

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council  
held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall**

**Present:** Jason Crowther (Chairman); David Cole (Vice Chairman); Michael Carpenter, Phil Davies, Victoria Evans, Philip Eynon; (Councillors); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cty Cllr Di Clements

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

**21/072: Minutes of previous meeting:** Unanimously agreed. Signed and dated.

**21/073: Matters arising**

*a. Community Play Areas Funding:* Cllr Davies reported. Still endeavouring to get quotes for works to equipment. Struggling to get a commitment from contractors to turn up to quote. Will keep trying.

*b. New Defibrillator:* Cllr Carpenter reported. He has emailed Community Heartbeat who arranged the move of the Landshipping defib recently. Old stock has now gone. He has asked if there are other similar offers available. Community Heartbeat are looking into it.

*d. Ultrafast Broadband Campaign:* Clerk read out written update from Cty Cllr Di Clements. She continues to chase up Broadway as everything seems to be grinding to a halt. She will report as soon as there is an update. Cllr Eynon asked if perhaps Broadway had more lucrative contracts elsewhere and were therefore not in a hurry to get on with Pembrokeshire as other areas are more accessible.

*e. History Noticeboards:* Cllr Carpenter reported. The Graphic Designer as responded by email. He is hoping to get going on the designs for the history boards at Christmas. Cllr Carpenter confirmed to him the Community Council is happy to wait and looks forward to hearing from him in the new year.

*f. Community Council Website:* Clerk confirmed she is now in receipt of the data from the county council regarding hits on the Martletwy Community Council web pages on [www.pembstcc.co.uk](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk) In the period 01/10/2020 to 01/20/2021 the pages had 380 hits in total. Clerk recommended focusing on social media, specifically Facebook and in due course possibly Instagram and other platforms. Councillors agreed there seemed little benefit in spending money on a website with such low traffic numbers.

*g. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons:* Cllr Eynon reported. He confirmed he has spoken to the landowner again. Is looking at whether or not NFU may sponsor the event in this area – or another local sponsor. Cllr Eynon will keep the community council updated.

**21/074: Planning**

Prior to discussing applications Cllr Crowther, in his capacity as Chair, addressed the meeting. He raised his concerns, mirrored by others present, regarding the possible use of the Community Council as a tool by those with personal gripes to get back at others. He mentioned as an example the recent complaints with regards one particular family, raised by Cllr Eynon on behalf of an anonymous local resident. The Chair suggested this should perhaps not be able to happen in future as it might bring the Community Council into disrepute. It is important for the council to remain neutral. Cllr Davies commented on the complaint raised regarding planning. He confirmed the building was in line with the planning application and was not yet finished. Cllr Crowther motioned that upon receipt of a complaint to either the Clerk or Community Councillors, a request be made to the complainant asking for details in writing, including their own contact details, in order that the Community Council can do its due diligence before taking the concerns further. All voted in favour.

*a. Applications Received:* None

*b. Application Notices Received:*

- i. 21/0436/PA: Tedion Farm. Conditionally approved.
- ii. 21/0440/PA: Tedion Farm. Conditionally approved.
- iii. 21/0533/PA – Jubilee House. Conditional approved.

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c. Other Planning Matters

i. Site Notices: Cllr Eynon reported the site notice for the planning at Prettylands only appeared to have gone up 10 days ago.

ii. Planning Monitoring:

a. Cllr Carpenter reported that as a concerned resident he had been in contact with Pembrokeshire County Council regarding his observations of the site in its current form. The mess and upheaval to the ground was such that he initially worried there has been fly tipping. It transpired this was not the case. He approached the builder who assured him the topsoil would be replaced and flowers planted. Following communication with Pembrokeshire County Council he has now received correspondence confirming they will investigate the situation and consider the expediency of taking further action. Further updates to follow.

**21/075: Highway Matters**

a. Matters Reported:

Cllr Cole reported road surface sinking badly outside new build Primrose Cottage.

Cllr Eynon reported a number of issues as follows:

- i. New stiles being installed are too high. People struggling to get over them. Example at Waisland.
- ii. Mill Bridge: Pipe blocked
- iii. Can the Community Council utilise What 3 Words to pinpoint locations with PCC.
- iv. Mountain Park, Jerusalem. Road sinking badly.
- v. Garron Pill – depression in road getting worse and pipes blocked

Cllr Davies asked for some thanks to go to operatives as they are doing a good job. He mentioned a specific operative who will be named in report to PCC but due to GDPR will not be named here.

b. Litter Signs: Awaiting delivery.

c. Grit Bins: Cllr Eynon reported new bin is in place and all are filled.

**21/076: Finances:**

a. Nat West Online Banking: Cllr Cole reported he is still working on this. Cllrs Crowther and Eynon need to go in with ID.

b. Donation requests: Clerk to check if Community Council can make donations to a church. Clerk to send requests to Councillors for consideration before the end of January deadline.

c. Invoice: Cllr Eynon presented an invoice for £172.80. No S246193 in respect of defib pads. Payment proposed by Cllr Davies, Seconded by Cllr Crowther. All in favour.

**21/077: Casual Vacancy:** Clerk has begun Casual Vacancy process and will report at next meeting.

**21/078: Councillor/Clerk Training:**

**a. General Councillor Training:** Clerk checked who needs to either refresh or complete Code of Conduct Training. It was agreed Cllrs Cole, Crowther, Evans and Eynon all needed to do this. Clerk to check on dates.

**b. Planning Aid Wales:** Clerk confirmed they are putting together a programme of additional training and will get back to her with the details.

**21/079: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:** None

**21/080: Correspondence Received:**

a. Dyfed Powys Police: Sent public information notice. Put on Facebook.

b. Pembrokeshire County Council - Invitation: Clerk presented correspondence inviting Councillors

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to reopening of No5 Quayside, Haverfordwest.

*c. RNIB – Grants for Technology:* Clerk presented this correspondence for the information of all Councillors in case they come across anyone who could benefit.

*d. One Voice Wales – Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils:* To be considered and adopted by Council at future meeting.

**21/081: Communication:**

Good Neighbours: Cllr Eynon reported the current Chairman, Mr Roger Wood, has resigned, along with his wife. Good Neighbours are now looking for additional committee members. They would need to attend the AGM in Lawrenny and the occasional Good Neighbours Lunch. They have been going 7yrs. At the recent lunch there were 36 attendees. Clerk to put on Facebook. Cllrs Eynon and Carpenter are both on the committee.

**21/082: Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Venue TBC.

Meeting declared closed at 20.40

Signed:.......... Date:.....*6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021*.....