

Martletwy Community Council
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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
Monday 13th May, 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall

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

Present: Cllr Liz Williams (Chair), Cllr Bruce Carlisle (Vice Chair); Cllr Jason Crowther, Cllr Phil Davies, Cllr Victoria Evans, Cllr Phil Eynon; Cllr Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk) **Apologies:** None

24/013: Minutes of previous meeting: Unanimously agreed as a true copy. Signed and dated.

24/014: Matters arising:

a. Bluestone – Local Engagement: Clerk confirmed meeting organised with Bluestone later in the month to discuss what Bluestone can offer with regard to the community and any assistance for the community council. Clerk to report back at June meeting.

b. Flood Signage Garron Pill: Cllr Clements reported. PCC Highways cannot assist. This is not a statutory sign. Cllr Clements is contacting PCNP to see if they can assist. Alternative option maybe MCC to pay for a sign with PCC to erect. Further general discussion. Cllr Clements to investigate.

24/015: Casual Vacancy: Cllr Williams welcomed Cllr Carlisle to his first Ordinary meeting.

24/016: Planning:

a. Applications Received:

i. 24/0003/PA: Jericho, Martletwy, SA67 8AS. There was general discussion. The following issues were discussed by Councillors and added to comments to be forwarded with their consultation response to the planning authority.

1. The detrimental visual impact of the property and the application.
2. It is an unnecessary dwelling in open countryside.
3. It is a greenfield site.
4. There was no pre-existing building.
5. Policy would require a traditional build - which this is not.
6. The building is not "an annex" as referenced in the proposal. There is no connection and there is a road between it and any other building.

Decision: Martletwy Community Council unanimously object to the proposal.

b. Application Notices Received: Woodside, Martletwy, SA67 8AW. Approved.

c. Other Planning Matters:

i. Monitoring and Enforcement:

1. Matters of ongoing enforcement & monitoring: Discussed in general terms.

2. Alleged Breach of Planning: Cllr Eynon raised alleged planning contravention at Little Pen-coed, the property of Cllr Carlisle. Cllr Eynon stated there possibly was a café operating in the agricultural shed, and a business hub. He stated he hadn't been in to see but someone else told him. Cllr Evans reminded the council the complaints procedure does require people to come forward and anonymous complaints cannot be acted upon. Cllr Evans asked Cllr Eynon if he had seen it. He stated he had seen a sign saying "tea, coffee, cakes". Cllr Carlisle disputed this point. Clerk confirmed she had raised the question of any potential issues (not specifically just planning) with Cllr Carlisle prior to him accepting the role as Community Councillor, to ensure there was nothing that could cause the council concern. Clerk confirmed to Cllr Eynon various planning matters were already in hand with the planning authority and the department were working with Cllr Carlisle. No further information would be divulged as it was a private matter. The Clerk reiterated to Cllr Eynon the importance of photo evidence where possible. If planning breaches are noted from the highway, it was best to take a photo and send it to the enforcement team at the planning authority via the website. Cllr Clements confirmed these are reported on a form and a name must be given at the time, though it remains anonymous

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when being investigated. Cllr Eynon stated he had not had to do this when he first reported Jericho. Cllr Clements confirmed photos had gone in from a third party.

24/017: Highway Matters

a. Councillors reported following issues:

- i. Big pothole in road between Wild Lakes and Crosshands.
- ii. Nasty pothole and road surface breakdown by Vallen.
- iii. Between Broadley and Moneybank 300m of potholes on edge of road and road edge breaking up.
- iv) Cllr Davies reported Mountain View has been resolved and residents are happy.
- v). At Rushmore drains are blocked.

24/018: Finances:

a. Invoices and Remittances:

- i) Zurich Insurance Renewal - £257.60. Unanimously approved.
- ii) PCC Precept Payment Remittance Advice Note. Presented by Clerk for information. Clerk is awaiting a response from the local authority as to whether certificated work is required for playgrounds, such as fencing or whether councillors or non-certificated contractors do the work?

b. VAT update: Clerk confirmed advice has been received, along with the form number to complete. She will progress this for next meeting.

c. Audit 2023 – 2024: Clerk reported Audit almost complete. Having to work on Register of Assets. Will need them signed off at June meeting.

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

e. Doing the Small Things Fund: Cllr Williams reported. Application has gone in. Did not apply for the full amount available. Applied for £1450. Not hopeful. The council did not seem keen on the idea of the website. Will wait and see. Also applied for another grant. Will keep councillors informed.

f. Bank Balances: Clerk presented Current and Savings bank account balances.

24/019: Community Council Policies:

a. Terracycle: Clerk requested permission from councillors to research whether Terracycle would be an option to offer the community. All in favour of research.

24/020: Councillor/Clerk Training: None completed in the month.

24/021: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk: None

24/022: Correspondence Received:

a. One Voice Wales – New Contract of Employment: Clerk confirmed One Voice Wales have created a new model contract of employment, with other notes. Cllr Evans and Clerk to action.

24/023: Communication:

a. County Councillor: Cllr Clements reported it had been a busy month. The Conservative Group called in plans for the Transport Interchange and car park. Costs had increased to £25.5M. Officers came back with a hollowed-out design. There are also issues filling previously completed commercial buildings at Riverside, Haverfordwest. The group also requested PCC go back to Welsh Gov for assistance on the programme. Cabinet refused. Cllr Clements stood against Cllr Harvey in the vote for a new Leader of the Council. She was very narrowly defeated. Cllr Clements noted Council Tax has increased by a total of 77% in 7 years and is expected to rise again next year.

b. D Day Bonfire: Cllr Eynon asked if anyone was aware of veterans living or working in the ward as they should be invited to the D Day Bonfire. Councillors will keep a look out.

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24/023: Communication (cont'd):

c. Meeting Venues: Cllr Crowther enquired if Burnett's Hill had mentioned meetings in their acknowledgement email. Clerk confirmed they have offered the chapel for meetings.

d. Local Representations: Cllr Carlisle enquired as to the protocol regarding local people coming to make representations to the community council regarding their business ideas. Clerk confirmed it was not possible for residents/local businesses to come and ask questions before putting in a planning application. However, if residents/businesses wished to put in a planning application and then come and make a presentation to the community council that was acceptable. This is something the community council have encouraged others to do in the past.

24/024: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th June at 7:30pm, Lawrenny Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 20:37

Signed: E. Williams Date: 10/06/24

Position: Chair