

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

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

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

- Mr. Malcolm Cullen

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L. Beal.

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

- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that she has requested again from the office of the Police Commissioner a reply to her e-mail of the 3rd December 2018. Noted that two new post boxes have been erected, following the vandalism. Police have visited the village recently. Clerk has today been advised of possible oil thefts within Marloes village. The householder will report this via the 101 service. Clerk to ask the local PCSO about the Rural Crime Team.
 - b) County Council – Highways etc. Sign at Mullock junction still not put back, and the other sign for Marloes & Dale is hanging by one clip. The potholes in the Glebe Lane have been filled in recently. Cllr. Kimpton advised that the nearby farmer has filled in the potholes near Lower Hoaten. Cllrs. Kimpton and Richards advised that the road from Kensington Place towards Fopston and Eastfield is in a bad state of repair, and has surface water flooding from a blocked drain. Cllr. Richards also reported further problems with signs in the St. Brides area. Clerk to report to Cllr. Owens
 - c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Still out of order, the Clerk has reported this again.
 - d) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – Cllr. Owens and Mr. Bengner have confirmed the pedestrian sign is on order, but there is a backlog of requests. No response from the Wildlife Trust as yet reference ticketing arrangements.
 - e) Street Lights – All street lights reported out of order are now repaired.
 - f) National Park Ranger/Footpath issues – Clerk had spoken to Mr. Wynn today, and he had sent an e-mail confirming future action as recorded below:-
“Frankie’s Lane - hedges to be cut this week (before hedge-cutting deadline)
- bladed/resurfaced early April
Clock Tower - bladed/resurfaced early April

Fopston - path officer has agreement of action with landowner to reinstate the path. Continue to monitor progress. If no response, legal action maybe pursued.

Matthewslade Step Access onto Beach - end March/April. Reshaping and rebuilding the entire lower section below the staircase.

Overland path to Dale (raised by Chris Jessop) - I have approval for the signs. Need an image to be provided (possible school involvement in this?). I will burn the image onto blank fingerposts and fix to existing waymarkers.

Additional signposts maybe placed where appropriate. Once I have the design, I can begin the next stage.” Cllr. Jessop will contact Mrs. Groves, Coastlands Headteacher to see if the School can help with this project. The Clerk advised that she had been advised from a Dale resident that the cattle on the Airfield are deterring walkers from their end. Cllr. Kimpton advised that the animals are under his responsibility and are not known to cause a concern to walkers. The Council was pleased to note that the Clock Tower Lane has been strimmed recently – person concerned to be thanked for this effort.

- g) St. Brides, Disability Parking – Cllr. Richards advised that two signs have been erected by the marked parking area.
- h) Rural Wisdom Project – A meeting had been held last Thursday at Marloes Village Hall with Rachel Evans outlining what could be achieved by the Scheme – similar to work undertaken in Milford Haven in recent years. There were six people present, with one Councillor coming from St. Ishmaels. Cllr. Smithies and the Clerk reported on the issues raised - transport problems affecting the elderly and the young people, isolation and health problems. A similar meeting will be held in St. Ishmaels, which is the larger community. Rachel Evans advised she would need to cover several communities to make the project viable.

3) Community Issues

1. National Trust Matters

The Clerk advised that Car park permits from last year can roll over to this year. New applicants, and those who have changed their vehicles will need to contact herself – two requests were pending already. A notice will be placed in the April Peninsula Papers, and also in the Village Shop. Car Park charges have risen to £6 per day, with a £3 short/half day.

Cllr. Jessop referred to the car park surface – the worse it has been for some time. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman will discuss this with Mr. Mark Underhill (NT), to ask if work can be done before the start of the main holiday season.

2. Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling – Cllr. Smithies informed the Council that this problem was raised at a recent National Trust meeting, and he had advised that dealing with this problem would be an important way to improve the visitor experience. Clerk to contact Neil McCarthy, PCC to ask if the “Dog Litter” notices have been received, and to also check out costs for a bin and collection by Runwayskiln. Claire Pepperell to be advised on costs as she has spoken to National Trust about a bin. Mr. Wynn, National Park may also help with a bin, but the problem of who will empty one remains. Members did not think that the Community Council should be involved with giving out litter bags. Cllr. Smithies had asked the Trust if car park attendants can broach this problem when drivers are seen to have dogs with them. Noted that in Solva special dog litter notices had been designed with children's input. No problems with household rubbish recently. Some beach rubbish to be cleared.
3. Church Reorganisation – Mrs. Evans, Clerk & Church Warden at St. Peter’s, Marloes outlined to members the changes to local church parishes which will take effect from the 8th May 2019. From that date, the four local churches will form part of a larger Ministry Area with 18 other churches from Dale to Llangwm. The local Parochial Council will be replaced by a Church Council with no legal powers, and there will be a Local Ministry Area (LMA) Council which one member from each church can attend. The existing Vicars will no longer be specifically tied as now to a church(es), and the parish boundaries will be removed. Mrs. Evans also outlined some of the financial changes. The information was noted at this stage, acknowledging that this may have an affect on the local communities over the coming months.

4) Correspondence/E-Mails

BHIB, Councils Insurance – Tree Liability – not a problem here.
Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2019, Issue 122 received.

E-Mails for attention:-

14/02/19 – Wales Audit Office – Presentation – Clerk to consider.

18/02/19 – IRPW – Annual Report – Section 13 covers Community Councils – circulated to members. Clerk requires a letter from each Councillor indicating whether they wish to receive the mandatory £150. A return has to be made by the 30th September to the IRPW.

22/02/19 – Herbrandston Clerk – now Diane Davies. Noted.

26/02/19 – E-mails received from PCC (Pauline Louchart, Mark Underhill (NT), and Dan Wynn (PCNP) reference a yacht that had grounded on Gateholm. See comments below.

04/03/19 – Holiday Property Bond Website – Cllr. Jessop noted a lack of mention of local beaches and amenities on the front pages. Cllr. Richards will speak to the local Manager.

04/03/19 – NFU – Water Quality & Nutrients Management - meeting on 14th March. Members thought that this meeting was general in scope. Emma Taylor is dealing with Winterton Marsh – BRICS project, and relevant local landowners are being contacted.

05/03/19 – Cllr. Jessop had drawn the Chairman's attention to the consultation by the Dept. of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on "the future for small-scale low carbon generation" Members approved in retrospect a response drafted by Cllr. Jessop and approved by Cllr. Smithies – sent by the Clerk. Receipt has been acknowledged.

11/03/19 – PCC – Community Council member of the Standards Committee - no one interested in applying.

Yacht wrecked on Gateholm Island (25/02/19) – Cllr. Smithies and Jessop had been aware of this incident. The yachtsman had been winched off by helicopter – not injured. The boat was a complete wreck within hours. PCC provided a very large skip in the Marloes Sands car park, and PCNP used their volunteers to clear what they could off the beach and rocks – some material was not accessible. A similar response to the large yellow buoy washed up last year would have been helpful.

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. After the last meeting, Andrew Ricahrds, (PCNP), had advised the Clerk and Chairman that a boundary change had meant that the consultation process had started again. He asked if the Council would be objecting, as they had expressed concern about over-use of the site. A further letter had been drafted and sent off to include an objection to the application. It is likely that the application will now go before the Committee, and the Community Council will be asked if they wish to attend, and speak on the matter. The Council

approved this action, and agreed that over-use of holiday lets was becoming a problem, which needs to be considered by National Park. Neighbours had also objected to the application.

- (b) NP/18/0754/FUL – Puffin Cottage (formerly Swn y Mor), Marloes – erection of detached garage with workshop at rear. Planning consent has been received for this application – no conditions attached.
- (c) NP/18/0749/FUL – Proposed Agricultural Building – Grain store at Philbeach Farm, Marloes. Cllr. Smithies (applicant) advised the Council that following a site visit, a working amendment had been agreed to move the building further away from the nearby listed building, and also to include screening. No further consultation will follow.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – Invoice received. On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Jessop the meeting approved the payment of £139 – no VAT included.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund – Clerk yet to check the present arrangement for this Fund with the County Council, and also what monies may be available for grants.
- c) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received. All funds have been transferred from the two Clock Tower Accounts – the latter are now closed.
- d) Precept 2019/20 – PCC have confirmed receipt of a request for £2825.
- e) Clerk’s Payment 2018/19 – On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Johnson, the meeting approved the payment of £500 to Mrs. Evans.
- f) One Voice Wales – On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Kimpton, the meeting approved the payment of £62 for membership of the Council Association in 2019/20.
- h) Requests for financial support in 2019/20 were received from:- Paul Sartori; Wales Air Ambulance; Cruse Bereavement Care and the Pembrokeshire Young Farmer’s Movement. Noted. All applications for funding will be considered in the Autumn.

7) Clock Tower

Night Silencing Arrangements -2019 – Clerk to correct end date to 30/09/19 not 31/09/19, as stated in Peninsula Papers.

NFU Insurance 2019 – Review of cover received and noted.

Clock Fault – Cllr. Smithies confirmed a pin had to be replaced.

Volunteer - Clock Tower – It was agreed that the Clerk advertise in Peninsula Papers for a volunteer to open and close the Tower daily from April 2019 to end of September 2019. Appointment to be confirmed at the April meeting.

8) Urgent Matters

Bus Service – Noted that PCC propose ending the Saturday Puffin Bus Service this summer. This will impact on visitors, and local residents, but it is the day when the bus service is least used.

DADS – Production takes place at the end of next week. Noted.

Facebook Page – Cllr. Jessop queried whether having such a page would improve communication of local events among the younger age groups. Noted a volunteer would be required to take on this task.

Local Resident – Mr. Cullen advised that he did not have a question for the Council. He was thanked for his attendance. The Chairman advised that they welcome local residents attending meetings.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 8th April 2019 when the draft minutes of the March 2019 meeting will be submitted for approval.