

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 10th February 2020 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- County Cllr. Reg Owens

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kimpton. Cllr. Owens was welcomed back after absence following illness.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the January meeting had been circulated to members, and was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.

- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – No matters to report this month.
Speeding Problems – Letter to be sent to the County Council about speeding from May onwards.
 - b) County Council - Cllr. Smithies yet to speak to the Highway Officer about several surface water problems in the community area. Cllr. Owens will arrange contact with the officer. Noted some pot holes have been filled.
Street Lights – No problems at present.
 - c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking – Cllr. Owens advised that PCNP do intend paying the County Council to undertake enforcement action as required.
 - d) Footpaths – The Clerk advised by Mr. Cullen and a PCNP officer that PCNP will be working on Frankies Lane tomorrow – weather permitting. Materials will be placed by the village toilets while work is ongoing, and then cleared.
Disability Access – Noted that Cllr. Jessop would be discussing with County Council officers whether the new community works grant can be utilised for improving the viewpoint towards Marloes Sands, for those relying on disability access.
 - e) Village Hall – Quotes are being obtained for the solar panel work.
 - f) 75th VE Day 2020 – Meeting on the 11th March. Clerk is contacting BHIB about any extra insurance cover that may be required.
 - g) Marloes & St. Brides Payphones – Await responses.
 - h) Glebe Lane – Sewage Issues – Clerk put an item in Peninsula Papers asking that “wet wipes” should not be flushed down the toilet, but put in the grey bag for disposal. A letter has been sent to Welsh Water about this problem.
 - i) St. Brides Matters - PCNP to be asked for a site meeting reference the erosion by the Lime Kiln.

- j) Landslip, Marloes Sands – Further pictures had been copied to Theresa Nolan, PCNP. Ms. Nolan advised this is helping with the monitoring of the site. Cllr. Owen was further advised of the Council’s concerns, as the first slip had happened so quickly, and also that material is still slipping forward onto the beach. Cllr. Jessop said he was concerned that a barbed wire fence is between the path, and an exit into the adjacent field.
- k) Moss Cottage - National Park & Cllr. Owens have been advised that no work had been undertaken by the end of January. The Trustee will be contacted again. Noted the building is not listed.
- l) Street Lamp 803 905 – West End, Marloes. Mr. Stephens, PCC had been advised of the decision on this light.
- m) Beach Clean, Marloes Sands – To be held on 1st March.
- n) Code of Conduct Training – The Clerk with Cllrs. Smithies, Jessop, Richards and Johnson attended the PCC training at Dale on the 5th February, led by Claire Williams – very informative. Claire Williams advised she is always available if queries arise.

3) Community Issues

- a) National Trust Matters – Cllr. Smithies advised that on-going contact with the contractor is happening. Noted that the other side of the car park is now under construction. Parking for 25 is difficult at times. BT have had to put in man holes for cabling. Work should be finished ahead of the time allowed.

Car Park Hut Planning – See agenda item below.

Signage & Interpretation is under review at a later stage.

b) Rubbish Collections/Dog Litter

Rubbish Collections - Problems identified this month have been brought on by the strong winds last week. Refuse in the red/blue bags are blowing out when they are being tipped, and the food refuse is also being split. Cllr. Owens will contact the department to see what can be done to mitigate problems.

Dog Fouling – A problem between Marloes Village stores and Tower View has been identified. This is where there is more pedestrian movement. Item to go in Peninsula Papers.

Elbcarrier – Smaller amounts coming ashore.

Beach Rubbish – Commercial Fishing Waste – Cllrs Smithies and Jessop reported on the increasing amounts of waste from trawlers and possibly other commercial fishing boats. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Owens will contact Milford Port Authority to see

what facilities are offered for waste disposal at Milford Docks. Pictures will be taken of any objects that have names on to pass to Cllr. Owens. Cllr. Jessop referred to initiatives to encourage responsible recycling operated in Ireland and possible elsewhere in the UK.

c) VE Celebrations – see 2f above.

d) High Speed Broadband Initiative – The County Council officers have confirmed that they now have more than sufficient expressions of interest to move onto the next stage – this could take two months. The Council was thanked for their assistance.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail

E-Mails for attention:-

17/01/20 – OVW – Proposed amendments to 2 Orders on SUDDS.

23/01/20 - Cllr. Jessop – Verbal report given on the FLOW event held at the Torch theatre on the 30th January. Covering wind turbine developments off shore on a much larger scale than now. Relevant authorities will need to be proactive to promote this area for direct involvement. Clerk advised that today, notice had been given that Natural Resources Wales were advertising relevant posts for this work.

23/01/20 – NFU- All Wales NVZ proposals - Noted that Lesley Griffiths AM has deferred any announcement.

27/01/20 – OVW - Pembs. Area Committee to meet on 11/02/20 – Clerk hoped to attend.

29/01/20 – Sue Burton – Coastal Fountain Fund – to pass details to Cllrs. Smithies, & to Cllr. Jessop to pass on to the Runwayskiln Staff.

27/01/20 – Wales Activity Mapping – Alec Denny – Requiring information/data about dog visits to St. Brides – Clerk and Cllr. Richards had advised that quantitative details are not practical, only general impressions.

31/01/20 – Paul Davies AM – Newsletter received.

05/02/20 – Wales Audit office – Press Release.

05/02/20 – PCC, Hugh Jones – Statutory Consultation re 6th Form at Milford School - after discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Beal will respond on behalf of the Council. No one wanted this to happen.

06/02/20 – Wales Audit Office & OVW - consultation on Future Audit Arrangements - three year proposal - by 19/03/20. Copy to Chairman.

08/02/20 – Fly tipping at Martins Haven Car Park – National Trust had cleared mainly building rubbish – may have an address. Cllr. Smithies advised a further lot had been dumped on his land and also Mr. Owen Morgan's land recently. Clerk to put item in Peninsula Papers.

10/02/20 – SMRCZ – Annual Report 2018 available. 2019 report to follow shortly.

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 – NP/19/0678/S73 – Letter sent. No response from National Park as yet.
- b) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – Cllr. Jessop to review applications.
- c) NP/18/0749/FUL – Philbeach Farm – Grain Store. Cllr. Smithies declared an interest and vacated the chair. The Clerk circulated the planning consent and the map showing that the building had been relocated to avoid being too close to the listed building. It was noted that Planning conditions 2,3,4, & 5 had been formally discharged under planning reference NP/19/0330/DOC. The temporary Chair, Cllr. Jessop asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised, so the consent was noted, and Cllr. Smithies resumed the Chair.
- d) NP/19/0653/FUL – Pearson Farm, St. Brides – Nutrient Storage Lagoon – No response from National Park as yet.
- e) Permitted Development & Planning Conditions – letter to write – to include also “working amendments”.
- f) Car Park Hut – PCNPA - Application NP/19/0576/FUL went before the Development Committee on the 29th January 2020. Cllr. Jessop represented the Community Council, and drew committee members attention to the concerns raised in the letter dated 26/11/19. Cllr. Owens spoke in support of the points raised. After discussion, the application was withdrawn as the name Marloes Beacon Car Park was incorrect. The National Trust will be invited to revise their application and plan. Cllr. Jessop was thanked for representing the Council. The Clerk will circulate revised papers as they are received.
- g) PCC – LDP Documents – hard copy received. End of consultation now 18/03/20. Further papers circulated with regard to housing provision in Pembrokeshire. Cllr. Jessop will review documents and circulate a draft letter of response. He felt that greater attention needed to be paid to the Climate Emergency declared by Welsh Government.
- h) PCNP – E-Mail dated 10/01/20 – Notice of Matters Arising Changes - LDP – to comment by 06/03/20 – Cllr. Jessop was provided with a hard copy on 29/01/20. Draft response to be circulated before the next meeting, to enable the Council to respond by 03/03/20.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Precept 2020/2021, Budget Review 2029/20 and Budget 2020/21.
Precept request submitted to the County Council.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund. - Clerk to prepare item for inclusion in Peninsula Papers – last advertised in 2013 - to include reference to well-being.
- c) Welsh Audit Office – Invoice received requesting payment for the 2018/19 Audit - £224.31p. In the previous year, the Community Council was charged £139.00. This is an increase of £94.75p. Agreed that the Clerk write objecting to the charge, and ask for an explanation, as the increase is disproportionate to turnover. Clerk to contact OVW on this matter.
- d) NFU - Insurance cover for Clock Tower - £224.31 (£195.78 previously). Cllr. Smithies will contact the office to see if he can reduce the premium. Agreed, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Beal that a payment up to £224.31 is approved.
- e) OVW – Membership letter received today. Invoice to be presented next month.
- f) Ebico – Cllr. Smithies to provide meter reading via phone app.
- g) Lloyds Bank - £4,356.09 in the Treasurers Account on 30/12/19.
- h) Financial Appeals received from Paul Sartori (Hospice at Home), and from the Wales Air Ambulance Charity. Cllr. Richards advised that £100 for the latter had been donated from the St. Brides Church Carol Service.

7) Clock Tower

Striking Mechanism – Cllr. Smithies advised that Smiths of Derby will be meeting Mr. David Howells at the Clock Tower on Wednesday 12th February to undertake a maintenance visit, and identify what is causing the striking mechanism to fail. Noted that the cost will be in the region of £300 - possibly with VAT to be added.

Donation Box to be emptied shortly.

Night Silencing Request – The Clerk reported the receipt of two e-mails from the Clock House Team Marloes:-

28/01/2020 – Kirk Trimby – E-mail received requesting silencing of the clock from Midnight till 6am from the period of April 1st until September 30th. The e-mail also referred to problems with their signs being removed and or damaged last year, and other related matters.

Cllr. Smithies visited the Clock House to advise that if an e-mail is referred by the Clerk to the Council it will be in the public domain, and if any matters were not to be made public they should be withdrawn.

29/01/2020 – E-mail received from Samantha Trimby - “Clock Tower night silencing we would like to request 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020”

No request to retract the previous e-mail was received by the Council. Cllr. Smithies visited the Clock House again, and repeated the procedure with regard to correspondence being in the public domain. Mrs. Evans, Clerk advised that no retraction had been received by the start of this meeting. Both e-mails were read to the meeting. The Clerk read out the Community Council letter sent on the 8th March 2019 which advised that “the Night Silencing Equipment would be utilised from the 15th April to the 31st September, from midnight to 5pm inclusive.” Last day was actually the 30th September.

After discussion, and weighing up the request from the Clock House Team, and the feelings from Community residents that the clock should strike as often as possible, the following proposition was made. It was agreed, on the proposal of Cllr. Beal, seconded by Cllr. Johnson that for this year 2020, the Night Silencing equipment would be utilised from the 10th April 2020 to the 30th September 2020, from midnight to 5pm inclusive.

Audio Facility – Mrs. Evans advised that she had met Mr. Stuart Berry, Planned at the Tower recently to discuss a possible installation of an “audio facility” in the Tower. This would need to be connected to the electrics, and could be mounted on the left hand side. Mr. Berry will investigate possible equipment. Costs are likely to be covered under the “Innovative Heritage” Project. The Council agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Rob Scourfield, PCNP to find out if Listed Building consent would be required, and also to find out if extra insurance cover would be necessary.

8) Urgent Matters

- a) Beach Clean – 01/03/2020 – Cllr. Jessop advised that special arrangements will need to be put in place for parking while the car park works are ongoing.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 9th March 2020 when the draft minutes of the February 2020 business meeting will be submitted for approval.