

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- Mr. & Mrs. John & Caroline Walmsley - Community Residents
- Mr. Patrick Hannon – PCC Broadband Engagement Officer

Apologies for absence were received from the Cllrs Kimpton and Beal, and County Councillor Reg Owens. (Cllr. Owens passed on his Christmas best wishes to everyone on Marloes and St Brides Community Council.)

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Hannon, PCC to the meeting and invited him to address the meeting on the Broadband Initiative. See summary below under Agenda Item 3.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the November meeting had been circulated to members, and was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Police Matters – None to report again this month.  
Speeding Problems – Letter yet to be written to the County Council.
  - b) County Council - The Clerk advised that the damaged fencing at Gaylane Terrace has recently been repaired, as had the nearby light. No information on the surface water problem reported near Crabhall as yet. Various Councillors drew attention to the flooding near Orlandon; by the Lobster Pot, also the overflow from the Winterton Stream to Mullock Bridge junction. The pothole on the hill going out of Marloes has been reported, but a spring is stopping an effective repair – more work needed. A local resident had expressed concern about meeting flooded areas in the dark, particularly if you were a visitor. Signs had been put out by the County Council on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Mr. Tony Parish, a nearby resident, had spoken to County Council officers about the stream overflowing. Clerk to write to the County Council.  
Street Light – Several street lights have been repaired, but one at the Chapel end of the Glebe Lane is to be reported.
  - c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking - To be discussed at the PCNP meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.
  - d) Footpaths – Noted that the Gann Bridge is passable for two and a half hours

- either side of low tide. Concrete bridge may be installed for the long term.
- e) Bus Services – Letter written and response received. Clerk to clarify some matters and report further to the January meeting.
  - f) Sea Grass in Dale Bay - Latest meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.
  - g) Village Hall – Noted the Hall Committee is proceeding with an application to the Enhancing Pembs. Fund to cover the costs of solar panels. Clerk to write a letter of support from the Community Council.
  - h) 75<sup>th</sup> VE Day 2020 – No National scheme of Beacon lighting will take place. Council to discuss whether they have one in the New Year.
  - i) Welsh Govt. Flooding Consultation – Cllr. Jessop to review document.
  - j) Marloes Payphone – Clerk to check if this will be discussed at the MADPADS AGM. See e-mail re St. Brides Payphone below.
  - k) Biodiversity Report – Cllr. Jessop and the Clerk will draft a response.
  - l) Glebe Lane – Sewage Issues – Cllr. Johnson advised there had been a serious breakdown recently and he had contacted Welsh Water. They had attended but the problem is not resolved as heavy rain is allowing faeces and debris to come out of the drainage system. A nearby field is also affected. Agreed that Cllr. Johnson request an address for the Clerk to write a letter of complaint from the Council. Affected residents should take photos to prove the nuisance.

### 3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – see further planning application below.

b) Rubbish Collections/Dog Litter

Rubbish Collections - The new collection system seems to be working well at present, with few rejections.

Beach Rubbish Collection, St. Brides Haven – Cllr. Richards provided the Clerk with names for a letter of thanks to be sent.

Dog Fouling – The Clerk has drafted a proposal for the siting of rubbish bins on the Sandy Lane and Musselwick Paths, and Cllr. Jessop will provide maps of the paths, and identify possible locations for the bins. Cllr. Johnson reported that there had been dog mess in the Glebe Lane, and near the Clock Tower.

c) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund. - Clerk will provide an application form for the Welcome Club to apply to the Fund.

d) High Speed Broadband Initiative.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Hannon, PCC Broadband Engagement Officer to the meeting, and invited him to speak on this Initiative. The aim of the project is to have fibre optic provided to ensure fast connectivity in the future. At present there is fibre to the green boxes, and then mainly copper wire to households. This scheme enables

households and businesses to sign up to the new system, and then with qualifying vouchers available, the County Council can go out into the market place to invite Infrastructure Suppliers to bid to install the new system. It is intended the communities in the Project area will select the Supplier, with advice provided by the County Council. After installation each household/business will have to sign up to a contract with the agreed supplier for one year.

The action required now is for people to complete the on-line link to express a definite interest. The Schem is looking at looking mainly at properties receiving less than 30MB/second. He and his colleague, Mike Odlin have visited many properties in the area, distributed flyers and put notices around the villages, and put a piece in the November issue of Peninsula Papers. They would welcome assistance from individual Community Councils. At present they have 68 residents and 27 businesses registered. Agreed that it would be helpful if the County Council acknowledged the registrations, and kept these people informed of progress.

After questions were answered, the meeting agreed to lend their support to the campaign by promoting registration, and putting posters up locally. Holiday homes and lets can be included, as well as local businesses and individual households – also village halls. Both officers will continue to visit the more scattered households. He noted the Community Council will next meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, and agreed to update the Clerk with numbers registered to that date. Aiming for the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to complete this part of the process, and then proceed to the next stage by Easter. Mr. Hannon was thanked for his presentation, and he then withdrew.

#### 4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) Clerks & Council Direct – November 2019, Issue 126 received.
- b) Woodland Trust – E-mail received dated 03/12/19.
- c) The Chairman invited Mrs. Walmsley to address the meeting, as she had contacted the Clerk on this matter.

Free trees are being supplied by the Trust to plant on land that is accessible to the public. Details were given on the number to request, types of trees etc. Mrs. Walmsley advised the application will be made by Marloes Village Hall, and she will be contacting local landowners who have public access paths on their land. It was agreed that Oaks, Blackthorn and Alder would be suitable. It was also agreed that the Council support this application, proposed by Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.

## E-Mails for attention:-

18/11/19 – Gov. Wales – Local Govt. & Elections (Wales) Bill – This will allow for Mayors to be elected.

25 & 26/11/19 – OVW & Welsh Govt. - Bus Pass Renewal Programme.

29/11/19 – Paul Davies AM – Nov. 2019 Newsletter – Item included re Protection of War Memorials. Also that “PCNP will receive a share of a £4 million funding boost”.

29/11/19 – OVW – Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019.

02/12/19 – Planning Support Team (PCC) – BT Phone Removal – St. Brides Kiosk 636278 (SA62 3AW) – one call only in twelve months. Members noted that this phone had been out of order for some time. However it is a card only phone, although emergency calls can be made. Agreed that as with the Marloes kiosk it is the possible link with use of a Defibrillator that should be brought to the attention of BT. It is a traditional box unlike the one at Marloes, but would not be of much use at this location if closed. Clerk to ask about moving the Kiosk. One household in St. Brides had expressed an interest in the Kiosk some time ago.

06/12/19 – OPCC – Letter re precept consultation – Band D household to pay on average £248.56 per year for the police.

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 – The Chairman, Cllr. Smithies reported on a meeting held on site last Friday (06/12/19) at the invitation of the owner. The owner pointed out some improvements to the parking arrangements to provide 6 spaces, and advised he has engaged a private contractor for rubbish. The owner is still considering whether he will submit a fresh application to vary the conditions of NP/18/0666/FUL. Noted that the property owner was given six months (i.e. until 25/12/19) for the caravan to be removed from the site.
- b) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – Cllr. Jessop has not yet reviewed the planning file.
- c) NP/19/0635/FUL - Runwayskiln, Marloes – Erection of Lean-to for external seating.  
The meeting noted that it is intended to utilise an area that previously had been a storage shed. It was agreed that the Council support the proposal. Marloes Sands, the Coast and link paths are very popular with dog owners

who would benefit greatly from this facility. It will also mean that visitors to the area will be encouraged to come in the shoulder months, which will extend the tourist season.

- d) NP/19/0653/FUL – Pearson Farm, St. Brides – Nutrient Storage Lagoon. Council members recognised the need for the lagoon to allow for compliance with SSAFO and NVZ Regulations. It was noted that the lagoon is to be built to the north of the farm, and should have no impact on near neighbours. It was noted also that the lagoon is predominantly set down, and cut with a metre bund around. The Clerk to ask if the officer can confirm that five months storage is a sufficient allowance, bearing in mind the very heavy rainfall experienced since the summer.
- e) NP/19/0503/FUL – Planning consent issued for the work on the Car Park. Noted that National Park are not responding to the points raised by the Council with regard to changes to the conditions of the planning consent. Agreed that the Council will need to write a separate letter on this matter.
- f) Car Park Hut – Mr. Underhill had sent an e-mail acknowledging a copy of the Community Council letter sent to National Parks.

#### 6) Financial Matters

- a) Ebico – The Chairman to confirm the new account arrangements. Noted that the electricity supplier Robin Hood Energy is owned by Nottingham City Council. A meter reading of 2963 was e-mailed on 23/10/19. Chairman to sign up to the mobile app for managing the account.
- b) Bank Statement - Lloyds Bank - £4,150.09 in the current account on the 28/10/19.
- c) Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2020 – 21 is £8.32 per elector.
- d) Village Hall – Letter of thanks received for the donation of £570.

#### 7) Clock Tower

Striking Mechanism – Cllr. Smithies advised that the clock has not been striking for some days because the weight is not coming down. Smiths of Derby to be consulted. The mechanism may need to be taken away

which would be an additional expense over and above the maintenance fee.

Donation Box to be emptied.

8) Urgent Matters

- a) Landslip, Marloes Sands – Noted that there had been a considerable land slip at the Churchill end of the Sands, immediately by the large concrete block. Cracks are visible on the coastal path above, and in the field behind. Noted that the Coastguard Service had closed the path immediately after the land slip was found, but National Park then opened the path, placing markers in the cracks. Cllrs Smithies and Jessop had visited the site with Mr. Owen Morgan, and all considered the coastal path should be closed. There will be a lot of visitors over the Christmas period. Clerk to contact National Park and press for closure – to also advise County Cllr. Owens.
- b) Rennyslip, Martins Haven – Cllr. Smithies to remove straying sheep.
- c) St. Brides – Cllr. Richards drew attention to further erosion under the lime kiln.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting, wishing all present the compliments of the Season. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 when the draft minutes of the December 2019 business meeting will be submitted for approval.