

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Thursday 17th December 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Twidale and Burnett.

Mr. Andrew Tuddenham (National Trust) was welcomed to the meeting. He advised that he would be covering Residents parking; Runwayskiln Complex; New Bird Hide, Car Parks; Leaflets and the promotional videos. Details were given of visitor numbers at the car parks in recent years.

Residents Parking – The meeting was advised that 54 permits had been applied for, and more £1 tickets had been issued. The Trust would be offering the Permits again next year. Mrs. Evans advised that there had been more late applications this year which had caused administrative issues. Mr. Tuddenham agreed that they would return to issuing them in Marloes Hall in 2016, and advance notice would be put in Peninsula Papers.

Runwayskiln Buildings – National Park did not favour the old farmhouse becoming a residential unit again, as it did not meet the criteria for public transport access. Refreshments on site would be favoured, but access for delivery vehicles could be an issue. The track is also designated for disability access. Any catering concession would need to be run in line with National Trust policy. Remaining buildings to be used for holiday accommodation. Comparisons were made to the Hilton Court complex (near Roch) where craft outlets operated alongside a catering facility. The Council was mindful that any development should not adversely affect local businesses. Further information may be available at the Parking Permit session. Later in the discussions, Cllr. Jessop asked if tree planting could be considered where the old shed had been cleared after storm damage.

New Bird Hide – to be sited in the field below Varna Cottage, but exact position to avoid compromising that dwelling. Disability access may not be possible because of the ground levels. Planning application in due course.

Martins Haven Car Park – New notice board to be provided to be a Visitor Welcome Panel. Talks had been held with the Wildlife Trust. Also to be a Pay & Display meter at Martins Haven to provide a facility for charging outside the main hours when an attendant would not be present. Pay & display would allow for special permits and NT members. The machine will be hooded when not in use. A 50/50 Local Contract could be considered for operation out of the main season, and this could benefit local

groups. Noted that a facility to charge electric vehicles had been installed near the hut. Cllr. Jessop suggested some ideas for improving the service. The Clerk advised that Mr. John Power of the Wildlife Trust had telephoned to discuss changing the ticketing arrangements at Martins Haven, as road safety issues affect the present queuing system. The Clerk had advised that discussions were ongoing to improve the signage by the Deer Park gate, and also near the car park entrance. Mr. Tuddenham noted that the Trust were being asked to put a “Keep Clear for Emergency Vehicle Access” sign on the entrance gate to the Deer Park. He had some reservations about road markings, and asked for the contact e-mail for Mr. Ben Blake, County Highways. See minute below under Highway matters.

Leaflets/Videos – Council members expressed their congratulations on the newly launched National Trust promotional videos. It was good to see local residents being involved. Mrs. Royle had provided a link from the Community website. Noted that a new leaflet will be launched this year – almost ready for printing. Council members said they would have welcomed the opportunity to comment on the draft versions. Clerk suggested that the inclusion of the distance from Martins Haven to Marloes would be useful.

Mr. Tuddenham was thanked for attending the meeting, and updating the Council on these matters. He withdrew at 8.30pm. The Council meeting then continued.

1) Minutes - The minutes of the November meeting having been circulated to members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards.

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that PCSO Mayhew had advised on the 22nd November that an incident involving local youths had occurred in recent days. A fire had been lit in the recreation area. Drink was confiscated, and the individuals taken home to their parents. No other issues reported. Noted.

b) County Council – Highways.

Speed Limit – Ben Blake had advised that this matter “is in the system”. Cllr. Jessop had asked if the limit can be in place for 1st April 2016.

Jubilee Villas – Clerk advised that further correspondence had been sent from the County Council to the riparian land owner. Cllr. Owens had advised that there would be an inspection this Friday. Noted.

Martins Haven – Cllrs. Jessop met Mr. Blake on site. Mr. Blake will look at painting KEEP CLEAR in white (English & Welsh) across the turning circle in front of the Deer Park gateway. National Trust to erect a sign on the gate - see note above. A further sign is proposed adjacent to the Car Park entrance to discourage drivers driving further down the road. He will look for a sign with as strong a wording as possible.

Road flooding – Action taken since the last meeting.

- c) Clock Tower – No response from HPB Ltd. Cllr. Richards to talk to the local Manager.
- d) Pension Guidance – Cllr. Burnett to advise if Clerk's position is affected by this legislation.
- e) Secondary School Provision – Noted that the consultation was halted, and further consultations will commence in due course.
- f) Digital Photo Album - A trial display is ongoing at present. Clerk advised that a former resident had a similar Album he could give to the Council to use at another location.
- g) Burial Ground – Clerk advised that this matter will be discussed at the meeting of the Parochial Church Council in January, and a community meeting will be planned after that.

3. Community Issues

- a) National Trust Matters – see above.
- b) Exception Site – No information as yet on how long the contract will be before completion. Old stone wall found but no bones. Planning consent had been granted yesterday on a reserved matter.
- d) Marloes Post Office – Mr. Lucas had advised that their application had been accepted, and both he and Mrs. Lucas have been asked to attend an interview in Bristol in early January.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

- 23/11/15 – OVW – Green Growth Wales – Options for Investment Support.
- 25/11/15 – OVW – Draft L.G. (Wales) Bill – Responses by 15/02/16.
- 30/11/15 – PCC – Self Supporting Resilient Communities – Cardiff venue.
- 30/11/15 – PCC – Council Cuts – to respond by 04/01/16.
- 07/12/15 – OVW – Launch of Public Health Outcomes.
- 07/12/15 – OVW – Natural Resources Bulletin – Issue 2 – Dec 2015.
- 09/12/15 – Skomer Marine Con. Zone – Christmas Newsletter & Minutes of the last meeting. Next meeting on the 19/04/16.
- 09/12/15 – OVW – Buckingham Palace Invitation – Passed to the Chairman.
- 10/12/15 – OVW – Positive Planning Implementation Plan – to forward to Cllr. C. Jessop.
- 11/12/15 – Will Powell, AM – Petition re L.G. Reforms - “Say NO to Dyfed.”

15/12/15 – OVW – Practical advice to share reference flooding. Noted.
17/12/15 – OVW – Strategic Framework for Welsh Language Service in Health & Social Care etc.
16/12/15 – PCC – Seasons Greetings circulated.
16/12/15 – PCC - Consultation Update – respond by 01/02/16 – to circulate.
16/12/15 – OVW – Invitation for Nominations – New Years 2017 Honours.

Members noted the above e-mails. Further consideration to given to the consultation on Local Govt. reform.

Other Correspondence:-

PCC – 20/11/15 – Refuse Collections – Noted that this area will not be affected over Christmas and the New Year.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – No meeting date agreed as yet.
- b) Slate Mill – Certificate of Lawful Use is still outstanding. Clerk had been advised by Ms Jane Gibson that this is being dealt with by PCNPA.
- c) Mobile Infrastructure Projects – (PEM 0270) – all letters had been sent as directed, and further e-mails had been circulated during the month. Dale C. C. had also written a letter of support. Noted that Rhodri Williams, OfCom had offered to visit the Council. Cllr. Owens was meeting the County Council Chief Executive, Ian Westley today. Agreed, that if necessary, this Council can arrange a meeting with Stephen Crabb, MP as the funding for this project is from National Government.
- d) NP/15/0457/FUL - First Floor Balcony at Slate Mill Lodge. Ms Gibson had confirmed that she will attend the meeting on the 11th January. Cllr. Owens had invited the Chief Officer. Agreed that the meeting start at 7pm to allow for a full discussion on this matter. Clerk to ask Ms. Gibson to investigate the issues with NP/05/062 – see 5a above.
- e) PCNPA – 04/11/15 – Noted that the site in St. Ishmaels was refused.
- f) NP/15/0658/FUL – Single Storey Extension to existing dwelling, Orlandon Cottage, St. Brides. Members reviewed the application and it was noted that sympathetic stone cladding is proposed for the pine end wall closest to the adjoining road. Members have looked at the artist's impression of the South West aspect of this proposed wall, and consider this would not be obtrusive. There would be no impact on neighbours. The Council had no further observations on the design of the proposed playroom and office. Ms Rachel Evans had apologised for not attending the meeting to answer any queries.

- g) NP/15/0662/FUL – Replacement Lean-to Sheep Shed at Marloes Court Farm, Marloes. It was noted that the proposed replacement shed is situated between two existing farm buildings, and that there would be very limited view of part only of the building from the adjoining roadway. There would be no impact on neighbours. Council members have looked at the design of the proposed replacement building and consider that it is a suitable modernisation of the existing building, with matching materials being proposed for use. It was also noted that storm damage has led to this proposal.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower Maintenance – The maintenance visit took place on the 3rd December. Members agreed that the Clerk can pay the invoice if necessary before the next meeting provided the figure is similar to last year. Noted that this year the Council has received a gift of £100 from Mr. Judge towards the maintenance costs.
- b) Electricity Payment – Clerk confirmed that the monthly payment has been reduced to £2 from the 28th November 2015.
- c) Third Precept Transfer has been received by BACS. Noted.
- d) PCC – 04/12/15 – Council Tax Base 2016/17 - The Community Council to confirm the precept by 15/01/16. Clerk to prepare the budget for the meeting.
- e) Bobath Cymru – Financial Appeal 2015/16. Noted.
- f) Wales Air Ambulance – Appeal noted.
- g) Lloyds Bank statement received.

7) Urgent Matters, if any

- a) BT Phone Problems – Ongoing problems across the area noted.
- b) Community Support – Members discussed generally the need for regular visitors as well as local residents contributing to the well-being of the Community. There was reference to the “Just Giving” facility that could be one way to encourage financial support, or perhaps to hold a Village Art Exhibition to bring the community together and to raise funds. Agreed that further thought was needed on this matter.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting, wishing everyone the compliments of the season. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th January starting at 7pm. Noted the change to Thursdays had been temporary to allow the Clerk to attend other events.