

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SCLEDDAU COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE YOUNG FARMERS HALL, JORDANSTON ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

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**Present:**     **D Haden (Chair)**                     **J Miles**                     **W Miles**  
                  **A Davies**                                     **M Charman**

**In attendance:**     Mrs Karen Didcote (Clerk)

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)**

C Haden, M Raymond

**11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)**

None.

**12. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014  
(Agenda Item 3)**

The minutes from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

**(proposed: W Miles, seconded: D Haden)**

**13. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Agenda item 4)**

**a. VILLAGE GREEN STATUS (page 1, item 5b)**

The clerk advised that the application forms with regards to obtaining village green status for the playing fields in both Scleddau and Trecwn had been received. Evidence forms were given to W Miles (Scleddau) and D Haden (Trecwn).

**b. SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (page 2, item 5c)**

The clerk advised that the application form had now been received for the Cambridge Building Society. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the signatories for the new account will be W Miles, D Haden, M Charman and A Davies. The application form was given to W Miles who will complete the relevant sections and forward to D Haden, M Charman and A Davies for their completion.

**c. UPDATE – ELECTRIC CAR POOL**

Members were advised that trials were commencing in various areas to see what the response would be.

**14. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT/PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (Agenda item 5)**

13/0415/PA - Land North West of Trebover Farm, Llanychaer

The following information had been received:

Land North West of Trebover Farm, Llanychaer, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, SA65 9SA

**Proposed Development:** Erection of 250kw turbine (30m hub height, 45m blade to tip)

**Appeal start date:** 28-Apr-2014

**Appellant's Name:** Abergwaun Community Turbine

**The following correspondence has been received:**

This correspondence is to inform you an appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the above site.

The appeal follows the refusal of planning permission by the Local Planning Authority.

This appeal is to be decided on the basis of *written representation*.

Any comments already made at the application stage will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. If you wish to submit any additional comments then three copies of the same must be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ within 6 weeks of the starting date, by the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014. If comments are submitted after the deadline, the Inspector will not normally look at them and they will be returned. Any representations made on an appeal will be published on the Planning Portal which will be accessible to the public. In order for representations to be taken into account your name and address should be provided. However, comments can be submitted in a form that allows only the representation to be published, for example, your name and address could be submitted on a separate sheet of paper or document attached to an e-mail.

You may view the planning documents at County Hall, Haverfordwest, weekdays between 9:00am and 5:00pm. If you wish to obtain a copy of our booklet 'Guide to taking part in planning appeals' free of charge, please contact the writer at the Planning Department, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire or through 'publications' on the Planning Inspectorates website: [www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk](http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk). If you wish to receive a copy of the appeal decision, you must write to the Planning Inspectorate direct to request one at:

The Planning Inspectorate  
Crown Buildings  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

D Haden advised that he had received a phone call asking for a representative at the appeal as SCC had supported this application. D Haden advised that no representative would be available.

No further actions will be taken by SCC on this application.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted by Council:

**a) PROPOSED MERGER OF MID AND WEST WALES FIRE CONTROL ROOMS**

I am writing to you, on behalf of our Emergency Control Room Staff with serious concerns over the proposed merger of The Mid and West Wales Fire Control Room based at the emergency tri-service control room in Llangunnor Carmarthen.

MAWWFRS along with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) have begun the process of merging the two fire controls and re-locating this facility to The South Wales Police HQ in Bridgend during 2016. If this merger proceeds another 35 well paid professional jobs will be lost to the area.

We fear this will have a massive negative impact on our local communities, especially with Fire Control Operators with no local knowledge of your area's processing emergency calls. With the probability of the merged control room in Bridgend being dominated by SWFRS staff (due to travel distance of MAWWFRS staff) this will have serious implications with emergency calls taking longer to process due to staff having no knowledge of your towns and villages.

Staff living in GWENT, THE SOUTH WALES VALLEYS, CARDIFF and CAERPHILLY would be expected to take 999 emergency calls for your towns and villages which is hugely unfair and will have a negative impact on the service we currently provide to our communities. We currently have a provision in our MAWWFRS control room where 50% of staff are welsh speakers, this will be seriously diluted as only 10% of staff speak welsh in the SWFRS control room.

Our MAWWFRS control room serves the communities of Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, Powys, Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot and this equates to over 750,000 people. If this merger proceeds, we would be expected to take 999 emergency calls covering a huge area (three quarters of Wales) from the Severn Bridge down the M4 corridor to the edge of Pembrokeshire, back up through rural Ceredigion and Powys to the Hereford and Shropshire borders. This is asking for trouble and is a major step too far.

This merger is costing over £4 million pounds which is a waste of public money considering our current position of three control rooms in Wales (Carmarthen, Bridgend & St Asaph North Wales) is identified by the Department of Communities & Local Government as being The Gold Standard which other Fire Services are now following.

We ask that you support our situation on protecting these vital services as local knowledge of our areas will be lost forever. We work on a daily basis assisting our local fire crews and should this merger go ahead, this vital local service we provide will be lost forever.

We thank you in advance for taking time to read our email and urge you to contact your Councillor that represents you on the MAWWFRS Fire Authority.

#### **b) GOVERNANCE IN SMALL PUBLIC BODIES**

A letter has been forwarded to all members which draws the attention of Council to the report of the National Assembly for Wales Public Accounts Committee on significant failings in the governance and financial arrangements of the Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Drainage Board.

Whilst the report is primarily concerned with matters relating to the Drainage Board, the Public Accounts Committee considered the issues raised should be considered by other public organisations across Wales, including community and town councils.

**16. INSURANCE – 2014/2015 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The clerk advised that the insurance quotation from Aon had now been received. The cost of the insurance is £486.44 for the new financial year should SCC decide to continue to use Aon Insurance Services.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that SCC would continue to use Aon to provide their insurance at a cost of £486.44.

**(Proposed W Miles, Seconded A Davies)**

**17. PRECEPT**

The clerk advised that the first instalment of the precept for the 2014/2015 financial year had been received. (£1,834.00)

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Signed CHAIR