

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council**  
**held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall**

**Present:** Jason Crowther (Chairman); David Cole (Vice Chairman); Michael Carpenter, Phil Davies, Victoria Evans, Philip Eynon; (Councillors); Cty Cllr Di Clements (online); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** None

**CORONAVIRUS.** *All due care and attention is taken to ensure the safety of Councillors, and the public, when attending meetings.*

Chairman welcomed Cllr Evans to her first meeting, supported by the Council as a whole. Cllr Evans thanked the Chair for his welcome and introduced herself to all.

**21/062: Minutes of previous meeting:** Unanimously agreed. Signed and dated.

**21/063: Matters arising**

**a. Community Play Areas Funding:** Cllr Davies reported he is attempting to get three quotes for works to equipment. Struggling to get contractors to turn up. Will continue to work on this.

**b. New Defibrillator:** Cllr Carpenter recapped the position with regard to a decision regarding location for new defib. Confirmed it is still at the Snooty Fox Public House. Cllr Davies queried locating defibs in commercial locations and ramifications if the business is ever sold on. It was discussed and agreed a written agreement with regard to the Community Councils ownership of the defib. Cty Cllr Clements reported the landlords at Lawrenny Quay may site a privately owned defib in the phone box at Lawrenny Quay. Cllr Eynon confirmed the Snooty Fox have agreed to a £100 donation. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Crowther, to go ahead with ordering a new defib, same model as already in use in the ward, so that all pads etc were interchangeable. Cllr Eynon confirmed he would order new pads. Cllr Carpenter to order new defib. He will contact Community Heartbeat. Unanimously agreed a cheque should be raised on the provision of an invoice.

**d. Ultrafast Broadband Campaign:** Cty Cllr Clements reported she has been chasing the service provider, Broadway, for an update, specifically with regard the position with vouchers at the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS), especially as the situation does not seem to have changed since February/March. It has been confirmed Broadway have secured considerable funding from a private equity company. This will enable them to push forward with the infrastructure as soon as DCMS have signed the vouchers off.

**e. History Noticeboards:** Cllr Carpenter reported he has not yet heard from the graphic designer with regards the history noticeboards. He hopes to be able to update Council at the next meeting.

**f. Community Council Website:** Clerk reiterated her concern at the continued lack of response from Pembrokeshire County Council, having contacted them again. Clerk continues to investigate outsourcing the website.

**g. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons:** Cllr Eynon reported the landowner has agreed to hosting the beacon. He confirmed the date is 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. A great deal of information is available at [www.queensjubileebeacons.com](http://www.queensjubileebeacons.com) which is updated monthly. One Voice Wales website also being updated. Cllr Eynon will continue to update the Council.

**21/064: Planning**

A number of Councillors, and Cty Cllr Clements, gave a brief introduction to Cllr Evans regarding the role of Martletwy Community Council as a consultee to the planning authorities PCC and PCNP.

**a. Applications Received:**

**i. 21/0533/PA - Location: Jubilee House, Park Road, Martletwy, SA67 8AP**

Council discussed the planning application at length. One Councillor noted the front windows seemed large for their surroundings. There were no objections. Community Council support this application. Clerk to report the decision to the planning authority.



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in 2021 was 312. In 2013 284 vehicles were recorded leaving Lawrenny, in 2021 the number was 300. Councillors discussed the fact these results do not specifically impact the issues of speed reported by residents of Broad Lane and Lawrenny. It was unanimously agreed the current limits on rural roads are not sensible, but continued requests to the County Council suggest there is no appetite from them or the Welsh Government to lower limits on rural highways. Further discussion will take place to see what if anything can be done to reduce speed on Broad Lane.

**iv. Planning Enforcement & monitoring:**

a. Cllr Eynon reported he had received complaints with regard to New Pencoed, SA68 0PL. The complaint suggests the sheds are too posh, and that it was not for agricultural use as per planning but for something else as it had a Mezzanine floor and picture windows in gable end farthest away from road. The complainant to Cllr Eynon also suggested consultants should be bought in from out of county as others are too close to the area. A further complaint was made to Cllr Eynon, from the same complainant, that commercial rubbish is being put out for collection in domestic waste bags. Clerk to report to PCC

b. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed she has re-sent all information pertaining to concerns regarding a commercial enterprise in Martletwy to PCC as they have suggested they are not in receipt of any information.

It was agreed by Council that PCC need to be pushed to act and are slow to do so. Cty Cllr Clements confirmed she had raised this issue of a lack of monitoring, and where necessary enforcement, with PCC's new CEO.

**21/065: Highway Matters**

**a. Matters Reported:**

Cllr Carpenter praised the cut and fill work being carried out on the Martletwy Road.

Cllr Cole enquired whether the Martletwy Road would be tarred & chipped after the cut and fill work.

Cllr Eynon commenced a discussion with regard the variation in timescales of different highway maintenance teams. Cty Cllr Clements to make enquiries.

**b. Litter Signs:** Cty Cllr Clements reported all additional litter signs ordered and now waiting for them to be printed.

**c. Grit Bins:** Cllr Eynon reported he has called PCC to arrange a meeting with regard the outstanding grit bin and refilling of existing bins.

**21/066: Finances:**

**a. Audit:** Clerk reported she is meeting with the Internal Auditor at his convenience.

**b. Nat West Online Banking:** Cllr Cole reported. Several Councillors need to update their forms along with two new signatories, Councillors Evans and Davies. Cllr Cole will go through the forms with people at the end of the meeting.

**c. Donation requests:** Clerk confirmed a few more requests had been received for consideration at the beginning of 2022. Urged all Councillors to share the details of the donation process with local charities and businesses if they have expressed an interest.

**21/067: Casual Vacancy:** Cllr Crowther confirmed Cllr Carpenter's resignation from the Community Council with effect from 31 December 2021. All Councillors were unanimous in their sadness at Cllr Carpenter's decision to retire from the role. Clerk requested permission from the Council to advertise the role. Unanimous agreement from Councillors.

**21/068: Councillor/Clerk Training:**

**a. General Councillor Training:** Clerk confirmed she will communicate with Cllr Evans to set up relevant training. Clerk also recommended Code of Conduct training for existing Councillors who had not completed it at all – or who had not done the training for some time.



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b. Planning Aid Wales: Clerk enquired if Councillor's would like her to enquire as to whether additional planning training is available, perhaps an additional module to that already completed. It was agreed further training would be useful and Clerk to enquire.

**21/069: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:**

**a. Caru Cymru -Keep Wales Tidy Group:** Cllr Carpenter reported he had attended a very information webinar. Caru Cymru have started their biggest initiative todate. To eliminate waste. The initiative is being funded by European funding. Individuals and organisations can register as Litter Champions. Training, kit and insurance is provided. There is also feedback as to how much is collected. Can also create litter picking hubs. Any residents can borrow kit as and when required. The project is running until 2023. Clerk to look at putting this on social media.

**21/070: Correspondence Received:**

**a. One Voice Wales - Together for our Planet Community Fund:** Clerk reported OVW have confirmed there is National Lottery funding for action on climate change. Deadline is 18/11. Webinar on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am if a councillor would like to attend.

**b. One Voice Wales – Farmer/Landowner Survey:** Clerk presented this correspondence. Offered to send it to any councillor who wished to complete the survey or who wanted to pass it on. Asking for participants with land adjacent to Wales Coastal Path.

**c. Wales British Legion – Celebrating Remembrance:** Clerk presented correspondence. Do Councillors wish to have a wreath this year? Unanimously agreed a standard wreath is appropriate. Clerk to order.

**21/071: Communication:** None reported.

**21/071: Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm. Venue Lawrenny Village Hall.

Meeting declared closed at 21.35

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