

Martletwy Community Council
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Minutes
2023 Annual General Meeting
Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm

23/01: Present: Cllr David Cole (Chair), Cllr Jason Crowther, Cllr Phil Davies, Cllr Victoria Evans (Vice Chair), Cllr Philip Eynon, Cllr Liz Williams (Councillors); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

23/02: Apologies for Absence: None

23/03: Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the Martletwy Community Council Annual General Meeting 2022 were unanimously agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

23/04: Approval of Accounts: The Clerk presented the financial accounts for the year for Martletwy Community Council. Cllr Cole asked if anyone had any questions. Approval of accounts proposed by Cllr Cole. Unanimously approved,. Signed by the Chairman.

23/05: Chairman's Report
Chairman Cole reflected on his twelve months in office.

Cllr Cole commenced by thanking the Community Councillors, the County Councillor, and the Clerk for all their hard work over the year. With so much additional responsibility now passed to Community Councils by local and national government, Martletwy Community Council works hard, endeavouring to meet these additional responsibilities whilst prioritising the needs of the local community. Year upon year the Community Council face frustration regarding retrospective planning applications made to both planning authorities at Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Pembrokeshire County Council. This year was no exception. Cllr Cole confirmed councillors are hopeful the newly appointed head of planning at Pembrokeshire County Council, along with the recruitment of additional officers, will bring change moving forward. This year, the community council worked hard to be more visible to residents and businesses within the community and increase engagement. There were a number of successful events Martletwy Community Council were involved in. The community fireworks display, hosted by Mr & Mrs Bruce Carlisle, was an outstanding success again this year. It was a pleasure for some of our councillors to get involved, helping to ensure the safety of all the residents while at the same time assisting in this marvellous annual fund raising event for chosen charities. Thanks also were given to Cllr Davies for his continued work behind the scenes with regards the play parks. Hopefully a conclusion on these can be reached soon. This year also saw the momentous occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with the lighting of a Martletwy beacon as part of a national event. Thanks to Cllr Eynon for organising the event, and to the landowner for their permission to use the site. Later in the year there was the Coronation party organised by Cllr Williams at Lawrenny Sports Club. Another well supported successful event, bringing the community together to celebrate. During this year the community council were successful in obtaining saplings as part of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park 70th Anniversary tree project. As part of the celebrations, the Community Council were given enough saplings to enable us to gift every family with a child, within the ward, a native sapling. In addition, thanks to the generosity of the Woodland Trust, the community council were also able to obtain hedging plants to create a nature corridor along the side of the Martletwy village green. This involved a very successful and enjoyable volunteer planting day with a large number of residents coming together. Cllr Williams successfully applied to Pembrokeshire County Council for the Warm Spaces Grant, enabling a number of well received community coffee mornings at Wild Lakes, along with community lunches at the Snooty Fox and Lawrenny Arms. These events proved incredibly popular and were of great benefit to residents during these difficult times. Cllr Cole concluded by wishing Cllr Evans all the best for the forthcoming twelve months.

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23/06: Election of Officers:

a. Chairman: Cllr Victoria Evans was put forward as Chair. Proposer: Cllr Crowther. Seconded by Cllr Davies. All unanimously voted in favour. Cllr Evans was elected Chairman for the year.

Cllr Evans moved to the Chair.

b. Vice Chairman: Cllr Davies proposed Cllr Liz Williams for the position of Vice Chair. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cole. All voted in favour. Cllr Williams elected Vice-Chair.

23/07: Resignations: None

23/08: Appointment of Council Representatives

a. One Voice Wales Representative. Cllr Phil Davies volunteered. Carried unanimously.

23/09: Review of Council Policies:

a. Financial Regulations Policy: Clerk confirmed the only change this year to the Financial Regulations Policy is the addition of online banking and the process. The Council resolved to re-adopt the Financial Regulation Policy as amended. Motion to adopt the policy proposed by Cllr Eynon, seconded by Cllr Evans. Carried unanimously.

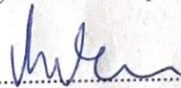
b. Risk Management Policy: The Council resolved to re-adopt the Risk Management Policy without amendment.

c. Standing Orders: It was noted SLCC and One Voice Wales are working on a new version of the model Standing Orders which will be adopted when they are release to Community Councils. The Council resolved to re-adopt the current Standing Orders without amendment..

23/10: Adoption of the IRPW Recommendations for the pay and reimbursement to Councillors: Councillors unanimously resolved to adopt the IRPW's remuneration recommendations.

23/11: Staff Appraisal: As agreed previously the staff appraisal will be dealt with as a separate entity outside of this meeting. Cllr Evans confirmed it should be confidential and not discussed in a public setting.

Meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Signed: ..... Position: CHAIR.....

Date: 15/5/24..... Minute Ref: 24/03.....