

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council
held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall**

Present: Jason Crowther (Chairman); Michael Carpenter, Philip Eynon; (Councillors); Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

Apologies: David Cole (Vice Chairman); Phil Davies (Councillor)

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

21/032: Minutes of previous meeting: Unanimously accepted. Minutes signed and dated.

21/033: Matters arising

a. Community Play Areas & Service Level Agreements (SLAs): Cllr Carpenter reported he and Cllr Davies are meeting tomorrow to further the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant application. Clerk read correspondence from a local resident who wrote with suggestions such as, enhanced play equipment; a zip line; picnic tables and BBQ area; an area for fruit trees, bee & wildlife area, including wild flowers; a sign of the wildlife you might see in the recreation space. Councillors present all agreed these were excellent ideas.

b. Landshipping Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Eynon is to action the relocation of the Landshipping defib from Clare House to the old BT telephone kiosk. Cllr Carpenter confirmed he has been in contact with Community Heartbeat. They are experts in converting phone boxes and installing defibs. They have said they could do the job in August at a cost of £335, including £50 to remove from the current location, £250 to install in new location and £35 for signage. Cllr Eynon to approach the residents of Clare House to check on the move before advancing further.

c. New Defibrillator: It was agreed Cllr Carpenter would take over the organisation of the new defib. He will contact local businesses Wild Lakes and The Snooty Fox to discuss donations and location. Cllr Crowther mentioned he had been contacted verbally by the owners of Lawrenny Quay. Councillors agreed as there was already one in the main village of Lawrenny maintained by the Community Council they may wish to look at sourcing one from elsewhere as it would be mainly used by private enterprise.

d. Ultrafast Broadband Campaign: Cllr Clements reported there has been an increased sign up and it is expected to rise further as the installation date gets nearer. She was pleased to report Ambleston had gone live last week. Offered to chase up DCMS but PCC have said they are in discussions and will get back to us if needed. Clerk to update Facebook page before next meeting.

e. History Noticeboards: Cllr Carpenter reported. He had noted an article in local media stating Penally boards have been funded by Community Council and would like to proceed. Spoken to the graphic designer of the boards who will look at the progress made so far. Cllr Carpenter now has the updated history text. It was discussed whether the Community Council could apply for Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant funding. It was unanimously agreed Cllr Carpenter should proceed with this project. He will bring costs to next meeting.

f. Community Council Website: Clerk reported the current arrangement is well below par. Clerk will discuss way forward with PCC, though they have already asked Clerk to confirm she is who she says she is! Cllr Clements will also look at costs from the PCC end.

Casual Vacancy: Clerk reported there was no request to PCC for an election to be held and they had confirmed if there were any applicants they could be considered for co-option. Clerk confirmed there had been only one interested party who expressed an interest in taking up the role of Community Councillor, Mrs Victoria Evans of Landshipping. The Chairman proposed Mrs Evans be co-opted onto the Community Council. Proposal unanimously carried.

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21/034: Planning

a. Applications Received: NP/21/0345/FUL

Proposal: Erection of garden studio linked to existing property.

Location: Solar, Lawrenny, SA68 0PW

Councillors considered the proposed design to be too high in relation to neighbouring properties, including the village hall next door, a historical building in the village. The roof line is too high, having a negative overall visual impact. It was noted the whole of Lawrenny is a National Trust area and also a conservation area and as such the visual impact of any design must not impact negatively. It was noted the design could be altered to reduce the height of the structure, and also dug down deeper, this would also reduce the height. The property would also be more accessible from the external entry point if lower as no steps would be required. It was proposed to object to the proposal on the grounds of the plan for the building being inappropriate due to the negative visual impact it will have on the area and consequently the village. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the objection on the grounds of negative visual impact as stated above and hope Pembrokeshire County Council will take their objection into consideration when making a decision on the application.

b. Application Notices Received: None

c. Other Planning Matters

i. Planning for Campsites: Cty Cllr Clements confirmed there was no further update from PCC at present, however she had been in correspondence with the CEO of Visit Pembrokeshire who confirmed this was an ongoing issue across the county. Councillors had no further update. Clerk reported the MP for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, including Martletwy Ward, had taken an interest in this case and was also looking into it. There were concerns voiced by all attendant Councillors that public liability insurance may not be valid without the property permissions.

ii. Enforcement:

Clerk to correspond with PCNP to see if there is any conclusion to Lawrenny investigation. It was noted by Cllr Eynon to ask PCC what the arrangement is regarding business waste if they are not paying business rates.

b) Clerk reported she is still working on correspondence with Mandello Community Council and consequently then with the Welsh Government.

c) Cty Cllr Clements raised the issue of the previous request to arrange a visit from a PCNP representative. No one had returned her emails offering to set it up. Cty Cllr Clements to liaise with Clerk to arrange.

21/035: Highway Matters

a. Matters Reported:

i) Clerk reported she had raised the issue of the car parking area at the Landshipping Miners Memorial with the Highways maintenance team. It is overgrown.

ii) Cllr Crowther raised the issue of Japanese Knotweed in the clearing opposite the noticeboard/Stanley Arms. Uncertain if it is private land, if so may be landowners responsibility. Cllr Crowther to investigate. Cty Cllr Clements commented if it is on private land it is indeed the responsibility of the landowner. If it is on public land then it is for the Local Authority to resolve.

iii) Cllr Eynon reported issue at Pencoed Hill, by the location of the gritbin. Side of road breaking up. Similarly at bottom hill to Cresswell Bridge – both sides of surface breaking up.

b. Litter Signs: Cty Cllr Clements reported the signs have been reviewed and will remain in circulation. Cty Cllr Clements to chase up delivery of the requested signs.

c. Grit Bins: Cllr Eynon confirmed there has been no movement on the matter of the new gritbin. Clerk to pursue with PCC.

d. Speeding Lawrenny: Cty Cllr Clements reported she has been in conversation with a local resident. A 40mph speed limit can be applied for where the carriageway is no more than 3.4 metres wide. GoSafe have responded to enquiries to say they can only carry out a community speed check on roads with a speed limit between 20 & 30mph. Therefore, can only check inside village boundary. The PCC speed check is still scheduled for August. Cty Cllr Clements asked for a decision on wire placement. It was unanimously agreed it should be just after 30mph sign on crest of the hill. It was discussed

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whether a reduced speed limit could be shunted back to Broad Lane. Cty Cllr Clements suggested the Traffic & Highways Community Fund may be able to be used for this work. The forms are not yet available, will circulate as soon as they are.

21/036: Finances:

a. Audit: Clerk reported the work on the Audit for 2019/20 continues. She hopes to present at next meeting.

b. PCC- Traffic & Highways Community Works Fund: Clerk confirmed this funding has been announced but is not yet life – as discussed under 21/035/d above.

c. Councillor Payments - IRPW: Clerk is looking into when payment should be made. Will endeavour to have the answer by the next meeting.

d. Nat West Bank: Clerk is looking into how to progress this as no action has been taken for months.

e. Donation requests: Following the Clerk's request last meeting with regard timing it was proposed timing should be as follows: i) requests for financial assistance, on the official form, submitted by 31st December of any year; ii) requests circulated to Councillors, iii) applications considered at March meeting, iv) payments made by 31st March of the year following submission.

21/037: Councillor/Clerk Training:

a. Planning Aid Wales: Clerk requested all Councillors to get on with completing their training.

21/038: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk: None

21/039: Correspondence Received:

a. PCNP – Future of the Park – consultation: Clerk presented correspondence. Clerk presented consultation to Councillors for their information.

b. Soil Association – Forestry Management Consultation: Clerk presented correspondence. It was agreed Cllr Crowther would like at this with Clerk at a later date for submission, if appropriate by closing date.

c. WAG – Qualification of Council Clerks Consultation: Clerk presented consultation to meeting. Clerk to complete.

d. RNID - Volunteers: Clerk presented correspondence to Councillors for information.

e. PCC – A citizen-led recovery: working better together: Clerk confirmed meeting dates. No one available.

f. PCC – Second & Empty Homes Consultation: Councillors to complete individually

g. OVW – WG Consultation – Power to Trade: Passed to all Councillors present. No interest.

21/040: Communication:

Cllr Clements raised communication regarding available mapping of environmental disasters, such as flooding, and how these would impact on the infrastructure of the ward and any of its assets. This could include impacts on communities, tourism, agriculture and businesses. Locations at risk may include Landshipping Bridge, Garron Pill, and Lawrenny Village to Lawrenny Quay access road. Cty Cllr suggested Councillors considered how these risks might be mitigated. Short of time as response is required by Thursday. Cllr Clements will circulate to all Councillors for comment.

21/041: Date of Next Meeting. Monday 2nd August, 7.30pm. Lawrenny Village Hall.

Meeting declared closed at 21.18

Signed:.....



Date:.....

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