranceLife event – Saturday 30th April, 2016** – the organisers have reported that they anticipate that about fifty competitors will pass through the village at about mid-day – but that they are likely to be well spread out by the time that they arrive in Dale. It was agreed that no problems have been experienced in the past and the Clerk was asked to confirm to the organiser that there is no objection. He was asked, however, to ask the organisers to draw attention to the facilities / businesses of the village in their briefing documents.

Action: **Clerk to respond to organisers and report to a later meeting.**

j. **Regulatory Compliance** – it was noted that the Agenda and Minutes are now routinely published in the village website (once the Minutes have been agreed).
k. **The Gann –bait digging** – it was noted that the new Code of Conduct / advisory notice are in place and operating. Some change in the pattern of bait digging has been noted, but it is too earl to form any opinions.
l. **Flowers on the Green** – the meeting thanked Mrs Warlow for planting the replacement plants. There has been only one occasion when a vehicle has been parked on the grass – a resident who has not re-offended.
m. **Footpath Dale / Pickleridge** – it was noted that the County Council had been reminded of the need for a footpath between "Black Rock" and Pickleridge and had been asked, in the meantime to bring forward the trimming of the banks in this area to allow walkers to keep well into the sic of this narrow road. There has been no response from the County Council, but the banks were trimmed shortly afterwards as part of the usual schedule.

Action: **Clerk to remind PCC and report to a later meeting.**

6. **Emergency Contact List** – the meeting reviewed the DRAFT document produced by Marloes and St Brides Community Council, but asked the Clerk to respond to the effect that Dale Community Council does not wish to participate in the document and that no such list of contact details of Dale residents should be published / distributed without specific approval from each person named.

Action: **Clerk to respond to Marloes/ St Brides Community Council / report to next meeting.**

7. **County Council issues** – this item was deferred.

8. **Planning matters.**

a. **Yellow Cottage** – it was noted that PCNPA has given approval to the "non-material amendments" to the original permission.
b. **149 Castle Way** – it was noted that PCNPA has approved the planned development.
c. **Play Park, Dale** – it was noted that the Clerk has confirmed that there is no objection to the proposed change of use of part of the meadow from agricultural use.
d. **Other** – see Item 1 of these Minutes.

9. **Finance.**

a. **Receipts – £550.00** - 2nd instalment of Precept.

Payments – NIL

It was noted that expenditure proposals for the second half of the year will be made to the next meeting.

Action: **Clerk to report proposals to next meeting.**

b. **Balance - £1,400(approx).**
c. **Audit** – it was noted that there has been no conclusion to the external audit, but that the Clerk has been advised that there is an error in way in which he filled in the form – having failed to insert the certification of the accounts before submission of the accounts to the Community Council. A reprimand is expected.

Action: **Clerk to monitor and report to next meeting.**

10. **Correspondence – NIL**

11. **Any Other Business.**

a. **Street lights** – it was noted that the Clerk has reported the defective light at the junction of Sou Street and the sea front.

Action: **Clerk to monitor.**

b. **Milford Haven Draft Recreation Plan** – it was noted that this document (69 pages) is availabl for inspection and it was agreed that it should be reviewed by Messrs Morgan and Truelove and the Clerks and that a report should be made to the next meeting.

Action: **Clerks / Morgan / Truelove to review / report to next meeting.**

c. **Temporary road closures** – it was noted that a rolling programme of temporary road closures i proposed to facilitate BT cabling works – commencing 20th October, 2015 and continuing for 2 days between the hours of 0930hrs and 1530hrs. These closures will affect the roads between th BT exchange at the Frobisher corner and St Ishmaels. Diversions are proposed, but these, inevitably, will involve the use of narrow roads which are not appropriate for heavy deliveries. The Clerk was asked to request some guidance as to the time table of closures / diversions so th businesses / farmers can make necessary timing adjustments with their deliveries etc. The Clerk was asked to report in Peninsular Papers.

Action: **Clerk to request clarification / timetable and report in Peninsular Papers.**

d. **Fence at the end of Meadow Vale** – it was noted that there is a hole in the fence through whicl cattle have escaped. The Clerk was asked to request that the hole should be properly repaired.

Action: **Clerk to request repair and report to next meeting.**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 2015.

AT

THE JUBILEE SUITE, DALE

AT

1900HRS

Document Attached to these Minutes

Email from Dyr Cymru/Welsh Water concerning reports about the sewerage plant dated 7 Sept 2015 from DC/WW Customer Care Officer

ATTACHMENT TO SEPT 2015 MINUTES

----Original message----
From : Sewerage.Services@dwrcymru.com
Date : 07/09/2015 - 17:25 (GMTST)
To : bishophc@btinternet.com
Subject : RE: Dale sewerage treatment plant - stinks - 16th August, 2015 - 1900hrs

Dear Mr Bishop

Following my email dated 1 September 2015, as promised, I write to confirm our position and provide you with our monthly update.

Firstly, our Operational Supervisor, Stuart Midgley has confirmed that Dale Sewage Treatment Works (STW) has been operating as designed during August 2015. Please find below our findings from our routine maintenance.

2 August 2015	Customer Report Currently under review
10 August 2015	No Problem Found – Field is flooded with surface water following recent rain.
16 August 2015	Customer Report No Problem Found
17 August 2015	No Problem Found
24 August 2015	No Problem Found
30 August 2015	No Problem Found

Stuart did comment that we increased our tankering during the summer months due to seasonal demand. This may have created an odour in the area however, as

previously agreed, we have carried out these works at convenient times to prevent any impact on local businesses.

As you are aware, we continue to monitor any odours via the odour loggers we have installed at the station. Our Odour Specialist, Chris Jones is currently reviewing the data from our loggers along with all customer reported incidents and we are on track to provide you with our findings in December 2015.

In the meantime, we have secured the funding to install external well covers and I will be able to provide a time frame for their installation next month.

Unfortunately we have experienced an unforeseen delay completing our works to the manhole covers and I will update you with our progress in the next 14 working days.

I do acknowledge the disruption and inconvenience the odour issue have caused you, residents and tourists of Dale, however; I regret we are unable to compensate for such incidents.

I must stress that identifying the source of the problem is eliminating all other possible causes. I hope the above, and your previous correspondence with us has helped to reassure you that we are taking this matter extremely seriously and we are invested in identifying the source of these odours.

I hope this clarifies our position but should you have any further queries regarding the above, please contact me on 0800 358 0572 (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm).

Kind regards

Kate Smith
Customer Care Officer

From: Sewerage Services
Sent: 01 September 2015 15:28
To: 'bishophc@btinternet.com'
Subject: RE: Dale sewerage treatment plant - stinks - 16th August, 2015 - 1900hrs

Dear Mr Bishop,

Thank you for your email.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that we are currently reviewing your email for comment.

The review will be concluded by 4 September 2015 with the view to respond to you no later than 7 September 2015. (In time with our monthly update).

Should you have any further queries in the meantime, please contact me on 0800 358 0572 (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm).

Kind regards

Kate Smith
Customer Care Officer

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

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From: Hugh Bishop [mailto:bishophc@btinternet.com]
Sent: 16 August 2015 19:22
To: Sewerage Services
Cc: bishophc@btinternet.com
Subject: Dale sewerage treatment plant - stinks - 16th August, 2015 - 1900hrs

******** External Mail ********
ATTENTION: KATE SMITH

Following your recent email message - yref: 8000067925 - we have had a further report of sewerage stinks in the village of Dale, apparently emanating from the Dale sewerage treatment plant.

The incident was reported to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water at about 1900hrs on 16th August, 2015 and the reference given was 1001818514.

I trust that there will be prompt attention to this issue - once again hitting our village in the height of the tourism season.

What is Dwr Cymru Welsh Water going to do do to solve this long standing problem?

When will DCWW take this matter seriously?

What are your proposals to solve the problem once and for all?

What steps are DCWW taking to compensate the residents, businesses and tourists affected by this nuisance?

Hugh Bishop - Clerk to Dale Community Council
01646 636 668

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water is investing heavily and working hard to ensure top quality services to all its communities. The company is investing £1.7 billion in its water and sewerage network between 2015 – 2020.

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