

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 8th April 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens
- Mr. Derek Davies
- Sgt. Terri Harrison & PCSO Rachel O'Neill

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Kimpton & Cllr. W.
Richards.

The Chairman welcomed Sgt. Harrison and PCSO O'Neill to the meeting. Apologies were noted from PCSO Leanne Nicholls. A discussion followed on the incidents that that have occurred since the end of January. It was noted that the first two incidents were not reported to the police by Royal Mail and BT, so do not count as crimes. The Council was advised that no one had been identified/apprehended for either the damage to the Mullock post box, the theft of oil, nor the recent damage to the car parking machine and the hut break-in at the Marloes Sands car park. There was then a discussion about action the police would take with regard to "raves", taking into account that there had been two incidents in the Dyfed Powys police area recently. The Council had sought reassurance from the Police & Crime Commissioners office that the protocol set up after the last local incident was still effective, and a similar procedure operated across the Authority area. The Council also wished to know if social media sites were being monitored and that suspicious vehicle movements on the M4 were monitored. Sgt. Harrison advised that the Police undertake all necessary measures to avoid incidents, but are operating with reduced capacity. Sgt. Harrison had not been made aware of the recent press release of a possible rave on the 22nd March issued by the County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk forward this to her, and also the other concerns the Council had raised. County Cllr. Owens will ask that Clerks receive copies of such press releases directly they are issued. Noted that earlier that day a volunteer at Milford Police Station had been updating the emergency contact list.

20mph Speed limit - A discussion followed on the 20mph limit which is being exceeded by local drivers and visitors. Noted that the follow up speed test last year was not done in the same way as the previous one. Clerk to forward results of test to Sgt. Harrison. Cllr. Owens advised on the procedure of having the Community Speedwatch Team in the area, or alternatively using local volunteers. Sgt. Harrison

said she would arrange for the village 20 mph speed limit to be entered into the necessary databases so that it shows up on GPS.

The officers then withdrew, having been thanked for their attendance.

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

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Response received from the Police Commissioners office, but not specific to the letter sent last December. Clerk to follow up. See also the item above.
- b) County Council – Highways etc. Signs had been collected, but not as yet replaced at the Mullock junction. Cllr. Owens was reminded 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. Signs in the St. Brides area are at the base of their posts, to be re-attached.
- c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Further e-mail sent to request repair.
- d) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – No further information received.
- e) Street Lights – No problems identified at present. Cllr. Jessop advised that residents including himself wished to ask for the last light in the village (West End) to be switched off as an experiment, to enable the “Dark Skies” effect to be achieved. Agreed that this request be considered at the next meeting.
- f) National Park Ranger/Footpath issues – Noted that no action had commenced as yet with the list received from Dan Wynn, PCNP Ranger last month. Completion of the Frankie’s Lane improvements still pending. Overland path to Dale (raised by Chris Jessop) - Cllr. Jessop had received a positive response from Anthony Richards, and has now contacted Mrs. Groves, Coastlands Headteacher to see if the School can help with this project. Clock Tower Lane – Clerk has thanked the person who trimmed the Lane.
- g) Rural Wisdom Project – Rachel Evans is planning a meeting for May 16th – probably in St. Ishmaels.
- h) HPB (St. Brides Castle) Website – No report received from Cllr. Richards.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters

Car park permits being issued as needed.

Car park surface - noted that some work had been undertaken, but more will be needed.

Noted that people are parking behind the double yellow lines opposite the Marloes Sands path.

b) Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling – Clerk is waiting for a response from Neil McCarthy (PCC) about the Dog Litter notices, and is also waiting for a response on the costs for a bin and collection by Runwayskiln. Clerk will advise Claire Pepperell in due course.

Noted that dog-fouling on The Fold footpath is still a problem. Members were agreed that warning notices are not being taken note of, nor pleas via Peninsula Papers. Cllr. Owens said he can ask for the Enforcement Team to visit the area – they have a power for on-the-spot fines. Members agreed with this action being undertaken.

Household rubbish – only one local problem noted.

c) Church Reorganisation

Mrs. Evans, Clerk & Church Warden advised that from the 8th May the Rev. Andrew Johnson will have pastoral responsibility for St. Katherine's, Milford Haven, and for St. James, Dale. The Rev. Gaynor Ford will have pastoral responsibility for St. Peter's Marloes; St. Bridget, St. Brides and for St. Ishmaels.

4) Correspondence/E-Mails

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2019, Issue 122 received. Clerk will bring any relevant matters to the next meeting.
- b) Merchant Navy - Seafarers – Merchant Navy Day - 03/09/19 - request for Communities to fly the Red Ensign.

E-Mails for attention:-

- B/F18/02/19 – IRPW – Annual Report - Letter from each Councillor. Cllr. Smithies has responded. Hard copy of Report requested.
- 18/03/19 – OVW – Training schedule. Clerk advised that all training is undertaken by the Clerk to The Havens C. C.
- 19/03/19 – Rachel Evans - Volunteers for Community Health Council – to place details in Peninsula Papers.
- 19/03/19 – Planning Aid – course details passed to Cllr. Jessop.
- 25/03/19 – Skomer Marine Conservation Zone – Annual Meeting to be held on the 2nd April. Attended by Cllr. Jessop, who reported verbally on the meeting. Noted that all four staff remain in post. A lot more lobster pot fishing now, some with up to 3000 pots. Sea Fans affected by damage – causes to be established. Recently, suspicious activity off East Hook and Stack Rocks had been reported – possibly Scallop dredging.
- 25/03/19 – Notice boards on order. Village Hall will pay invoice, and receive grant. Mark Burton coordinating action.

01/04/19 – OVW – Pembs. Area Meeting to be held on the 16th April. Dave Astins speaking on Community Asset Transfers. No one able to attend.

02/04/19 – OVW – Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013. Clerk to consider proposed changes.

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. The Case Officer has advised that he is waiting a further plan showing the caravan etc. He was reminded by the Clerk that the Council had sent a letter of objection. If the application is submitted to the Committee, the Community Council will be invited to attend.
- (b) On-Line Planning Applications – E-mail received from PCNP (Sue Davies) advising that in future applications will be sent by e-mail. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk advise Nicola Gandy that Marloes Village Hall does not have a WiFi facility, so it would be difficult for the Council to process applications in future.
- (c) PCNP - LDP – E-mail received advising of “Notice of Pre-Hearing Meeting to be held on the 7th May at the Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock. Hearing will start on the 2nd July 2019. Council to advise if anyone will attend the Pre-Hearing.
- (d) Meadow View, Glebe Lane, Marloes – Cllr. Johnson raised the issue of a large garden shed being constructed behind this dwelling in close proximity to the garden hedge adjacent to the rear of Church Close. The Chairman invited Mr. Derek Davies to speak, as he had indicated that he also wished to raise concerns. Cllr. Jessop advised that unlike a recent application at Puffin Cottage that it was possible that this building would satisfy “Permitted Development Rights”. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Jessop forward the relevant document to all Council members and the Clerk. The Chairman, Cllr. Smithies will visit the property to ask if the building satisfies Permitted Development Rights. It is now known if a National Park officer has visited the site.
- (e) Dark Skies – E-mail received from Hannah Buck, PCNP . Clerk to put details in Peninsula Papers.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – Notification of the audit has been received. Work will need to be undertaken to update the Standing Orders to satisfy the Auditor. Sub Committee procedure also expected.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund – After contacting the County Council, the Clerk has been advised that the previous contact, Mr. Paul Barnard is no longer employed. The present link officer is Mr. Ian Randall, the Strategic Commissioning Manager. He will check the file, and establish what funds are presently available. Clerk to provide Cllr. Richards with this information, and hand over the Community Council file, so that Cllr. Richards can agree a procedure for applications with Mr. Randall.
- c) MADPPADS – On the proposal of Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Smithies the meeting agreed that £100 is paid to the organisation as agreed at the January budget meeting. Noted that an e-mail had been received from the Secretary, Mr. Hugh Bishop.
- d) Ebico - Statement received. Council to provide a meter reading to bring the account up to date.
- e) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received.

7) Clock Tower

Volunteer - Clock Tower – Cllr. Smithies was pleased to announce that Mr. David Hill, 3 Clock Tower, Marloes had agreed to open and close the Clock Tower this summer, and has already started. Clerk to send a letter to Mr. Hill.

- 8) Standing Orders/Policy documents – Clerk to bring draft documents to a future meeting of the Council

9) Urgent Matters

- a) Bus Service – Cllr. Johnson advised that Saturday, May 4th will be the last Saturday bus to Milford Haven. Agreed that this will be a loss for the local Community residents who do not drive, and for visitors in the area. Noted that use on this day had been the lowest of the six days.
- b) Peninsula Papers – Cllr. Jessop drew attention to the need for rationalising the various Community Council reports to avoid duplication of items. Clerk said she would liaise with the Editor as necessary.

- c) Coastlands School Grant application – Cllr. Beal advised that the application by the School for an Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant towards an upgrading of the external Sports Equipment was recommended for refusal again. The Committee had cited lack of support, and the need to work with the Sports Council. The meeting asked County Cllr. Owens to speak in support of the application at the Cabinet meeting on the 13th May.
- d) Fingerprint Signs – Cllr. Smithies and Jessop queried the lack of signs for access to the Beach and coast path from the path junction just west of Runwayskiln.
- e) Invitation to Address the meeting - Mr. Davies advised the Chairman that he had no other matters to raise this evening.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th May 2019 when the draft minutes of the April 2019 meeting will be submitted for approval. The Annual General Meeting will also be held that evening.