

Martletwy Community Council
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**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
Monday 4th March 2024, 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall**

Notes: With the agreement of all parties involved these proceedings were recorded

Present: Liz Williams (Chair); Jason Crowther, Phil Eynon, (Councillors); Cllr Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

Apologies: Victoria Evans, David Cole, Phil Davies.

Meeting commenced: 19:42

23/107: Minutes of previous meeting: Unanimously agreed as a true copy. Signed and dated.

23/108: Matters arising:

a. County Councillor Newsletter: Newsletter has been delivered. Cllr Clements confirmed she had received some feedback following its delivery and did speak to residents during her rounds. Cllr Clements expressed her thanks to Cllr Davies for his assistance with delivery.

b. Bluestone – Local Engagement: Clerk confirmed she had gone back to Bluestone for further information regarding local engagement and how Martletwy Community Council could be involved. Also confirmed to Bluestone the council is currently looking at meeting dates etc.

c. d. Defib Training: Cllr Williams reported 12 spaces remain for session at The Snooty Fox on 21/03. Cllr Crowther confirmed group in Lawrenny have made separate arrangements. Cllr Williams will pass poster to local community coordinator. If another session required Cllr Davies will organise.

23/109: Planning:

a. Applications Received: None.

b. Application Notices Received:

i. 22/0254/PA: OPD Broad Oak Farm, Martletwy. Conditionally approved.

ii 23/0840/CL: Woodside, Martletwy. Conditionally approved.

c. Other Planning Matters:

i. Monitoring and Enforcement: Cllr Clements confirmed she has contacted the enforcement officer she and Cllr Davies met previously and is awaiting a response.

23/110: Highway Matters

a. Clerk:

b. Councillor Reports:

i Highway Surface edge badly degraded outside Bramley Lodge, Landshipping, SA67 8BG

ii. Pothole by Furze Hill, Martletwy, getting very bad again.

iii. Issues with surface potholes halfway down the hill to Barn Farm and outside Barn Farm entrance.

iv. Drain outside Southern Pitts blocked again. Cllr Eynon stated council are working in this area.

Have completed Jerusalem and Mountain Park. Also at Watery Gate, just below Knowles Cross.

Hoping they will get to Southern Pitts. Ditches have also been tidied up.

23/111: Finances:

a. Invoices and Remittances: None received.

b. Funding: Nothing relevant to report.

c. Clerk Salary: Clerk presented previously emailed report. All in favour.

d. Audit Office – Correspondence: Clerk confirmed correspondence received regarding earlier audits including Audit Notices. Have responded by email about errors on the Audit Notices received. Requested the notices be updated with correct information before publication. Will update council in due course when response received. Cllr Crowther expressed his disappointment at the work involved. Clerk reiterated how stressful audits are, and how frightening the language they use is. Also expressed concerned they have not responded to other correspondence sent.

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e. **IRPW:** Clerk confirmed the new annual report had been received from IRPW (Independent Remuneration Panel Wales). On going through the report there had been a number of issues. There seems to be some confusion as to whether or not the mandatory payments are actually mandatory. In the report it mentions them being both mandatory and non-mandatory. Clerk has written to IRPW and One Voice Wales for clarification. Clerk will report back following an update from the IRPW.

23/112: Community Council Policies:

a. **Council Meetings:** Clerk confirmed Cllr Davies had raised at the last meeting moving meetings to every two months. Cllr Clements confirmed there must be a minimum of 3 meetings per annum. Clerk suggested carrying forward to April when more councillors will be in attendance. Cllr Crowther suggested making the decision at the AGM. Cllr Eynon enquired if going two monthly would benefit the council. Clerk confirmed it would as preparation for meetings takes time, plus a reduction in travel costs. Clerk suggested it may also give councillors time to attend other meetings. Clerk also suggested it may make planning responses more efficient as they can be done as they come in.

23/113: Councillor/Clerk Training:

Cllr Williams confirmed she had recently attended the Securing Future Generations. It was useful, however a bit scripted and it was much shorter than advertised. Quite interesting.

23/114: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk: None

23/115: Correspondence Received:

a. **Angle Community Council:** Correspondence received from Angle CC looking to discuss setting up a pontoon. They wish to build one and are looking at other councils' experiences. Clerk confirmed correspondence had been forwarded to the Lawrenny resident who is currently working on the project in Lawrenny. No further action required.

b. **Zurich Insurance:** Correspondence received from Zurich Insurance including details regarding insurance for any D-Day Celebration activities. Passed to Cllr Eynon as organiser.

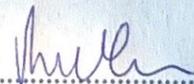
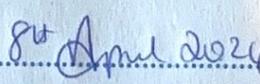
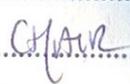
c. **Councillor Correspondence:** Clerk presented correspondence from Cllr David Cole offering his resignation with immediate effect. Clerk read out Cllr Cole's letter and confirmed she had met with him when he delivered it by hand. His departure is due to family commitments, and he had expressed his sadness at leaving. Councillors unanimously expressed their gratitude to Cllr Cole, for his fifteen years of service, his commitment to the community and for the various tenure as Chair and Vice Chair. Clerk will write expressing their thanks and will commence Casual Vacancy process forthwith.

23/116: Communication:

a. **County Councillor Report:** Cllr Clements confirmed the county council budget is going to be voted on Thursday 7th March. Currently the increase in county council precept maybe a staggering 16.3%. Cllr Clements confirmed her group will not be voting for the increase.

23/117: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th April at 7:30pm, Lawrenny Village Hall. AGM planned for 13th May 2024.

Meeting closed: 20:17

Signed:.......... Date:..........
Position:..........