

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 9th February 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. L. Beal (Chairman), together with Cllrs. C. Jessop, P. Smithies, S. Twidale, W. Richards and S. Burnett

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council

Apologies were received from County Cllr. R. Owens

1) Minutes - The minutes of the January meeting having been circulated to members was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – No response as yet from PCSO Leanne Nicholls or PC Llewellyn about the Clock Tower incident – reminder sent. No incidents this month.
- b) County Council – Highways.
Clock Tower Footpath (62/11)– Clerk has contacted Mr. Codd(PCC). He had not expected to remove the stump, and will now re-inspect the site. Clerk advised that other growth needed cutting back. Clerk to e-mail Mr. Codd again to get work done before the birds start nesting. If necessary, approach Hayley Barrett (PCNPA) to see if a work party could be arranged.
Speed Limit - Clerk has e-mailed Ben Blake to check on progress for a 20mph limit – copied to Cllr. Owens.
Road Improvements – Cllr. Owens has been provided with an update on work to be included in a proposed highway programme.
- c) Recreation Area – No matters to report.
- d) Street Lights – Dale Clerk has made the request to have the light above the defibrillator left on overnight, in line with a similar situation in Dale.
- e) National Trust - see note under Item 3 – Community Issue
- f) Local Postman – no one person allocated to this area as yet
- g) Draft Welsh Language – E-mail identified for Clerk to review.
- h) Induction Service – Rev. Johnson – Cllr. Beal had represented all the Community Councils in the area.
- i) Marine Planning – Skomer Reserve Staff had not attended the meeting at Aberystwyth.
- j) Thank you letters had been written to the Village Warden, Dave Pomfrey, and to the Wildlife Trust reference the supply of Island/Boat vouchers last year.

3. Community Issues

a) Vandalism/Disturbance - Clerk has written to Jane Robinson of Pembrokeshire Housing to clarify how to report incidents effectively.

b) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office. Clerk reported that e-mails had been received from Mr. & Mrs. P. Lucas who were interested in purchasing the Village Shop. She had provided information as requested. Members agreed that they welcomed this news, and would be particularly interested in a purchaser re-introducing Post Office facilities. Other proposals would need to be considered if and when a planning application is received.

c) Village Action Plan – Village Hall. Cllr. Twidale reported the Hall had opened on the 24th February. Well attended opening and the Seagull Project had been supported with enthusiasm. The committee were meeting shortly, and would be considering what further work was required. Very hopeful of more bookings in the near future.

d) National Trust – Meeting on the 21st January was attended by Cllrs Beal, Jessop and Twidale, and the Clerk. Cllr. Richards had sent apologies. The following points had been discussed:-

- Car Registration to be continued.
- Proposed new Bird Hide below Varna Cottage. Clerk had asked if a Community notice board could go inside the Hide.
- Planning to resurface the car park. To consider applying to reroute the portion of Castle Rag that runs through the car park, so the through route can be clearly identified.
- Signs to be erected – planning other signs to take the place of the flag posts that were refused.
- Car Park Attendants – Two teams of two to be allocated as required. Marloes Car Park will only lose the attendant in busy periods when Martins Haven requires more support. Clerk had sent details of traffic survey from last May/June for information.
- Retail Sales – Council members had expressed their concern on what was being sold. Advised that the officer based at St. David's is in charge of this. Trust advised that Marloes Shop may be sold by Easter. There is a need for the Trust to build up relations with the Community.
- Toilets will be open this summer. Disabled access to the toilets and the Coastal Path needs to be maintained.
- Confirmed that the Youth Hostel will be giving up their lease by Easter. National Trust will be seeking a new use for the house and buildings. Open days at Runwayskiln to be arranged as soon as

possible – to be combined with the Car Registration process.
House may be let on a short lease if no one comes forward to take on the whole complex.

Cllr. Beal advised that a report from Mr. Tuddenham(NT) had been received too late for Peninsula Papers, but had been put on the Marloes Website. Dates of the Open sessions to be advised. Clerk has been asked if she will undertake the Electoral Register check for applications for car registration purposes.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

16/12/14 – OVW – Amended chapters of the Governance & Accountability Guide circulated. Held over to the next meeting.

13/01/15 & 14/01/15 – Planed/PCC – notice of participation meetings about the County Council to be held in January/February. Clerk had received posters, and had clarified that anyone planning to attend the meeting at Milford School on the 26th February can apply nearer to the time.

14/01/15 – South Hook Grant Funding – applications by 28/02/15 – details passed to Cllr. Twidale for the Hall.

15/01/15 & 09/02/15 - Centenary Programme Events and Board Meeting reference the Ist World War. Noted.

16/01/15 – OVW – Response to Planning Consultation. Noted.

19/01/15 – OVW/SLCC – Joint Association Event on the 14th May at Llandridnod Wells. Noted.

19/01/15 – Cllr. R. Owens – County Council Prosecution Protocol received.

19/01/15 & 06/02/15 – Jane Warr/Sue Burton – meeting at Dale Hall on the 24th February reference Bait Digging at the Gann.

27/01/15 – E-Mail from Coastlands Local History Group seeking a letter of support for a project concerning the Wellington Bomber that had crashed off Hooper's Point, Dale Airfield in 1942. The names of the Polish crew lost in this incident are recorded in Marloes Church. Members agreed, and the Chairman approved the letter that was sent.

27/01/15 – E-mail from FCFCG (Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens) forwarded to Cllr. Jessop for information.

29/01/15 – Phil Newman – MPA Management Options – Agreed that this document needs to be considered by the Council, and decide if a response is required. Also a reminder of the next Advisory Meeting on the 21st April.

04/02/15 – OVW – Training on Data Protection & Freedom of Information at County Hall, Haverfordwest on the 24th February. Clashes with the meeting on Bait digging, otherwise Clerk would have attended this training.

Other Correspondence:-

27/01/15 – Mr. & Mrs. J. Almond, The Clock House – Letter requesting that the same night silencing facility previously allowed to the last occupiers of this property. After discussion the Council agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards that the facility be used for the same dates and times as previously.

13/01/15 – PCC – Registration Services – Outstation Service. The meeting was advised that both the Electoral Registration Service and the Registration Service for births and deaths were now based at Cherry Grove, Haverfordwest. Clerk had been advised by Lawrence Harding in response to her e-mail that a Press Release had been issued at the time. Members were agreed that this information was not generally known in the community. The letter had also advised that the Outstation Service which had been suspended because of staffing issues will now be discontinued. In this area the Milford facility will be affected. A response had been requested by the 31st January, but this had now been put back to the 27th February. Members agreed that in light of the cut backs generally, this loss was difficult to challenge. However it was felt that the County Council was not doing enough to keep Communities informed on changes - “a good way to bury news.”

16/01/15 – One Voice Wales – Pembrokeshire Area Committee – held on the 3rd February. No one had been able to attend. Noted.

02/02/15 – PCC – Cyd Cymru/Wales Together – A3 poster supplied reference the 3 year Collective Energy Scheme. Cllr. Burnett offered to supply a A4 size, more suitable for the Hall Notice Board.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Letter sent to Karen Bolton (Clerk had recorded her name incorrectly.). Cllrs Twidale and Burnett advised that the officer had visited the Lane recently, and advised what the problems were in siting this passing bay. She will be writing to the Clerk shortly.
- b) Slate Mill – Letter sent asking about the Camp Site. A letter from National Park had been received asking for a complaint form to be submitted. Clerk had responded by e-mail advising the Council was not making a complaint only asking questions.
- c) Exception Site - NP/14/0461 – Town Meadow, Marloes. No information this month.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower – Electric Charges – Clerk advised that Cllr. Smithies had contacted Ebico, which was a provider that only charged for usage, with no standing charge. She had started the application process, and it appeared that the option for the Council was to be billed quarterly, as this did not attract a minimum charge. Agreed that the contract with Swalec is terminated, and the Clerk commence a new contract with Ebico. Cllr. Jessop also suggested that they change the light bulbs for low energy ones in the near future.
Windows – Noted that the work on the windows had been completed.
Quote for the Louvre work will be sent later in the Spring.
- b) PCC – 03/12/14 – Council Tax Base – Financial Year 2015/16.
Acknowledgement from the County Council received of the request for a precept for 2015/16 at £2050.
- c) NFU Insurance – Noted that Cllr. Smithies had negotiated a reduction to this years premium, down from £199.28 to £179.28, as last year. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Twidale, seconded by Cllr. Burnett that this payment is approved, and that the Council approve the transfer between accounts of £200.
- d) Western Power - Wayleave payment of £3.48p received in respect of the wire under the Village Green – biannual payment. Noted.
- e) One Voice Wales – On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies the meeting approved the payment of £53 to One Voice Wales for membership of the association for 2015/16.
- f) Zurich Municipal – Letter received expressing interest in quoting for the council insurance for the coming year. Renewal due on the 1st June.
- g) Lloyds Bank statements received.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

Beach Clean – Marloes Sands – Cllr. Jessop advised that he was planning a clean up on the 22nd February, about 1.30pm. Noted.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th March 2015 at Marloes Village Hall.