

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 11th February 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens
- Hywel John, Malcolm Cullen, Claire Pepperell, Kevan Krelle. Samantha Trimby, Kirk Trimby and Peter Dinnage

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the January 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 she had now phoned the office of the Police & Crime Comm., asking for a reply to her e-mail of the 3rd December 2018. Attention was drawn to the warnings about thefts and scams sent out by the Rural Crime Team to NFU members recently. Clerk will make contact with the officers to check if they are also responsible for the rural areas generally. Members noted with concern that the post box at St. Brides (near Beach junction) and the nearby telephone kiosk, and also the post box at the Mullock junction had been badly vandalised in recent weeks. Considerable force had been used to wrench the door off the post boxes, and a dozen panes of glass had been broken. A report had been made to the police, neighbouring Community Councils advised, as well as BT and Royal Mail. The boxes had been removed, but will be replaced. Cllr. Richards advised that the phone kiosk glass has been repaired, and all the broken glass removed. The telephone unit had been replaced, but is now not working. Clerk to report again to BT. No information had been received as to who may have caused the vandalism. Cllr. Jessop had been advised by the National Trust Warden that an attempt had been made to break into their hut at Martins Haven.
 - b) County Council – Highways etc. All problems had been reported via Cllr. Owens. Sign at Mullock junction still not put back. No action on the Glebe Lane as yet.
 - c) St. Brides Pay Phone – see item above.
 - d) Moss Cottage – Still no response.
 - e) St. Brides Historical Leaflet – A grant application is being made to Bluestone

- for monies to cover the production of the Leaflet.
- f) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – An e-mail from Stephen Benger (PCC) was read to the meeting. Agreed that the Clerk, and Cllr. Owens ask that the proposed Street sign is erected as soon as possible in the interests of pedestrian road safety. Clerk to forward e-mail to the Wildlife Trust, and copy to the National Trust so that the possible off-road refuge can be considered by both parties. The Community Council believes that it is time that the Wildlife Trust in conjunction with Dale Sailing review their ticketing procedures.
 - g) Street Lights – Street Light near 1, Kensington Place, St. Brides reported. Light opposite Mourne House, Marloes to be reported. Cllr. Owens advised there is a backlog of repairs.
 - h) Clock Tower Lane – Clerk had been advised that the contractor had given Mr. Cullen a special price, as he was sympathetic to the need for elderly residents to use this path. Action this year to be discussed with Mr. Wynn, Park Ranger.
 - i) National Park Ranger – Clerk’s e-mail to Mr. Wynn had failed, so will contact him to attend in March. Issues to include footpath matters, sign issues and dog fouling. Mr. Cullen explained to the meeting his assessment of the necessary action to be taken in Frankies Lane – he was previously the Park Warden for this area.
 - j) Skomer Marine Conservation Zone – Letter had been sent by Mr. Crump, and a response received from the Welsh Govt. minister. Mr. Newman had asked who may attend the May annual meeting. Clerk to advise Mr. Newman.
 - k) Frankies Lane – Caravan had been removed shortly after the last meeting.
 - l) St. Brides, Disability Parking – Clerk had contacted Mr. Hunt (PCC Access Officer) who is waiting a response from the PCNPA.

3) Community Issues

1. National Trust Matters – A press release had been issued today advising that a grant of £120,000 had been awarded to the National Trust to enhance the visitor experience in and around the Marloes Sands car park. Cllr. Jessop had confirmed the Community Council involvement in the Project.

Clerk has asked if the arrangements for the Car park permits can be made earlier this year. Cllr. Smithies suggested that details are placed in Peninsula Papers as soon as possible.

Cllr. Jessop had contacted Mark Underhill about the car park surface, damaged notice board and photo image of Marloes Sands in the current National Trust book. Agreed that some work will have to be undertaken in the car park ahead of the grant work.

2. Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling – Dog Fouling in the Runwayskiln area was discussed, with Claire Pepperall advising that a PCC officer

had visited to undertake an assessment, and advise what action, if any could be taken by the County Council. No collection would be provided for a bin near to the premises. Ms. Pepperell said that they are finding dog litter bags in their rubbish bins, as well as dog litter along the Lane. They have a food outlet, and this problem is difficult to deal with. The Clerk advised that she has asked for Dog Litter notices to put on the main rubbish bin in the car park. The County Council no longer provide warning notices of fines levied for dog littering. It was agreed that dog owners do need to be responsible for not allowing their dog(s) to foul in this or any area. Cllr. Richards reported similar problems in the St. Brides area. Clerk to contact Neil McCarthy, PCC to check out costs for a bin and collections. The Beach is attracting more dogs because of dog bans elsewhere. Agreed that a dog ban on Marloes Sands would not solve the problems, because people could still come to walk their dogs on the local rights of way.

3. Vandalism – See Item 2a above.

4) Correspondence/E-Mails

B/F Clerks & Council Direct Jan 2019 issues – Article on Meetings & Procedure in this edition. Also clarification on donations to Churchyard upkeep.

E-Mails for attention:-

- 17/01/19 – Endurance Life – Next event on the 27th April – details will be in Peninsula Papers this year.
- 21/01/19 - –opcc@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk – January Newsletter - details of Community Engagement Days in Pembs. – April 19th and in August.
- 21/01/19 – Information guide to help water customers struggling to pay bills – details will go in Peninsula Papers.
- 23/01/19 – NFU – Pembs. Rural Crime Team - PC Gerwyn Davies & PCSO Jude Parr. Clerk to make contact.
- 23/01/19 - Wales Audit Office – to forward to members.
- 27/01/19 & 30/01/19 – Cllr. Jessop – wind damage at Marloes Sands car park reported to relevant authorities, plus photographs.
- 30/01/19 - OVW – Wales Audit Office Fee Scheme 2019/20 - Clerk to note.
- 31/01/19 – Paul Davies, AM – January newsletter 2019.
- 02/02/19 – Cllr. Jessop – National Trust beach cleans on 24/04/19 & 29/05/19. Noted.
- 02/02/19 – OVW – February News Bulletin – to circulate.

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

5) Planning Matters

- (a) NP/18/0666/FUL – Ty Gwyn, Marloes – Section 73A, Sub Division of host dwelling. Letter sent as agreed. Further letter received from National Park enclosing an amended plan – 01a showing a minor amendment to the boundary. Clerk to send a copy of the original letter to Cllr. Owens and write in reply asking why the residential caravan is not included on the site plan.
- (b) NP/18/0706/FUL – Goose Cottage, Marloes. Noted that planning permission has been issued for this application. Noted that Point 4 is asking that before development commences details of external illumination, including measures to control light spillage shall be submitted to the National Park for approval, in writing. This condition has not been seen in a consent before.
- (c) NP/18/0754/FUL – Puffin Cottage (formerly Swn y Mor), Marloes – erection of detached garage with workshop at rear. No extension of time for consideration of this application had been allowed. A letter had been sent off after circulation to Council members. National Park was asked to very carefully consider any criticisms or objections which may be raised by neighbours in relation to the ridge height of the proposed building.
- (d) NP/18/0749/FUL – Proposed Agricultural Building – Grain store at Philbeach Farm, Marloes. Cllr. Smithies declared an interest as the applicant, and owner of this property. He vacated the Chair, and the Vice-Chair, Cllr. Jessop led the discussion of the application. Members noted that the building was a standard agricultural building in design, which would be built within the curtilage of the farm. No other comments were made on the application. Clerk to write accordingly to National Park.
Cllr. Smithies then resumed as Chair of the meeting.
- (e) Planning documents - Hard copies received of Planning Policy Edition 10 and the National Park “Focused Changes” – re LDP had been passed to Cllr. Jessop – to be used for reference as necessary.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – No invoice received as yet.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness fund – Clerk to check the present arrangement for this Fund with the County Council, and also what monies may be available for grants.
- c) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – Mark Burton has e-mailed to advise that a grant of £866.56 has been awarded, with £266.44 to be found

locally for the two noticeboards. Hall Committee to respond to the County Council.

- d) Wayleave payment of £3.48 from Western Power received in respect of an underground cable under the Village Green – bi-annual payment.
- e) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received.

7) Clock Tower

Night Silencing Arrangements -2019.

The Council considered the letter from Mr. Karl Trimby requesting that the silencing period is extended to April 1st - October 31st this year as they had received complaints from guests last year. The Chairman and other Council members highlighted the action that had been taken from 2007 onwards. The Clerk advised that the silencing period (with only one exception) had been 15th May to the 15th September from midnight to 5pm inclusive.

Stress was placed on the strong feeling generated from the local community in 2007 that the chimes should strike as often as possible. Cllr. Smithies indicated that a compromise had been reached then, and trusted that a further compromise can be reached now. Questions and statements from the owners of the Clock House were answered and noted. Council members accepted that the Clock House was an important local business which employed local residents, sold locally produced craft ware, and supported local fund-raising.

After discussion, the Council resolved that for this year 2019, the Night Silencing equipment would be utilised from the 15th April to the 31st September, from 12 midnight to 5pm inclusive.

Painting Invoice – On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Jessop the meeting approved the payment of £1,766 to D. J. J. Howells Ltd. for the re-painting and repairs carried out on the Clock Tower. The Clerk advised that she will reclaim the VAT element of £296.

NFU Insurance 2019 – After discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Jessop that the Council pay £195.78p. Agreed that Cllr. Smithies contact the NFU to see if a reduced premium was possible.

Bank Account Arrangements – Members agreed the letter drafted by the Clerk to close the two Clock Tower accounts and transfer all funds to the main current account. Payments above to be taken from that account.

8) Urgent Matters

Rural Wisdom Project – Meeting being held in Dale tonight. Clerk had sent

apologies from Council members and herself. Notice in Peninsula Papers briefly explained what the lead officer, Rachel Evans is planning for the communities on the peninsula.

Pot Holes, St. Brides – Cllr. Kimpton drew attention to problems in the Lower Hoaten area. Asked if he could provide the Clerk with photographs.

Beach Clean – Marloes Sands – 11/03/19 – see notice in newsletter.

Pop-up Persian Kitchen – Fund raiser for the Village Hall – noted.

Footpath Matter – Mr. Malcolm Cullen referred to an issue regarding the path from Fopston to Winterton. Members noted the issue and that National Park are seeking a solution which may include a permissive path.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 11th March 2019 when the draft minutes of the February 2019 meeting will be submitted for approval.