



# CYNGOR CYMUNED MARLOES & ST BRIDES MARLOES & ST BRIDES COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Marloes Village Hall, 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

**In attendance:** Louise Beal (LB), Steve Powell (SP), Camille Titley (CT), Maren Hamre (MH) and Clerk; Bradley Challinor (BC)

**By formal invitation:** N/A

**1. Apologies:** Christopher Jessop (CJ), Peter Smithies (PS) and Cllr Reg Owens (RO)

**2. Declaration of Interest:** No declaration of interests

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council chair (LB) and seconded by Cllr SP.

Clerk printed off approved February and March meeting meetings for signing. Cllr LB signed and approved.

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 20<sup>th</sup> March meeting discussed and completed.

### **4. Community Issues**

#### **4.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband**

No further updates from Broadway Fibre Broadband following last month meeting email from Cllr SP. No correspondence received from neighbouring Community Councils, Pembrokeshire County Council or local school regarding Broadway.

Cllrs discussed the ongoing worries around Broadway Fibre Broadband on the local communities. Broadway Fibre Broadband only have to give 28 days notice to PCC to erect a new broadband pole.

**AP** Cllr LB to speak to community councils Tish and Dale

**AP** Clerk to email Patrick Hannon (PCC contact for Broadway) asking for a update

**Ongoing AP** Cllr CJ to draft letter to Stephen Crabb regarding the Broadway issues (and lack of support from PCC) in the Marloes and St Brides Community Council.

#### 4.2. Footpaths and Beach (999 phone)

Cllr LB made the Community Council aware of a crack in the footpath in Marloes Sands. Cllrs confirmed it was not unsafe currently (Cllr PS has supported with fence poles and the issue has been reported). Cllr LB will circulate photos via email.

No further updates regarding the 999 phone.

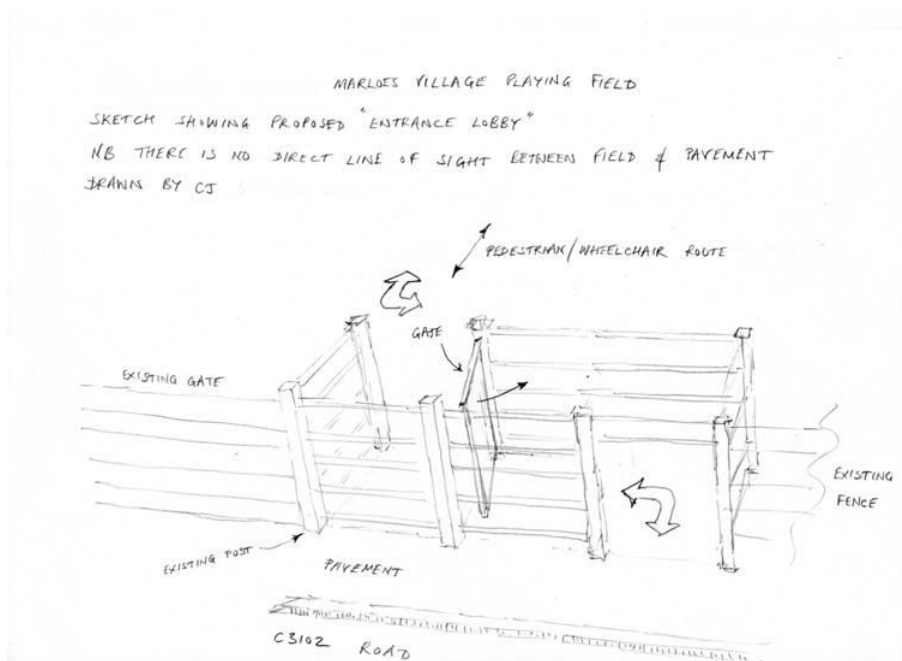
#### 4.3. Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

The village hall community has thanked the Community Council for their kind donation for 2023/24 Financial Year.

The bid for new play park equipment funding has been accepted by Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. The community councillors are in full support of the new play park equipment and the use of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant.

Cllr CJ has discussed a potential new pedestrian access to the playing field (using funds from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding) with Mark Burton. Updates to follow from Cllr CJ in May's Community Council meeting.

Please see a draft sketch of the potential new gate below;



#### **4.4. Clock Tower**

Cllr discussed clock tower silencing times (following an email received from the clock tower house). Cllr happy with the same silencing arrangements as last year.

**AP** Clerk to email back clock tower house with clock tower silencing arrangements

#### **4.5. Highways**

Clerk has followed up on all Claire Williams recommendations from previous meeting action points. No reply from any departments in PCC regarding highway queries from Cllr CJ.

No further Highway updates from PCC.

#### **4.6. National Trust**

No new National Trust updates and no updates on the damage / repairs to the Car Park hut.

#### **4.7. Treatment Plant**

Foxdale Guesthouse and Campsite have emailed Welsh Water. Council are in support and Clerk has emailed Welsh Water to express their support of the email sent.

#### **4.8. Village shop**

No further discussion points in meeting.

Agenda point removed (approved by Cllrs)

#### **4.9. Rubbish Bin (used for household waste)**

Cllr discussed the abuse of the bins over bank holiday weekend (maybe down to the increase of holiday maker traffic).

Cllr Reg Owens was looking at a dog refuse bin go Musselwick path. Cllr LB recommend the National Trust could provide the new bin and Pembrokeshire County Council could empty the new bin.

**Ongoing AP** Cllr CJ to speak with Vicky Swell from the National Trust to discuss the new dog bin on Musselwick path.

#### **4.10. Toilets**

Clerk has replied to PCC recommending the National Park take responsibility at St Brides. The Community Council Cllrs will not be taking financial responsibility for the potential closure of the toilets.

2<sup>nd</sup> letter received from PCC confirming the closure of the toilets. Cllr CJ has contacted Kate Daly to discuss the closure (email below).

*Dear All*

*Clause 5 states: "Agree that any toilet which is declared surplus to requirements and closes but is serving, predominantly, the visitor economy will be temporarily retained until the outcome of any future decision on Welsh Government's proposal for introducing a Visitor Levy is known."*

*Have just checked with Katie Daly: this would apply to both our WCs - so they would be closed and boarded up rather than referred straight to PCC properties division for disposal/demolition. Unfortunately KD has no idea when a Welsh Government decision might be expected. At least while boarded up PCC would keep looking after buildings.*

*CJ*

No further updates from PCC, National Parks / Trust and Welsh Government on the toilet closure.

#### **4.11. St Brides Walled Garden**

No further updates from PCNPA or Gary Meopham (following phone call with Cllr CJ).

Before anything else can happen the Park Committee members must visit the St Brides Walled Garden and Cottages to familiarise themselves with the land holding and its assets. Following this, PCNPA will arrange a joint meeting involving PNCPA, PCC, Community Council and the Church so that possible options can be discussed: different parties with very different agendas (emergency services, walkers, swimmers, divers, churchgoers etc) have to be accommodated at this very popular location.

**AP** Clerk to email Gary Meopham (PCNPA) for update on scheduled meeting

#### **4.12. King Coronation**

Cllr LB received an email asking for the village green to be cornered off (stopping cars parking) in preparation for the Kings Coronation celebrations. Cllr happy and agreed (also can provided tape).

Cllr LB to respond to email.

Community Council have donated directly to Coastlands school to support the Kings Coronation.

Agenda point removed (approved by Cllrs).

### **5. Correspondence and Councillors Updates / Clerks Report**

No Cllr updates.

Clerk finalised AGM date (confirmed for the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023). Clerk finalised Action points from 20<sup>th</sup> March Community Council meeting.

## 6. Planning matters

Response received from PCNPA regarding complaints letter. Cllrs to follow up in May's scheduled Community Council meeting.

*Dear Marloes and St Brides Community Council,*

*Thank you for your email.*

*If you could provide a little more detail over what you believe to be the 'serious errors' that have occurred of late, I can investigate these, but there is not sufficient detail in your message to be able to understand what precisely you are referring to.*

*Having taken on the role of Team Leader last May, to a service which was operating at 50% staffing levels, I am quite proud that we have been able to deal with 70% of applications either in time, or within agreed timeframes over the last quarter. The most recent set of Welsh Government performance figures were published just prior to the Covid Pandemic and showed how authorities compared respectively [planning-services-annual-performance-report-2018-to-2019\\_0.pdf](#) (gov.wales) . These statistics showed that PCNPA was providing a service comparable with other Welsh planning authorities.*

*Planning is a key service for the National Park and one where we are seeking after a period of significant staff change and recruitment gaps to strengthen and improve our service. We are currently advertising for two additional planning officer roles to cover the current shortfall.*

*You may not be aware that there is difficulty in recruiting qualified planners across Wales at present, which the RTPi have just published a study on and which you may find interesting: [big-conversation-report-final.pdf](#) (rtpi.org.uk).*

*If you would like myself or our Director to come to one of your Community Council meetings to discuss this further, please do let me know. We are currently looking at how we can support Community Councils in understanding the planning process better and would be happy to engage with yours.*

*I look forward to your response,*

*Best wishes*

No further updates to planning applications / no new planning applications received.

### **PCNPA Development Control:**

NP/22/0488/SCR National Trust: Trehill Farm land at Marloes Mere re-routing of track. **In process of consultation**

NP/22/0314/FUL – Philbeach Farm SA62 3QU - Conversion of redundant RAF wireless building which has been used for agricultural storage but is now in a bad state of repair into holiday let use. Contrary to LDP Policy 7 – likely to be sent to Members under extended delegation for decision or a future Committee meeting

## 7. Financial matters

### **7.1. Financial year 2023/24 budget set**

### **7.2. Banking update (signatures and online processes)**

2023/24 budget updated with new donations and finalised donation amounts.

Agreed and seconded that current account holder Cllr CJ and PS can sign the cheques for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial year (until the banking signatures issue has been resolved with Lloyds TSB). New documents signed and forwarded to Lloyds TSB.

**8. AOB and Next Marloes & St Brides Community Council meeting date.**

Peninsula Papers minutes and edit deadline 20.04.2023

Cllr propose a bi-monthly meeting moving forward (added to agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 meeting)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30

AGM – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. C. S.', written in a cursive style.

Clerk