

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th August 2018 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

- County Cllr. Reg Owens

- Mr. R. Morgan, Mr. D. Lister, Mrs. B. Lister, Mr. M. Cullen, Mr. N.
Skudder, and Mr. M. Burton – Community Residents

- Mr. Mark Underhill – Countryside Manager, North Pembrokeshire, National
Trust

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L. Beal and J. Kimpton.

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

The Chairman welcomed residents and Mr. Underhill to the meeting. He advised that he would take National Trust Matters as the first item, and invited Mr. Underhill to address the meeting.

3. Community Issues

National Trust Matters

Mr. Underhill outlined his background in conservation and farming undertaken before joining the National Trust. The Trust are planning an application to Welsh Government for a grant to upgrade facilities/infrastructure in the Runwayskiln area, some of the work will involve a planning application. The proposals include improving the surfaces of the car park and the path past Runwayskiln; to improve disability access; new car park hut to include a dry space to meet visitors and encourage membership, and also improved signage. He would welcome support from the Council for the grant application. He is in discussions with National Park, and some of these proposals are linked to the new lease required for the Marloes Sands Car park. Discussions then covered the type of surface to be used, the provision for cyclists, issue of extra traffic, dog fouling on paths, rubbish disposal, plans for a new bird hide, retail in the car park hut, and the possible effect on local businesses, particularly the Village Shop/Post Office.

After discussions, it was agreed that members of the Council will attend a site meeting in early September, and that after that meeting the Council will receive a draft of the grant proposals. Mr. Underhill will attend the September Council

meeting to answer any questions. The grant application will be made shortly after that. Noted that on the 21st September, there will be a further meeting attended by County Cllr. Owens and the County Council Access officer to consider disability access particularly to the new cafe.

Drone Use - Mr. Underhill's attention was drawn to the use of a drone on Marloes Sands recently, and he was asked to consider the need for a warning sign to discourage such use.

Mr. Underhill was invited to remain for the discussion on the Beacon field, as the present owners have offered our Community the option to be the preferred bidder for ownership.

Beacon Field

Cllr. Jessop confirmed that the present owners of this land, which amounts to approximately 3 acres wish to sell the field, and that our Community have the first option to purchase the land. This field included the high point which has been recognized by Ordnance Survey as an official viewpoint, with an all-round long distance view. The field, which is mainly an unimproved meadow, has been cut recently, as it is planned to light a beacon in November to mark 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. The purchase price may be in the region of £25,000. A wide ranging discussion followed, with Community residents invited to contribute with questions and views.

The discussion areas covered, included alternative uses of the land, possibly a wild flower meadow, natural burial ground and an improved access to the viewpoint to allow disability use. It was recognised that the Community Council do not have the funds to purchase the field. Purchase by a third party or a Trust Group could be a possibility. At present, the public have access to the high point via a legal right of way footpath, and to date, owners have always allowed access to prepare and light Beacons in recognition of national events. The Community Council could not take on the responsibility for looking after the area, as they already have responsibilities for the Clock Tower, and with the Management Committee the Recreation Area. Mr. Underhill advised that he would visit the field, and would consider whether it was a practical proposition for the land to be purchased by the National Trust, as they do own other land in the immediate area. It was agreed by the Council that a Community meeting is held in September- to be advertised in Peninsula Papers, so that there is an opportunity for more community residents to have their say on this proposal. The Chairman was grateful to those residents who attended that evening.

Mr. Underhill then withdrew.

Rubbish/Dog Fouling

Cllr. Smithies advised that there had only been one black bag incident recently. Some litter had been left from Orange Bags grouped together by refuse lorry staff at the Skokholm Back pump. Cllr. Owens was asked to raise this with the County Council.

No particular issues with dog fouling in the village, but ongoing problems on footpaths.

Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – The Council advised that the Management Committee for Peninsula Papers was proposing to purchase an improved photocopier to print the Newsletter for the five communities - see proposal from Mr. Richard Neale. It is intended that each community approves a contribution from the Grant in proportion to the number of newsletters distributed. After discussion, it was agreed in principle on the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Jessop to support this application – exact sum to be notified in due course. Cllr. Richards did not take part in this discussion and vote as he is a member of the management committee. Mr. Burton reminded the meeting that the 20% can be provided in kind. Mr. Burton also advised that he was considering if an application could be made for the Recreation area, but most of the work required can be undertaken without the need for a grant application – mainly using volunteer time.

Cllr. Owens had provided details of the successful candidates from the first grant allocation committee.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – The Clerk advised that she has sent an e-mail to the Police Commissioner with regard to illegal events. Today, she had telephoned the Clerk for the appropriate Community Council, and had forwarded a copy of the e-mail to the Police & Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn, and had also outlined some of the issues raised when this area was affected by “raves”. A follow-up meeting is being held next week. Noted. There is still a need to be on the alert for the Summer Bank Holiday.
- b) County Council – Highways etc. No particular issues at present. The County Council has conducted a survey to monitor the observance of the 20mph. The Sat Nav companies are not advised by the County Council of speed restrictions. Work on Frankies Lane to restart in September. 5 soakaways have been installed, and they intend doing a full scrape. Some issues with the use of the Philbeach road by the lorries – both delivering and collecting hard core etc. Visitors find it difficult to reverse as needed along this narrow road. Noted that the company concerned crush elsewhere – so no noise/dust problems. Fopston Farm have also used this road to avoid using the Marloes Sands road.
Street/Road Naming – Clerk will not pursue this at present. Noted.
- c) St. Brides Pay Phone – An apology received, as the engineer had not had time to undertake the work required – another works order issued.
- d) Moss Cottage – A draft letter had been sent to the Chairman, Cllr. Smithies. Clerk to make a few changes, and the letter could then be sent.
- e) St. Brides Historical Leaflet – Work ongoing. Next meeting in September.
- f) IRPW – Clerk to check this shortly.
- g) Licensing Matters - Clerk has been given the website link.

- h) ROWIP – Cllr. Jessop advised he has read through the document. It is mainly a policy/procedure guideline, so nothing specific to this area to alter.
- i) Business Signs - Action was mainly by a County Council officer. Some signs have been returned – only a few have been put up again.
- j) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – No response from the Wildlife Trust as yet.
- k) Local Boundary & Democracy Comm. for Wales – 26/06/18 – Cllr. Owens explained his views on this consultation. New name could possibly be Coastlands. At present, the Commission is proposing to call the ward St. Ishmaels, which Cllr. Owens considers very unwise and the Community Council agrees with him. Response to be made by the 24th September.
- l) One Voice Wales - Pembs. Area Committee AGM & Ordinary Meeting- 10/07/18. Clerk did not attend.
- m) 18/06/18 – IRP Mailbox – Clerk to check on action to be taken.
- n) 19/06/18 – Pembs. Triathlon Events – Reminder that the next event will be held on the 30th September 2018 – 9am start – Dale Half Marathon. Noted.
- o) St. Brides - Disability Access – It was agreed that the Clerk contact County Cllr. Owens to seek his assistance on the matter. This may need an amendment to the Parking Order.

4) Correspondence/E-Mails

a) Correspondence

- i. Provision of Adult Thoracic Surgery in South Wales – Consultation document. Agreed it is not easy for the Community Council to respond on this document as members do not know the background – Clerk may seek advice from a local resident on this matter.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails noted, and these are not then included in the minutes.

E-Mails for attention:-

18/07/18 – County Council Electoral Services are now based at the Thornton Business Park, Milford Haven – Contact Numbers - 01437 775713/14/15.

02/08/18 – Planed Event – to be held on 11/09/18 – Details circulated. Cllr. Jessop to attend.

10/08/18 – NFU – County Show 14/08/18 – Emma Taylor present to discuss

implications for catchment Areas, in particular Winterton Marsh. Circulated to Cllrs. Smithies, Richards and Kimpton, who then contacted relevant land-owners/tenants. Cllr. Richards advised that several, including himself had attended on the day.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/18/150/ADV – Runwayskiln – Visitor Information & Interpretation Display. Details of text now received and circulated. See item above on National Trust proposals for this area.
- b) NP/18/0303/FUL – Change of Use to Two Sheds etc., St. Brides Farm – Planning consent received.
- c) E-mail received dated 24/07/18 – Planning for communities – forwarded to Cllr. Jessop.
- d) E-mail dated 08/08/18 – Invitation to County Show event on 14/08/18 – attended by Cllr. Richards.
- e) PCNPA Seminar – 11/09/18 – Letterston. Clerk to re-circulate details to members. Cllr. Jessop advised that he would be attending the Planed event which is on the same day.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Ebico – Electricity reading forwarded to the company – statement to be updated in due course.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received.

7) Data Protection – Clerk planning to bring back any necessary action to the Council in September. Noted.

8) Clock Tower

Clock Striking – Problems ongoing with the striking mechanism. Cllr. Smithies to meet Mr. Howells on site to agree action.

Painting Contract - Clerk had been advised the scaffolding would be erected on the 20th August. Contract would be about one week. Paint specification to be agreed beforehand.

Oral Interpretation – Clerk had meet Planed officers on the 1st August. It was thought an audio unit could possibly be installed by November, and a recording be linked to the 100 year Remembrance Event. Recordings could then be changed for the re-opening of the Tower in April 2019. Noted.

Poppy display – Fixing points to be assessed when the painting contractor is on-site.

9) Urgent Matters

- a) Dead Badger – Reported, but not collected as yet.
- b) Puffin Bus – Local residents have reported that timetable service buses have been exceeding the village speed limit(s). Cllr. Johnson will take this up with the bus operator, using his contacts.
- c) Marloes Sands Car Park – Mrs. Lister commented that if a tarmac surface was installed it would encourage use by the “boy-racers”, which the pot-holes now discourage.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 10th September 2018 when the draft minutes of the August meeting will be submitted for approval.