

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7.30pm online**

**Note:** 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 (PCC) (for parts of the meeting, due to technical issues); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk). **Apologies:** None

**24/089: Minutes of the previous meeting:** Cllr Williams asked if everyone was happy with the minutes. Cllrs expressed confirmation. Cllr Eynon stated the purchase of walkie talkies with the grant had not been included in the minutes. He went on to state he also did not feel the Clerk's opinions and feelings should be in the minutes. The Clerk responded stating the draft minutes had been sent to all councillors by email on 10<sup>th</sup> December. No comments, or suggestions for changes, have been received from any councillor in almost five weeks since. The Clerk suggested as there had been no comment until now the minutes should stand. The Chair and all other councillors agreed with the Clerk. The Clerk also stated she felt her feelings were indeed relevant at the time.

**24/090: Matters arising:**

**a. Flood Signage Garron Pill:** Cllr Davies continues to chase this matter. It has been given to an officer but no news yet. He will follow it up again.

Cllr Eynon interjected at this point. He confirmed that a longstanding member of the local community, and the Community Council, Mr. Roger Wood, has recently passed away. He suggested a minute's silence would have been appropriate at the beginning of the meeting. The Clerk suggested as the meeting had started it would be advisable to do it at the end of the meeting. Cllr Williams confirmed it would be done at the end of the meeting.

**24/091: Planning:**

**a. Applications Received:**

*i. 24/0832/PA: Tedion Farm, Lawrenny, SA68 0QB. Extension to Slurry Pit.*

No comments were offered with regard this application, there were no objections.

*ii. NP/24/0649/FUL: Blackpool Mill, Narberth, SA67 8BL.* Replacement of collapsed river wall.

Cllr Williams confirmed this application had been considered by email due to it possibly being time sensitive. The Clerk confirmed she had given everyone plenty of time to get back to her email forwarding the consultation correspondence with comments or objections. Everyone had responded except Cllr Eynon. There had been no comments and no objections.

**b. Application Notice Received:** None to date.

**c. Other Planning Matters:** Cllr Williams asked Cllr Davies to give a brief explanation of the impact of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park's recent changes to the 28-day rule. Cllr Davies stated PCNP are going to put in an Article 4, which takes away certain permitted development rights. So now the 28-day rule will be removed. He stated it just means they are all going to be applying for a CL site. They are also hoping CL certifying bodies are going to sign up to a code of conduct. Cllr Davies does not know at this stage what the code of conduct will look like.

**24/092: Highway Matters**

**a. Clerk Report:** The Clerk confirmed she had not received a response from PCC regarding her report. It may be they have dealt with the issues. Clerk to make enquiries with the local authority.

**b. Councillor Reports:**

Cllr Davies: The road at Watery Gates is collapsing. Fairly urgent.

Cllr Carlisle: Nasty hole just before Dells Cross. Vehicles are at risk if they fall in it.

Cllr Eynon: A pothole below Jerusalem, Dells Cross and Knowles Road. Between Jericho and Dragsmere there are a series of potholes.

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**c. County Councillor Report:** No report from Cty Cllr Clements as she was not present at this point in the meeting.

**24/093: Finances:**

**a. Invoices and Remittances:** Clerk confirmed a PCC remittance had been received for the last payment of the 2024/2025 period. The Clerk also confirmed the Precept form had been sent to the local authority for the period 2025/2026.

**b. Clerk Salary:** Clerk confirmed there had been no comments received with regard the Clerk's Salary Report. Payment had been made.

**c. VAT update:** Progressing.

**24/094: Community:**

**a. Community Events:**

*i. Light Up The Community and Jingle & Mingle - Report:* Cllr Williams confirmed the Jingle & Mingle event was just before Christmas, and was held in tandem with the Light Up The Community initiative. Cllr Williams confirmed the Jingle & Mingle had been a really good event. Cllr Evans confirmed she had been away and was unable to attend. Cllr Williams noted Cllr Eynon did not attend. Cllr Carlisle said it was a really lovely event; a proper community get together. He was delighted to be there. Cllr Davies attended for a short while due to other commitments but wished he could have stayed longer. The other councillors, and the Clerk also attended. It was agreed the community Christmas tree looked amazing. It had been decorated with decorations made from recycled plastic and other materials and was lit by solar lights. The tree brought a lot of joy to people all the time it was up. Cllr Williams said it was all successful and everyone had really got into the community spirit. The Clerk said it was lovely to see people come to the Jingle and Mingle from all over the ward. There were 40 to 50 people at the event, spread across Lawrenny, Martletwy, Landshipping and the areas in between. Cllr Davies congratulated Cllr Williams on bringing the events together. Cllr Williams thanked everyone who had been involved and who attended.

*ii. Community Christmas Tree Initiative:* Following on from the successful launch of this initiative in Landshipping, Cllr Williams asked councillors how they felt about offering to supply Martletwy and Lawrenny each with a community Christmas Tree. The Clerk felt this would be a good idea and was only fair to ensure all the community could benefit. Cllr Evans in agreement. She also wondered if it would be possible perhaps to offer trees in pots so they can grow. Cllr Carlisle agreed. The Clerk asked for a show of hands from those in favour of offering trees to Lawrenny and Martletwy. Cllr Davies in agreement. Cllr Eynon felt the event should be moved around. Cllr Evans explained the Jingle & Mingle is an event started by residents in Landshipping. The Community Council piggy backed on the back of it and made it available to all the community. It therefore would not be appropriate to move it. Though this did not preclude the other villages doing their own thing. Cllr Carlisle will organise 3 trees in pots if the other villages wish to proceed.

*iii. New Events: Jumble Sale. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2pm – 4pm in Lawrenny Village Hall.*

Cllr Evans confirmed she had not yet received any jumble at her premises. Clerk confirmed she had a lot of jumble for the sale. Posters have gone out. It has been publicised on Radio Pembrokeshire's website. It is in the Tenby Observer and on social media. It has also been sent out on the Lawrenny mailing list held by organisers in Lawrenny. All money to Wales Air Ambulance. Cllr Williams asked for everyone who can to support the event. The Clerk asked if councillors to ask residents for jumble.

**b. Community Playgrounds:**

*i. Fencing at Lawrenny and Martletwy playgrounds:* Cllr Williams stated confirmation had been received from the local authority playground inspector that they were happy with all the works carried out. This had been emailed to all councillors. Cllr Williams thanked Cllr Carlisle for all his work on this project. Cllr Eynon asked if Cllr Williams was joking that the inspector was happy with the quality of the work carried out. Cllr Williams stated she was not joking. Cllr Eynon said everyone he

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had shown the photographs to (emailed to all councillors 11/01/2025 at 17.40 – without any explanation) had laughed. Cllr Williams reiterated the inspector had been out. She asked the Clerk for specifics. Cllr Carlisle interjected at this point. He stated the photographs Cllr Eynon had circulated were intended to cause mischief. Cllr Williams agreed. The Clerk confirmed she had asked the inspector to confirm in writing his opinion regarding the fencing. All councillors would have seen the email from the Clerk including the inspector's email which was all circulated before Christmas. Cllr Eynon said he had not seen the email. Cllr Evans stated he would have had it because it was sent to everyone. Cllr Eynon asked for it to be sent again. Cllr Williams said a line was now to be drawn under this matter. Cllr Carlisle said this had nothing to do with the fencing, but that Cllr Eynon was just being vindictive. Cllr Williams agreed. Cllr Eynon reiterated "everyone I have shown the photographs to has laughed about the quality..." Cllr Williams told Cllr Eynon this could not go on. She said he had to stop. She reiterated the local authority inspector had written to say he was happy with the work following his in-person inspections and it was time to move on.

*ii. Orchard Package:* Cllr Williams confirmed the package being delivered by Keep Wales Tidy. She has emailed the organiser, who responded to say things had been delayed because of the storm. The trees and plants will be delivered around April time. The hardware, such as the benches, should be expected next month. Cllr Evans and Cllr Carlisle both commented on what an amazing opportunity this package is.

**c. Community Initiatives:**

*i. Community Waste Bins:* Clerk reported she has contacted the local authority to get a ballpark figure for the collection of public waste bins if the community council decide to purchase bins to locate in various areas. She is still awaiting a response. Cllr Davies asked if, whilst on the matter of waste, the Clerk could please contact the waste management team at PCC to ask them to ensure the residential waste operatives collecting from residential properties could ensure the recycling wagon doors are kept closed between collections. There is considerable detritus that flies out of the open doorways and is left behind. Cllr Evans stated there is so much litter around the area, it is everywhere.

**24/094: Grant Funding:**

**a. Doing the Small Things Grant:** Cllr Williams confirmed she is in the middle of filling in paperwork and reporting to PAVs on the conclusion of the grant.

**b. Safe and Warm Hubs – Unpaid Carers Grant:** Cllr Williams confirmed this grant is issued by the same people as the Warm Spaces grant previously awarded. Commencing on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Quite a lot of support from the community. She doesn't know how successful it will be because it is hard to reach people at times. With carers it is also difficult for them to find someone to sit with the people who are being cared for, so the carer can attend. The village hall is booked every week until the end of March, every Thursday, and it will run until then. There will also be a monthly day trip. She is going to play it by ear, especially as she has had so much support from non-carers to help with the initiative. She may tweak it as it develops. Cllrs Evans congratulated Cllr Williams.

[Cllr Clements joined the meeting ]

**24/095: Community Council Policies:**

**a. Model Financial Regulations:** Clerk reported the final draft of the regulations just needs one last check and will be brought to next meeting. The Clerk will email the finished document to councillors prior. The Clerk confirmed other matters have had to take priority, and she is trying to make the hours she has work effectively.

**b. Annual Report:** Clerk confirmed the same applies as mentioned in a) above.

**c. Training Policy:** Clerk reported Cllr Evans has asked her to make a note of who had completed training and when. In 2021 Cllr Davies completed Code of Conduct Training. Now out of date. In January 2022 Cllr Evans completed The Councillor training. In March 2022, Cllrs Evans, Cole and

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Eynon completed Code of Conduct training. This is now out of date. Cllr Evans took Council Meetings Module 5 in the same month. Then a big gap until June 2023 - Intro to Community Engagement (Module 8) completed by Cllr Evans. January 2024 Cllr Williams completed "Understanding the Law (Module 4). February 2024 Cllr Williams completed Well Being of Future Generations (Module 20). In September 2024 Cllr Carlisle completed Councillor Induction, and Cllr Williams completed The Use of IT, Websites and Social Media (Module 16). Cllr Evans asked Clerk to send this the information to her. Cllr Evans confirmed a new list is out for everyone to chose from.

**24/096: Councillor/Clerk Training:**

**a. Group Training Sessions:** Clerk reiterated this was an opportunity to minimise cost and maximise opportunity. The Clerk asked Cllr Clements if she had the opportunity to discuss it with either of her other Community Councils. Cllr Clements confirmed she ad raised it with Uzmaston at their last meeting. They are not against the principle and are keen to take part in planning training. Clerk suggested she could email both cc's to explain the idea. Cllr Clements will provide contact details.

**24/097: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:**

Cllr Williams reported on a meeting at Llanddewi Village Hall. There were about 20 participants. They met with Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Equality. She came down to discuss matters following the storms. The Minister spent about an hour with them. She was interested to know what everyone was doing with the Warm Spaces opportunities. Cllr Williams met councillors from other town and community councils, including Crymych, Haverfordwest, Solva (Solva Care).

**24/098: Correspondence Received:** The Clerk reported there was nothing to share at this time.

**24/099: Communication:**

**a. County Councillor:** Cllr Clements confirmed it had been quite quiet due to the festive season. The Budget is the big issue at the moment. There have been a good deal of financial projections. Clarification also required regarding National Insurance increases. Cllr Clements has been led to believe the extra funds may be made available. They are still waiting to find out. Cllr Clements has also been speaking out regarding Long Course Weekend, and the matter of the alternative route and to reduce in kind benefits. The Cabinet have decided LCW will stay on closed roads this year. This may change for 2026, but everything will need to be in place before the new date for 2026 is publicised. With regard rubbish collections, Cllr Clements has noted the same issue with regard the flaps on the recycling bins. She has raised this internally. Regarding domestic waste Cllr Clements enquired as to whether residents have complained about non-collection of domestic waste. Cllr Evans confirmed glass recycling was not collected prior to Christmas, and they had to call the local authority. After Christmas the waste team did not take away all the glass recycling because it was in two receptacles. Cllr Davies said it was not collected after Christmas. Cllr Clements to feed this back. Regarding the joint newsletter Cllr Clements asked if there was anything specific to be included. Cllr Evans asked when it was going out. If the newsletter was going out before, could the jumble sale be included. The Clerk suggested all councillors send a selfie to Cllr Clements for inclusion.

**b. Any Other Business:**

**i. New Event:** Cllr Williams raised the idea of holding a community event for International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March. She has already reached out to a local Reverend (who ministers to areas including Meidrim) who would be happy to give a talk on her experiences working with Mother Theresa. Funds raised could be donated to a local charity. Entrance fee could include refreshments. Cllr Clements, Cllr Evans and Cllr Carlisle all said it was a good idea. Cllr Williams also suggested that later in the year, perhaps in the Autumn, a community event could be organised around Harvest time as the community is very agricultural based. Cllr Clements asked if the Church held a Harvest Supper in which case it could be a joint event.

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*ii. Roger Wood:* A minute's silence was held to honour Mr. Roger Wood, who recently passed away. He was a big part of the community, and a longstanding community councillor. Cllr Eynon will be attending his funeral, as will Cllr Clements. Cllr Eynon said a few words in gratitude for all the years Mr. Wood was on the Community Council as Chairman, and for all the groups he ran, including the cricket club. Mr. Wood also set up the Good Neighbours scheme, and the purchase of the first two defibrillators in the ward at Martletwy and Lawrenny. Cllr Eynon closed by saying he did a lot of good work in the community and was a thoroughly nice and decent fellow. Those who knew Mr. Wood concurred. It was agreed it would be appropriate to put a tribute in the newsletter.

**24/100: Date of Next Meeting:** Cllr Williams asked if everyone agreed to skip the February meeting, with the next meeting to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The majority of councillors expressed their agreement.

**Meeting closed:** 20:21

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