

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 11th September 2017 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. P. Smithies (Chairman), together with Cllrs. Richards
Jessop, Kimpton, Johnson, Richards & Beal

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

- County Cllr. Reg Owens

- Mrs. Vicki Pook (community resident), also Mrs. H. Morse

Cllr. Smithies welcomed Cllr. Owens to the meeting, and also Mrs. Pook and Mrs. Morse. He invited them both to address the meeting.

Mrs. Pook referred to the item in Peninsula Papers about the inspection by National Park of camping & caravan sites. She was advised that the Park had employed a person part-time to visit sites over the summer months, and identify possible breaches of the regulations. The site at Foxdale was an approved site, and subject to agreed conditions – so unlikely to be a site of interest to the PCNP. Other sites in this area were subject to the 28 day rule, and may be more likely to breach regulations. Levelling of ground for caravans/tents/camper vans was one issue, as this involved earthworks to be undertaken – these need planning permission.

Mrs Pook & Mrs. Morse drew the Council's attention to the state of the Glebe Lane opposite their entrance. They were advised by the Clerk that problems with this roadway had been referred to the County Council earlier in the year. The Clerk would be asking Highways what action was proposed following the inspection.

The Council asked Mrs. Pook about the "Cafe" that had been operated over the summer months, as this had caused some concern locally. Mrs. Pook advised that they had employed a couple to assist with the camp site this year, and they had operated the cafe. The opening hours had been planned to avoid the Shop/Post Office opening hours, and was no longer operating.

The Chairman thanked them for attending, and invited them to remain if they wished for the rest of the meeting. He also expressed thanks for Mr. Pook assisting the St. Brides Fete again this year with his catering facility. Mrs. Pook and Mrs. Morse then withdrew.

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

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Noted there were no illegal camping incidents over the Bank Holiday. Copies of the booklet “Rural Crime Prevention” had been left with the Clerk. One copy will be left in the Village Hall for information, and further copies will be requested.
- b) County Council – Highways etc.
 - Mullock Bridge Junction – No action on the main drain as yet. Clerk to ask if the drain by the house wall can be cleaned out, as there had been some flooding following heavy rain.
 - 20mph – Clerk to ask for survey results..
 - Tavern Putt Crossroads – no action as yet.
 - St. Brides Beach Junction – Sign to be reported.
- c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Still out of order. E-mail received from the Defibrillator Group asking if the phone can be reported again.
- d) Broadband Issues – Cllr. Richards was pleased to report that there has a huge improvement in line speed, and some residents have applied for the “Infinity” service.
- e) Members Declarations – Clerk to contact the County Council officer.
- f) Skomer Visits – Clerk yet to send letters of thanks to the Wildlife Trust and to Dale Sailing.
- g) Children's Notice Board – Planning ongoing in readiness for Spring 2018. White stones on Green did not require re-painting.
- h) St. Brides – Parking problems. Later in the meeting the Clerk drew attention to an issue recently when a visitor parked a large vehicle across the gateway to the Church while a service was ongoing. Pictures were taken at the time, and were circulated to Council members. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk invite the National Park Ranger to a meeting to discuss possible solutions to problems. The area is covered by a Parking Order, and there is a recognised footpath through the churchyard, so if necessary a formal application could be made concerning access problems.
- i) Electoral Consultation – Cllr. Owens advised the Council about the issues concerning his electoral County Council ward. He has fewer electors than the average and no account is taken about the rurality and the geographical spread of the area. It is likely that this Ward may be extended to take in part of the adjoining Hubberston Ward. This would then include urban as well as rural areas, and could include a very large primary/infant school. Agreed that the Council would need to take account of the possible changes, and make a very strong case for retaining a more rural ward.
- j) National Trust Preview Days - Runwayskiln – Documents had to be resent to take account of the other buildings as well as the proposed cafe. Cllr. Smithies thought that the Trust were close to making a decision on a tenant for the buildings.

- k) Signs/Lifebuoy at Marloes Sands are all in place. Cllr. Jessop has now reported a problem with equipment at Musselwick Sands. Clerk also advised that the Emergency Phone at Marloes Sands Car Park was out of action – Cllr. Jessop to report both new problems.
- l) NRW Consultation – Consultation has now been extended to the 30th September. After discussion, it was agreed that this Council will respond, and Cllr. Jessop and Smithies will prepare a draft to be circulated for approval. Clerk to provide Cllr. Owens with the relevant e-mail contacts, so that he can pursue this with PCC and PCNP.
- m) Western Power – Council agreed that Cllr. Jessop register to be an approved contact with Western Power.

3. Community Issues

- a) Action Plan Review – Members had looked at the 2012 Action Plan and agreed that many of the main proposals had been achieved – in particular the up-grading of the Village Hall, and the building of the 8 Affordable housing units by Pembrokeshire Housing which had met the housing need identified in 2005. No particular project was identified at present, but members could give this further consideration by the next meeting. It may be possible to consider upgrading the directions for the footpath across the Airfield to Dale as an alternative to the use of the B 4327 by walkers. Dan Wynn (PCNP Ranger) could be asked about this idea.
- b) Rubbish Problems – One household had caused problems in recent weeks, but both the owner and their Agent had been contacted, and new arrangements have been put in place. Problems with dog litter had also diminished – this had been highlighted in Peninsula Papers.
- c) National Trust Matters – see item above.

4) Correspondence

- a) E-Mail Letters– See list below.

15/08/17 – OVW – Building Communities Trust – Cardiff Event noted.

16/08/17 – OVW – FCFCG Wales Newsletter – Noted.

17/08/17 – OVW – Cymraeg 2050 Grant Scheme - Noted.

17/08/17 – OVW – Environat Cymru E- Newsletter – to forward to Cllr. Jessop.

19/08 & 24/08/17 – OVW – Welsh Govt. White Paper Consultation – Services fit for the future – new laws proposed. Noted.

21/08/17 – PCC – Consultations on:-

- The options to Regulate Horse Drawn Omnibuses – Noted.

- Changes to the Council Tax arrangements for long term empty properties. Council noted that there was only one property they were aware of locally that this may apply to in the future. The Clerk advised that Moss Cottage (now almost covered by greenery) had been the subject of two planning applications in 1993 and 2008. The then owner has subsequently died. Cllr. Johnson advised he may have a contact with the present owners. Agreed the Clerk pass details of the consultation to him so he can forward details to the family.
- 21/08/17 – OVW – Reminder that the Heritage Impact Statements in Wales came into force on the 1st September – applies to Listed Buildings. Noted.
- 24/08/17 – OVW – Want to protect the planet and people? - New resources from Environet – forward to Cllr. Jessop.
- 29/08/17 – Planning Aid – Network Event in Swansea. Noted.
- 29/08/17 – OVW – Tree Charter Legacy Trees – Noted.
- 29/08/17 – OVW/W.G. – National Development Framework for Wales, Newsletter August 2017 – looking at 20 years land use.
- 29/08/17 – Rosemary Royle advising that a recent Marloes Website upgrade has been successful.
- 30/08/17 – OVW/Paul Davies AM – Autism (Wales) Bill – consultation until 20/11/17 – Clerk to include in the Peninsula Papers report.
- 30/08/17 – OVW – Reform of Data Protection Legislation – Seminars planned ahead of the changes in May 2018 – circulated to all members.
- 31/08/17 – OVW – August 2017 News Bulletin – Clerk referred to a possible grant for paths from the European Agricultural Fund.
- 31/08/17 – Hall Bookings – Clerk had advised Mrs. Lister that the Council will continue to meet on the second Monday for the time being.
- 01/09/17 – OVW – Using Alternative models to deliver public services – Good Practice Exchange – Audit. Noted.
- 01/09/17 – Government of Wales – 2017/18 Clustering: funding support available. Noted.
- 04/09/17 – OVW – Sustain Wales Awards - Noted.
- 05/09/17 – PCC – Rev Mike Cottam has been appointed Clerk to St. Ishmaels C. C. Noted.
- 05/09/17 – Planed – Zero Waste Networking Event on 05/10/17 – to forward e-mail to Cllr. Jessop.
- 05/09/17 – OVW – NRW, News & Stories – From 01/08/17 – changes to standard rule permits for Waste & Installation Standard - Clerk to circulate to members as agreed.
- 05/09/17 – OPCC – Road Show Event on 15/09/17 at Carmarthen Police Headquarters. Noted.
- 07/09/17 – OVW – PCC , 4th Annual Stakeholder Seminar for the LDP.

07/09/17 – PCC (Jim Duncley) – Application by Mrs. C. Groves to De-register Land at The Green, Marloes. Responses to be sent by the 19th October. Agreed that the Clerk put this on the Agenda for the October meeting, and bring all relevant papers. To refer to this in the Council report for Peninsula Papers.

E-mail items brought forward from August meeting:-

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Matters – Question Survey; Calon Tan (Service Magazine) & Well-being Plan Priorities– Referred to Cllr. L. Beal.

01/08/17 – Planed – Community Forum Network – Survey & Next Event on 02/11/17. Reminder of this event.

04/08/17 – PCC – Community Meetings on 09/10/17 (H. West) & 19/10/17 (Milford Haven). Reminder of these event dates.

(b) Other Correspondence

16/09/17 – Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service – Defibrillators in Pembrokeshire – Clerk to refer letter to the local Defibrillators Group Secretary.

07/09/17 – One Voice Wales – Pembrokeshire Area Committee to meet on Tuesday 26th September 2017 – Clerk not available to attend.

Clerks & Council Direct – September 2017/issue 113 – Clerk brought members attention to items in this Issue reference Employment Law and a Lengthsman Scheme.

5) Planning Matters

a) NP/15/0649/CLE – Clerk to respond to the recent e-mail advising that the Council has noted the information, and will be grateful if the Council is kept informed on any action proposed on the site. This Council still has a concern about the entrance to the field used for camping.

b) Car Parking - NP/16/0638/NMA – Limenaraki, Adjacent to the Village Green. Letter to National Park to be agreed.

c) NP/16/0594/FUL (As amended) – Crabhall Barn, Dale Road.
The Council considered the revised Plans, together with the Updated Planning Statement and Justification Report. It was noted that to avoid the potential of flooding affecting the development, that only one building will be converted to a dwelling, and the other building will be converted for B1 and bat mitigation use. The Council accepted the amendments as proposed, and welcomed the

renovation of the old farm buildings. The Community Council had previously commented on the vehicular access to this site as this is shared with Crabhall Farmhouse. The comments made by the Highways Authority had been noted, but the meeting considered that some improvements could be made to the entrance/exits on both sides of the Y configuration.

The Community Council agreed to seek further information from National Park on the proposal for the Section 106 agreement with regard to this development. The Council understand that the present LDP requires that there has to be an affordable housing element as part of a development, and that this is achieved either by a provision in the development or by a cash contribution. The proposal with this development appears to take a different course. The Council noted that the monies raised from the sale are to go to improving other buildings owned by the applicant. If this proposal is accepted by the National Park, the Council wished to know if the Section 106 would include restrictions on the future use of these buildings. The Clerk to also ask if the Section 106 would detail by way of covenants the restriction of use to full time residential, and if so is there a mechanism in place to enforce any restrictions. This appeared to be a change of policy as understood by Council members. The Clerk to request that Marloes & St. Brides Community Council receives comments from National Park before the application is considered by the Development Committee. The Council could then consider whether they need to write further.

6) Financial Matters

- a) 2016/17 Audit – No response received as yet.
- b) Clock Tower – Clerk yet to contact another possible donor to the Louvre painting – have not visited the village recently.
- c) Tithe Map – The Village Hall committee have arranged for the map to be framed. Money donated to the Council for a Community project to be paid to the Committee thereafter.
- d) Lloyds Bank – Bank Statements received.
- e) Smiths of Derby – No contact as yet reference the maintenance contract.
- f) BHIB Ltd –Letter received dated the 4th September 2017. the Clerk read out the proposals. There will be no change to the cover and premium next year, but there will be a small increase in the IPT (Insurance Premium Tax). No action to be taken at this stage, and any enquiries up to June will be dealt with by AON.
- g) Second Precept of £942 paid by BACS received by the Council.

6) Clock Tower

Clock Chime – Noted that the Clock has not been chiming recently. Cllr. Smithies to speak to Mr. David Howells to see what the problem is at present. The night silencing facility is due to be switched off on the 15th September. It had been planned that Smiths of Derby would not undertake their maintenance contract this year.

Clock Tower Opening – Mrs. Evans advised that Mr. & Mrs. Scale had carried on opening and closing the Tower during this month. She will be liaising with them to empty the collection box when the Tower is closed for the winter. Unfortunately, Mr. & Mrs. Scale will be moving to Haverfordwest later in the year, and will not therefore be available to open and close the Tower door next year.

7) Urgent Matters

- a) Tower Cottage – Mr. Williams had advised Cllr. Jessop, and also left a message for the Clerk to say that he was having some small elms cut down in Frankies' Lane, on the hedge adjoining his property. It is not known if he has spoken to near neighbours. The property will remain in the family following the death of both of his parents.
- b) Lawrence Landfill – Noted that lorries are taking waste material to and from the Airfield site at present.
- c) ½ Marathon & 10K run – This was held at the end of September, starting and finishing in Dale as usual. No problems in this village.
- d) St. Brides Church – Noted that an ambulance had taken two hours to respond to a 999 call for a gentleman taken ill near the Church. Local Churches will now put their Postal Code on display in the event of future incidents. The local Church Warden had assisted the couple involved, and thankfully the gentleman had recovered well in hospital.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting, The next meeting is to be held on Monday 9th October 2017, when the draft minutes of the September meeting will be submitted for approval. Cllr. W. Richards gave an apology for that meeting.