

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

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

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

- Mr. Malcolm Cullen – Community Resident

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Cllr. Smithies and the County Councillor Reg Owens.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the October meeting had been circulated to members, and was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Kimpton.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – None to report this month.
Speeding Problems – Letter to be written to the County Council.
 - b) County Council – Highways etc.
Cllr. Owens to be advised that the damaged fencing at Gaylane Terrace is yet to be repaired, although it has been inspected and noted as unsafe. Surface water and pot hole problems were identified and photographs will be taken to pass to Cllr. Owens.
Street light – Faulty street lights numbers will be passed to the Clerk to report. Cllr. Richards will photograph the St. Brides toilets in the evening showing the lights switched on, as previous reports have been ignored.
 - c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking - The Clerk has sent an e-mail to Cllr. Owens to forward to the relevant officers in readiness for the PCNP meeting on the 11th December.
 - d) Footpaths – Mr. Cullen advised that on 24/09/19 the Frankies Lane track was “bladed” down, and earth removed – iron points left in situ, but made safe. Still muddy at the lower end of the Lane – about 6 ton of ballast will be required to improve the surface. Further work will be undertaken in January 2020 to cut back the canopy. They will avoid disturbing the drainage work undertaken near Tower Cottage.
Clock Tower Path – Mrs. Evans advised that the first section was wet underfoot after the heavy rainfall, but the section near the Glebe Lane is much improved. Mr. Cullen confirmed that in future the two paths will be checked and trimmed back as necessary. Cllr. Jessop will find out if there will be any spare material when the present surface of the Marloes Sands car park is removed.

- e) Bus Services – Clerk yet to write letter as agreed.
- f) Skokholm Back – Mr. Cullen advised that wild flower seeding has been undertaken, as well as planting of flowers donated this summer.
- g) Moss Cottage - The PCC officer had advised that the matter is now with PCNP, who it is understood are in touch with the owner. Noted.
- h) Sea Grass in Dale Bay - Further e-mails received and noted.
- i) Gann Footbridge – Clerk has e-mailed the PCNP Ranger Dan Wynn to ask what is happening with the footbridge.
- j) Village Hall – Cllr. Jessop will contact Claire Deacon on the practicalities of installing Solar Panels on the Hall roof.
- k) Barclays Bank/Post Offices –Noted that no letter was sent, as the Bank had withdrawn their intention to stop people withdrawing money via the Post Office.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – see further planning application below. Noted that over the winter the “new” rubbish bin will be emptied on a reactive basis, as will the bins in the Car Park.

b) Rubbish Collections/Dog Litter

Rubbish Collections - The new Kerbside Collection system had commenced last Friday, with the first “grey bag” collection this Friday. Several households were without the necessary boxes and bags until late in the week. Cllr. Richards expressed his dissatisfaction with the County Council Call centre where people were left in long “queues” waiting to get through. There were mixed experiences across the community area, with bags being tagged and left if holding incorrect items. It was not always clear which items were wrong. It was hoped that after a few weeks residents will get used to the new system. The Clerk had received two large explanatory posters which were on display on the Playing Field notice-board. A resident had complained to Cllr. Owens that boxes and bags had been delivered to self catering accommodation.

Rubbish, St. Brides Haven – Cllr. Richards advised that for some time a couple from Walwyn’s Castle has been clearing the beach of litter – using the special red bags. It was agreed that if their contact details were obtained, then the Clerk should send a letter of thanks.

Dog Fouling – The Clerk is yet to put together a proposal for the Sandy Lane and Musselwick Paths, so that one of PCC/PCNP/NT seek grant funding for a pilot exercise similar to Runwayskilm, to provide a bin and funding for emptying them.

c) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund. - Cllr. Richards has spoken to Mr. Ian Randall, PCC who will receive any applications on the present form.

Another officer will assist with the process, and Cllr. Richards will advise as previously. Cllr. Richards reminded the meeting that the request has to be for support that is not already provided by the County Council. It was agreed that the Council need to encourage applications to utilise the money now available. The file will be returned to the Clerk shortly.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) Clerks & Council Direct – November 2019, Issue 126 received.

E-Mails for attention:-

- 15/10/19 – OVW – VE Day 08/05/20 – Passed to Cllr. Jessop. He will ask the organisers if a Beacon Fire is planned for the weekend.
- 15/10/19 – IRPW – Draft Annual Report Consultation.
- 16/10/19 – OVW – Three Welsh Govt. consultations – Cllr. Jessop will read through the one on flooding and Coastal erosion, and prepare a draft response.
- 17/10/19 – NFU Newsletter – Rural Crime Hub – Cllr. Kimpton has read this item.
- 23/10/19 – PCC (Hugh Jones) – Publication of Statutory Notice with regard to discontinuing the 6th Form at Milford School – Cllr. Beal to consider if a response should be made on behalf of this Council. Transport is provided from this area to Pembrokeshire College, but this proposal would limit the choices available for A Level study.
- 24/10/19 – Sea Grass, Dale Bay – e-mails are being received on further consultations.
- 31/10/19 – Paul Davies AM - Newsletter.
- 01/11/19 – BT Planning Support Team – Proposal for the removal of Pay Phones - Marloes Kiosk is included, as there have been only 5 calls in twelve months. The Clerk has advised the MADPADS Group, as a defibrillator had been sited near the box to facilitate the 999 call in the event of an emergency. Agreed that this could be the only factor in trying to retain the Kiosk. It is not a Heritage Box, so it was not one to be retained if no longer a working Kiosk.
- 07/11/19 – Dale C. C. - Code of Conduct training at Dale Hall on 05/02/20. Agreed that the Clerk advise that three may attend plus the Clerk.
- 11/11/19 – High Speed Broadband Initiative – K. Rogers/A. Truelove – Further information received on this project which is being managed by County Council officers. See also articles in the November Issue of Peninsula Papers. Agreed that members and Clerk will encourage local residents to complete the on-line form to register their interest. Clerk to invite the officers to the next Council meeting.
- 11/11/19 – OVW – Reporting on Section 6 – The Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems. Councils are required to report by the end of the year on what

they have done to meet this standard, and then 3 yearly thereafter. Response to be proportionate to the responsibilities of the individual Council.

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

5) Planning Matters

- a) Ty Gwyn, Marloes – No further correspondence received to date.
- b) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – Letter from Mr. Griffiths, PCNP did not consider that a breach had occurred with the removal of the of the rear vehicle access. Members did not feel that PCNP had properly understood the matter. Cllr. Jessop will study the planning file, and send a further letter as necessary. Agreed that in future that the Council may need to “object” more often.
- c) NP/19/0554/FUL – Beacon Field – Gates. After reviewing the new application (previous application was NP/19/0336/FUL), it was agreed that the Council support this proposal as far less hedgerow is lost in this application to achieve a gate for pedestrian use, and one for field access.

The Council request that a hedge to the left of the new pedestrian gate is made up to a similar standard to the existing hedges. The Council is pleased to note that the new double gates will open inwards, away from the nearby road to Martins Haven.

- d) NP/19/0576/FUL – National Trust – Erection of new car park hut at Marloes Sands Car Park. Clerk had requested a hard copy last Friday – comments to be made to PCNP by 28/11/19.

The Clerk read out the two e-mails sent by Mr. Mark Underhill with respect to this application, dated 25/10/19 and 31/10/19.

After discussion, it was agreed that the following points would be raised:-

Metal Building – The Council is not in favour of a metal building being erected at this location. If cost precludes any other material being used at this juncture they favour the container being clad with wood, and that the colour is green not black. They consider that green would enable the building to better fit in aesthetically with the natural environment in the surrounding area. The nearest building have pitched roofs – the present hut is more in keeping with the vernacular than the proposed hut. The Council therefore objects to the present proposal.

Hut roof – The proposed north facing aspect would not be suitable for solar panels in the future.

Retail – It is noted that the National Park officer refers to *“the very small “retail” offer “which is so limited in range so as to be considered “de minimis”*. *It is only when the scale of retail increased with more formalised displays that the need for planning permission is likely to be required in its own right”* The Council is aware from experiences elsewhere in the community area that unless the retail aspect is controlled at the start it is impossible to reverse a gradual build up of retail. Council members are aware from their own observations at the site visit, and in passing through, and parking at the car park that retail sales already extend beyond National Trust merchandise. The Council considers that people use the car park to enjoy the experience of visiting the Sands, and walking the coastal and inland paths. Many of the retail elements on sale can be purchased at the only local shop which aims to be open for 365 days of the year, and need the summer trade to bolster their income. The Council would object to any retail other than National Trust authorised items.

Non Material & Permitted Development. - This is an application in a sensitive area outside the main settlement. The Council request that no alterations of a non-material or permitted development nature are approved without prior consultation with themselves, and that this is written into the planning conditions.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Ebico – The Clerk advised that a reading of 2963 had been given to Ebico, but an estimated reading of 2980.7 had been put on the latest statement – however there is still a credit of £14.68.

Fixed Price agreement – Letter received on 27/10/19 advised that the current tariff ends on 28/11/19. A new contract is proposed with Robin Hood Energy Ltd. There is no standing charge, but there is a minimum billed value of £52 per year to pay. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Richard, seconded by Cllr. Kimpton that subject to the approval of the Chairman that this contract is accepted.

- b) Bank Statement - Lloyds Bank - £ 4,153.09 in the current account on the 30/09/19.

- c) Annual Donations

Royal British Legion – After discussion the meeting agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Kimpton that £30 is donated this year. It was noted that the cost of the wreath is now £20. On the proposal of Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Beal, donations to

the Village Hall (£570), Churchyards (£40 each), Peninsula Papers (£50), Paul Sartori (£10) and the Samaritans (£20) were agreed.

Declaration of interest - Cllr. Richards declared an interest as a Trustee of Marloes village Hall, so did not take part in the above decision.

7) Clock Tower

Cllr. Smithies had contacted Smiths of Derby who are not scheduled to undertake a service until next late next year. A visit now, would incur the same cost of about £240, but only a repair would be done. Mr. David Howells had replaced a broken pin again. Noted that the Clock is working at present.

Noted that the Clock Tower is closed until next Easter. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr. Hill. Cllr. Smithies will empty the collection box.

8) Urgent Matters

a) Christmas Lights - No need to replace this year.

b) Village Carol Singing – Cllr. Jessop will check with others if 23/12/19 is suitable.

c) Beach Clean – Date & time to be put in the newsletter.

d) Bad Weather – Cllr. Johnson raised the issue of needing the roads gritted to Marloes for two residents who have regular weekly hospital appointments. Clerk to provide him with County Cllr. Owens contact details.

e) Forthcoming Events – Councillors and Clerk drew attention to events scheduled for later in the month – all advertised in Peninsula Papers.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 9th December 2019 when the draft minutes of the November 2019 business meeting will be submitted for approval.