

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

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. R. Owens

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. W. Richards

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

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – PS Fintan Godkin 1133 had contacted the Clerk on this matter on the 19th February, but no further response has been received despite a reminder. He had advised that “a couple of difficulties have hampered and slowed down the momentum of the investigation”. No incidents this month.

- b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower Footpath (62/11)– Clerk confirmed that work had been undertaken to trim back the growth, but Cllr. Owens was advised no work was done on the stump or the overhanging branches.

Speed Limit - no response from Ben Blake to date. Cllr Owens was shown the e-mail from the 21st August 2014 which suggested that the 20mph was necessary.

Road Improvements – Cllr. Owens has been provided with an update on work to be included in a proposed highway programme. Cllr. Owens had spoken to Mr. Lyn Jones at Jubilee who had explained the history of the problem at this location. E-mail from Cllr. Owens had advised that Mr. Gavin Pritchard had raised a ticket to carry out drainage work at the site. Mr. Pritchard will accompany Cllr. Owens on a drive round to assess the requests for road improvements. Noted there had been a recent accident on the Milford road when a gate had swung into the roadway.

Toilet Sign – Request passed from Mr. Codd to Mr. Blake (PCC officers).

Road Surface, Withybush Hospital area – Cllr. Owens attention was drawn to the very poor state of the surface in front of the hospital and retail parks.

- c) Recreation Area – No matters to report.

- d) Street Lights – Clerk had reported light above the Defibrillator as being out of order last week. Cllr. Owens drew the Council's attention to the light by

Musselwick Gate cottage which had been decommissioned because of its age, despite protests from the nearest occupant on behalf of households in the area. Cllr. Jessop to check whether the light has been removed, and if not the Clerk is to write a letter in support of the retention of the light.

- e) National Trust - see note under Item 3 – Community Issue
- f) Draft Welsh Language – Clerk had checked the relevant website. There is no report on the outcome of the consultation as yet, and there has been a further consultation recently, and again no outcome is reported. Agreed that the Council wait for direct contact from the organisation itself.
- g) Marine Planning – Mr. Phil Newman, Marine Reserve Staff, has offered to come and speak to the Council if required. Noted.
- h) Pembs Housing – No response to enquiry about complaints procedure in relation to problem households.
- i) Governance – Clerk has read through the changes to the Governance document. There are changes to the Internal Audit procedure, which the Clerk will need to discuss with Ms. Fussell who has undertaken the audit in recent years. Noted.
- j) PCC Participation Event – Milford School – 26/02/15. Clerk had attended this meeting, and gave a verbal report to the Council, and circulated the outcome of the Savings Consultation last Autumn. More meetings are planned later in the year. Noted.
- k) Bait Digging – Dale Hall – 24/02/15. The meeting was conducted by Sue Burton (Special Area conservation (SAC) officer). Clerk reported verbally, and advised that a small group will be formed to discuss future action. Signs to be erected warning against illegal digging and a no dig area for all to be agreed. Noted.
- l) Marine Planning Areas – Natural Resources Wales are advising informally of proposed areas for Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas. The former to protect bird species, and the latter the harbour porpoise. More information may be available at the Marine Reserve Advisory Meeting on April 21st. Clerk advised she will not be able to attend that meeting. Cllr. Beal may attend with Cllr. Smithies. Agreed that it is important that the Community Council is represented.
- m) Beach Clean- Cllr. Jessop advised how much rubbish was cleared, and that Cllr. Smithies had helped to take rubbish from the beach. It is still not clear if Mr. Dave Pomfret will have the contract to clear the beach over the summer months. Cllr. Jessop estimated that approximately two sacks a day are collected at this time and cleared by the cage wagon lorry daily. Clerk had sent a query to the relevant officer in PCC, and had also reported the Marloes Sands Emergency Telephone as out of order. G. Codd & Emrys Llewellyn, PCC officers are responsible for Beach Cleaning.

3. Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – Clerk advised that only 33 households had registered for car park passes – less than half of those who registered last year. Most people had taken the opportunity to tour the buildings, and some suggestions had been made for future use. Members agreed that as five hours had been allocated for the registration process that the Clerk should not go out of her way for any late applicants. Andrew Tuddenham will advise the Council what proposals they have in mind for the buildings. Car Park charging will start on the 28th March.

b) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office. No information on the possible sale of shop. The Council were pleased to note that Mr. Smith is home from hospital. Cllr. Smithies gave details of a shop in Llanboidy. Cllr. Owens advised that regrettably the Post Office have restricted the services now on offer at the relocated Herbrandston Post Office.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

13/02/15 – Vicky Moller – Community Renewable Event On 19/03/15 – Noted. No one available to attend.

11/02/15 – Coastlands School Energy Week.

11/02/15 – PCC – Consultation Events & Energy Efficient and Energy Generation Schemes.

12/02/15 – OVW – Welsh Govt. consultation on Tax Devolution in Wales.

13/02/15 – Morol N2K(Rhian Jardine) – Meeting in Carmarthen on the 23rd February reference SAC & SPA's. Noted.

16/02/15 – OVW – Stakeholder Event (Cardiff) – Marine Strategy Framework Directive – Programme of Measures Consultation. Noted.

18/02/15 – OVW – Welsh Govt.- Devolution, Democracy & Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Govt.: Power to the People. Noted.

18/02/15 – OVW – Draft Revised Training Strategy 2015-19. Noted.

19/02/15 – OVW – Website – Members to be advised of password.

23/02/15 – Church PCC – Marloes Churchyard – see below.

24/02/15 – PCNPA – Car Park Charges – see item below – Traffic Order.

24/02/15 – OVW – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report. Noted.

24/02/15 – OVW – Women in Public Life Invitation – 23/02/15 – Cardiff.

26/02/15 – OVW – Welsh Govt. - Landfill Disposals Tax – Noted.

27/02/15 – PCC – Secondary Schools Reorganisation – Meetings at the Pembrokeshire Archive(H'west) on 16/04/15 and at Milford School on 22/04/15.

27/-2/15 – OVW – Training Booklet.

02/03/15 – OVW – Consultancy Services.

04/03/15 – OVW – March Training. Noted.

04/03/15 – Natural Resources Management Bulletin – Feb. 2015.

04/03/15 – OVW – Fuel Poverty Forums. Noted.

04/03/15 – OVW – “Regulation & Inspection of Social Care”- consultation.

05/03/15 – OVW – Local Democracy & Boundary Commission – Board Member Opportunity. Noted.

06/03/15 – OVW – Resource Efficient Wales – Advice & information on energy, waste & water. Leaflet & Contact No. available.

09/03/15 – PCC – Civic Amenity Site Consultation – e-mail circulated – see below for comments.

09/03/15 – PCC – New Carers Strategy – Consultation – Clerk to put item in Peninsula Papers.

Marloes Churchyard – The Clerk explained the background for a request for the Community Council to host a meeting to explain issues reference future burials. After discussion members agreed to this request.

Civic Amenity Sites – Noted that because of cut backs the days of operation and hours of opening will be affected. On the days when Winsle is closed the nearest site will be in Pembroke Dock. It was felt that in time people would get used to the new system of operation. Winsle is well operated. However it is possible that more instances of fly-tipping may occur, and these should be reported immediately to the County Council.

Other Correspondence:-

PCC – 23/02/15 – Pembrokeshire County Council (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park) off Street Parking Order 2015.

Noted that the new Order will not involve “increasing charges or introduce charging at additional car parks”. The PCNPA car parking area locally is at St. Brides. Clerk went through the “Statement of Reasons”, and it was agreed that in principle the Council supported the Order, as it should enable action to be taken against those users who misuse the area, and on occasions cause a nuisance to other users. There is a limit on the classes of vehicles that can use St. Brides. Boat trailers would be able to be left on the beach as now. Document to be shown to Cllr. Richards for information.

The problems of people parking within the yellow lines on the Marloes Sands road were raised by members. Cllr. Burnett agreed to submit a piece

to Peninsula Papers on this, and will contact Mark Owens (PCC) if problems occur. It is very important for the emergency services that they can access the Sandy Lane if required, so the area opposite the lane needs to be kept clear. Members can use the warning notices agreed last year if needed.

SLCC – 12/02/15 – West Wales Branch Meeting – 7th March – Noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2015, Issue 98. Noted.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. No letter received to date.
- b) Slate Mill – Letter sent asking about the Camp Site. Letter received dated the 11th February from Sian Davies (Planning Assistant) advising that after visiting the site she will be writing to the owners of the site “seeking further clarification on what consent they have to use the land as a camping site”.
- c) Exception Site - NP/14/0461 – Town Meadow, Marloes. See related application below.
- d) NP/15/0067/FUL – Kittiwake Cottage – to amend curtilage to relocate the 2 private parking spaces. Cllr. Twidale declared an interest in this application as a joint owner – the application was discussed at the end of the meeting after she left the Hall. Members noted the pre-application comments explaining the reasons for the change following on from the sale of this property away from The Clock House. There was no material difference in planning terms, merely a regularisation of the situation.
- e) NP/15/0090/FUL - Application by Pembrokeshire Housing for replacement gate access at Town Meadow, Marloes. Noted that recently BT had sited a new Broadband cabinet to the right of the existing gateway. (PCNPA had advised the Clerk that BT no longer require a planning consent, only have to inform the planning authorities). Clerk had contacted PCNPA, and had received a site plan indicating that the new gateway will be to the left of the Cabinet, and before the old milk stand. Members were agreed that the field entrance is acceptable at the revised location.
- f) NP/15/0099 & 0100ADV – National Trust applications for Flag Poles at the Marloes Sands and Martins Haven car parks. Members were agreed that the Oak flag posts were more acceptable in design and quality to those applied for previously. The purpose of the posts was noted. Clerk to advise that the Council recommend the applications are approved.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower – Electric Charges – Clerk advised that she proposed to finish the financial year with the Swalec agreement in place, and then make the application to Ebico to start in April. Advised by Swalec that Ebico will arrange the changeover. Agreed by members.
- b) HM Revenue & Customs – 06/02/15 – Council advised to quote UBO 5252 when completing V126 claims in future. Noted.
- c) Clerk's Salary 2014/15 – On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett the meeting approved the payment of £450 to the Clerk.
- d) Lloyds Bank statements received.
- e) Financial Appeals received from Cruse Bereavement Care and The Kidney foundation for Wales. Noted.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

Cllr. Owens drew attention to a memo from Lawrence Harding, PCC Monitoring Officer concerning the procedure for Any Other Business. The law is that “Business not included specifically on the agenda or arising naturally from an agenda item cannot be decided at that meeting.” However Urgent items can be discussed provided Standing Orders allow them to be by establishing a process. This matter to be deferred to a future meeting.

Noted that the introduction of Broadband has been delayed to September 2015. also noted that the sandbag on the road side outside Gibby's, Marloes has been removed.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th April 2015 at Marloes Village Hall.