

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

- Mr. M. Cullen, Mr. H. John, Mr. R. Black

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B. Johnson.

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

3) Community Issues

National Trust Matters

The Chairman welcomed residents and Mr. Underhill to the meeting. He advised that the National Trust Matters would be taken as the first item, and thanked Mr. Underhill for attending again this month. Cllr. Smithies declared an interest as a tenant of the National Trust, with land adjoining the area under consideration for the Grant Application. He vacated the chair, and the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Jessop undertook discussion on this item.

Cllrs Beal, Jessop and Smithies had attended the site meeting at Runwayskiln/ Marloes Sands Car Park on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, in conjunction with Claire Pepperall (cafe tenant). Various aspects of the grant proposals were looked at, and subsequently a revised application had been circulated to Council members for consideration. Mr. Underhill gave an outline of the expenditure on the proposed works, and hoped that the Council now had enough information to agree a letter of support to go with the grant application. He was happy to discuss any further matters tonight to aid that decision. It was noted that there would be more detail in the design/planning process, and the Trust would welcome close cooperation with the Community Council.

Car Park – It was agreed that a satisfactory long term solution was needed to improve the surface, but would need measures to discourage misuse. Noted that the Castle Rag BOAT passed through the car park, and that through traffic would need to continue, with adequate width for farm and emergency vehicles.

Car Park Hut – Cllr. Beal expressed concern that the “new hut” would not be in keeping with the natural setting of the area. The proposals included the provision of

all services to the Hut. She was also concerned that more retail would affect the local shop. Agreed that retail user classes would need to be considered at the planning stage. Mr. Underhill advised that the National Trust were aware of this concern. Exact siting of the building would need careful thought to avoid a bottleneck at the car park entrance, also consider the location of the litter bins.

Runwayskiln Track/footpath – An upgrade was proposed to include better disability access to link to the coastal path. A further meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September to look at what was needed in the vicinity of the Cafe. County Cllr. Reg Owens will be attending with the Council Access officer.

Interpretation/Visitor Information/Signage – After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Underhill give more prominence to links with the Community, Circular walks to include the village. Village events to be publicised at the Car park, with the National Trust providing display boards for us as a community to use and also giving more information on respective web sites.

The Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kimpton, seconded by Cllr. Richards agreed that a letter is sent giving “in principal support”, and a letter is drafted to be approved by the Council to be sent by the deadline later this week. Cllr. Smithies did not take part in this process.

Beacon Field – Cllr. Smithies resumed the chair, and reminded the meeting that this matter will be considered at the Community meeting next Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. Mr. Underhill has visited the site, and has sent an e-mail to the Council summarising their viewpoint. This could be referred to next Monday – no purchase is envisaged, rather a lease with an owner.

Mr. Underhill then withdrew, having been thanked by the Chairman and members for his attendance. (20.15pm)

Rubbish/Dog Fouling – Fewer problems this month. Noted that Mr. Bates had reported a rubbish problem at the Marloes Sands Car park – collected by Fastnet, PCC. However containers of suspected bilge oil had been reported to PCC but not collected – removed by Dave Pomfrey. Rubbish bags had been placed near the winch at Martins Haven – from a collection on Skomer beaches and will be moved shortly. The Clerk drew attention to an e-mail from the County Council drawing attention to a new initiative. A firm called “District Enforcement” has been engaged to undertake enforcement work with regard to a range of matters including dog fouling and fly posting. Contract will be cost neutral, so costs will be covered by imposing fines. £150, reduced to £75 if paid promptly. Clerk to publicise in Peninsula Papers, and to contact Jill Jack (PCC) to request copies of the Dog Fouling prohibition notices.

Cllr. Beal advised that she had trialled the notices prepared in conjunction with her children, but realised the notices need to be narrower to fit on the path signposts. Perhaps Dan Wynn, PCNPA Ranger could help with this matter. Cllr. Owens had

referred the problem of rubbish left from orange bags to Sandra Davies, Waste Management, and the problem had been brought to the attention of staff.

Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – This will be an agenda item at the Community meeting next Monday. The Clerk had received a reminder about the Grant from Kevin Shales (PCC). She had contacted him to ask if he could attend on Monday. He has responded saying he will attend if a family health problem permits.

The Clerk has received a letter from Mr. Bendall, South House with regard to litter collections for holiday homes – see correspondence below.

## 2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – No problems over the Summer Bank Holiday. A response has been received from Brieg Dafydd, OPPC office, and Mrs. Evans read out the e-mail letter. Agreed that the Clerk request details from Jonathan Edwards, MP (Carmarthen area) with regard to a question raised in Parliament. Clerk will include Stephen Crabb, local MP in this contact. Clerk to also respond to Mr. Dafydd to clarify lines of communications across the Dyfed Powis area – in particular the monitoring of the M4 corridor. PCC (Len Mullins) had sent out an e-mail asking for increased vigilance ahead of the Bank Holiday weekend. The Council has been advised that the Rural Crime Team covering this area are PC Gerwyn Davis, 626, and PCSO Jude Parr, 8015 – based at Haverfordwest.
- b) County Council – Highways etc. Results of County Council survey awaited. Cllr. Jessop had clarified with Ordnance Survey that changes to speed limits should be reported to them, and had advised County Cllr. Owen on this. The Sat Nav companies can then obtain details from Ordnance Survey for their businesses.
- c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Clerk has contacted BT to seek confirmation that the phone is working. (Since the meeting this has been confirmed.)
- d) Moss Cottage – Cllr. Smithies and Clerk to agree the draft letter. See correspondence below from Mr. Bendall, South House.
- e) St. Brides Historical Leaflet – Further meeting to be arranged.
- f) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – E-mail letter received from Dr. Lizzie Wilberforce of the Trust was read to the meeting. Clerk has since spoken to Dr. Wilberforce, and proposed to the meeting that Cllr. Owen arrange a site meeting attended by Darren Thomas, Highways. In attendance also would be Trust officers, Community Council members, and perhaps Mr. Thomas, West Hook Farm to see if anything can be done to tackle the road safety issues of pedestrians waiting on the highway in the mornings to purchase tickets for Skomer.  
Agreed that whether the Trust change to another ticketing system was another issue. This matter to be then discussed at the November meeting of the

Council, all parties to attend, so that there would be time over the winter months to put any agreed changes into effect. This proposal was agreed.

- g) Local Boundary & Democracy Comm. for Wales – 26/06/18 – Agreed that the Clerk respond by the 24<sup>th</sup> September, along the lines of Cllr. Owens comments last month.
- h) 19/06/18 – Pembs. Triathlon Events – Further reminder that the next event will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 9am start – Dale Half Marathon. Note
- i) St. Brides - Disability Access – Clerk advised that notification has been received that the present Order is under review at present. She had contacted Cllr. Owens, who has passed the request to Alan Hunt, County Access officer. (He will visit St. Brides on the 21<sup>st</sup> September)  
Clerk advised that there are several issues to follow up in relation to IRPW matters and she will be taking action shortly.

#### 4) Correspondence/E-Mails

##### a) Correspondence

- i. Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> August from Mr. G. Bendall, South House with regard to rubbish collection from holiday homes, and also the state of an unoccupied property elsewhere in the village. Agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Bendall and arrange to visit when he is next at South House.
- ii. One Voice Wales – Pembrokeshire Area Committee – Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September at County Hall. Noted that Mrs. Evans is planning to attend.
- iii. Community Health Council – Letter received dated August 2018 – volunteers required. Clerk to include this request in the council newsletter report. Noted.
- iv. Hywel Dda - 29/08/18 - “Our Big Change – Communities’ Voice on Health & Care”. This provides an update on progress to date, and next steps. Details to be put in the Council report as above.
- v. Clerks & Councils Direct - Sept. 2018 Issue 119 received.

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:-

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

20/08/18 & 23/08/18 – Household Enquiry Form – Electoral Register. Marloes & St. Brides had a 55% response. Clerk had put this item in Peninsula Papers, and had suggested that a poster could be put on display but no response from the PCC officer.

- 23/08/18 – Lisa. [Aspinall@gov.uk](mailto:Aspinall@gov.uk) – Request received for case studies from Community Councils – one week to respond. Clerk had provided details of the Website and Peninsula Papers as examples of keeping in touch.
- 26/08/18 – Comment in Daily Telegraph article that Pembrokeshire was “passe”. Cllr. Jessop had drawn attention to a Guardian article that had been very positive of our area. Another one also more recently.
- 27/08/18 – Request from Mr. G. Rust to place a geocache in St. Brides as a previous one had lapsed. Passed to Dan Wynn, PCNPA. Noted.
- 29/08/18 – PCC – Off Street Parking Places Variation Order (PCNPA area). Consultation until 26/09/18. See item on St. Brides above.
- 30/08/18 – Paul Davies - Newsletter – Aug 2018 received.
- 03/09/18 – PCC, (Dan Shaw) - Pems. Charter – Circulated.
- 03/09/18 – OVW – Natural Resources Bulletin - Issue 30. To circulate.

## 5) Planning Matters

- (a) PCNPA Seminar – 11/09/18 – Letterston. Details had been circulated again, and the Clerk read out the agenda for the meeting. Cllr. Smithies and/or Cllr. Kimpton may be able to attend.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) PCC – 22/08/18 – second precept of £942 paid by BACS transfer.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received.

## 7) Data Protection – Action to be taken.

## 8) Clock Tower

Clock Striking – Cllr. Smithies to meet Mr. Howells on site to agree action.  
 Painting Contract – Contract yet to start. Waiting for a break in the weather.  
 Oral Interpretation – No further information received.  
 Poppy display – Project ongoing.

## 9) Urgent Matters

- a) Street Lights - Some near West End working after midnight
- b) Philbeach Road – No problems with farm vehicles.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 when the draft minutes of the September meeting will be submitted for approval.