

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 8th December 2014 at Moriah Chapel, Marloes

Present:- Cllr. L. Beal (Chairman), together with Cllrs. C. Jessop, P. Smithies, S. Twidale, W. Richards and S. Burnett

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

Apologies were received from County Cllr. R. Owens

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the October planning meeting having been circulated to members were proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett, and approved by the Council. The minutes of the Business meeting held on the 17th November having been circulated to members were proposed by Cllr. Twidale, seconded by Cllr. Smithies and agreed by the Council.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – Clerk to ask if there was to be a prosecution with regard to the damage to the Clock Tower. PCSO had called recently, but no message had been left. No incidents recently.
 - b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower Footpath (62/11)– Clerk had been told that the overhanging fence has been repaired. Mr. Codd(PCC) to be contacted to have the tree stump removed. Cllr. Smithies advised that other tree work if required could be dealt with locally.

Public Convenience Sign requested – no information on this or on the proposed Parking Order. Cllr. Jessop advised a small sign had been erected for Castle Rag. However markings will be required on the surface to maintain a free way for through traffic. Clerk to check with Cllr. Owens about the speed limit request.

Winterton Junction – Letter to be sent to the County Council for this work.

Other Issues:-Clerk to report problems on the Martins Haven road where water is ponding across the road beyond the entrance to West Hook Farm; and also a drain near the Stembridge junction requires cleaning to avoid traffic driving in the middle of the road to avoid surface water.

Road Improvements – An e-mail from Cllr. Owens/PCC Highways had been circulated. Members agreed that in addition to ongoing problems such as the passing bays, and Jubilee Villas surface water issue, they would include the

need for a new culvert on the road to Dale before Crabhall (Cllr. Smithies to provide a grid reference). Outside the Community area they would refer to the need for an improvement at Mabes Gate, and also from Spreadeagle to Sandy Hill Chapel. Previously the Council had requested the road be improved at the top of Slate Mill hill near White Styles. Cllr. Owens to be updated on work to be included in a proposed programme.

- c) Recreation Area – No matters to report.
- d) Hydrangeas near Skokholm Back – no message from Hayley Barrett.
- e) PCC – Budget Discussion – Letter dated 27th November received summarising the two meetings. Noted that further sessions were to be held in the New Year. Agreed that no further discussion was required at present.
- f) Street Lights – Clerk yet to ask Cllr. Owens for the light by the Marloes toilets to be left on all night above the defibrillator unit. Other lights to be reported as not working in the evening.
- g) National Trust - Agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. Beal ask the Lobster Pot if a meeting with the National Trust can be held there on the 21st January. Cllr. Smithies advised that the Youth Hostel Association will be giving up their tenancy at Runwayskiln at Easter. All agreed that this would be a major item for discussion with the Trust.
- h) Local Postman – Noted that the most recent post woman was undertaking the round for a few weeks as a trial.
- i) Library Day – Details of visits in Peninsula Paper for December/January.
- j) Draft Welsh Language – Clerk to check details.
- k) Weathering the Storm – Thurs. Nov.27th - County Hall. Cllr. Jessop had not been able to attend.
- l) Children's' Notice Board – to be taken down early in the New Year.
- m) St. Brides Telephones – A temporary line has now been put in place. E-mail on temporary road closure had been circulated to Cllrs Richards & Smithies, also to Peter Royle. Noted.

3.Community Issues

a) Vandalism/Disturbance - Clerk to write again to Jane Robinson of Pembrokeshire Housing to clarify how to report incidents effectively.

b) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office. Cllr. Burnett advised that due to Planned redundancies she had been advised by Liz Cartwright that the Council should set up the meeting with the Plunkett Trust themselves. Agreed that a date should be arranged in the New Year. Noted that a community shop had been operating in Lawrenny, Pembrokeshire.

c) Village Action Plan – Village Hall. Cllr. Twidale advised that the opening event will now be on the 24th January 2015. Mrs Evans confirmed that that the

tea following the Induction of the new Vicar will be held in the Hall on Sunday 1st February.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

27/11/14 – OVW – Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invitation – passed to the Chairman.

02/12/14 – Dyfed Powys Police – Consultation on Council Tax contribution.

25/11/14 – PAVS (Julie Kirk) – Re-imagine Public Services – meetings.

26/11/14 – PACTO(Sammy Milston) – Circulated to members today.

Other Correspondence:-

PCC – 20/11/14 – Rubbish Collection arrangements over the holiday period – posters for display. All households also circulated. Noted.

Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales – 01/12/12 - two copies received of the Final Proposals submitted to the Welsh Government. It is proposed to include Walwyn's Castle in our County Council area. Noted.

Citizens Advice Bureau - Knowing your rights in a changing energy market.

SLCC – 17/11/14 – Roadshow Programme & Training Courses – Noted.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Clerk to contact Karen Boulden, PCNPA
- b) Slate Mill – PCNPA yet to be contacted about the Camp Site. Council noted that work has started in relation to NP/14/0011.
- c) Exception Site - NP/14/0461 – Town Meadow, Marloes. Cllrs. Jessop and Smithies had attended the PCNPA Development Management Committee. Cllr. Jessop read out a statement which had previously been approved by members after a draft had been circulated via e-mail. The Council's attention was drawn to the Consultee response in the report which recorded that this Council had “No objection” - the letter sent by the Council was not included in the report. If the Councillors had not attended, and the agreed statement read out, the Committee would have had no idea as to what views the Community Council had on this matter. In particular they would not have been aware that this application more so than others was particularly important for the future of the

Community. Members echoed their concern, and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk firstly check that their letter dated the 14th October 2014 had been received by the Park. The Clerk should then write to Jane Gibson; Mr. T. Jones, the Executive officer of the Park, and also to the Monitoring Officer. In the event the application had been approved by the Committee, but the presentation of the Community Council viewpoint was incorrectly dealt with by officers.

It was not clear if any alterations to the hedge at the junction of Glebe Lane opposite the Church had been considered. The planning conditions will need to be checked on receipt. The Clerk wondered if this improvement could be secured as part of any planning gain from the development.

- d) Community Consultation Events – A response had been made to the consultation on Designated Landscapes. Other documents still to be reviewed.
- e) NP/14/0667 – Single Storey utility & Porch extension – Orlandon Kilns, St. Brides. Cllr. Jessop declared an interest, and did not take part in the the discussion. Members were agreed that there would be no visual impact as the extension was to the rear of the property. It would also be in similar style to the existing rear of the building.
- f) Form D consents received in respect of NP/14/0551 – Satellite Dish, Lockley Lodge; and also for NP/14/0390 – Roof lights, White Styles, St. Brides. Noted.
- g) Update on LDP Allocations & Larger Site Developments – 05/11/14 (received recently) – Marloes site included as an exception site. Noted.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower – Quote for the replacement of glass in the two windows received in the sum of £190 plus VAT from Mr. D. Howells. VAT can be recovered later. On the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Richards the Council accepted the quotation.
- b) Clock Tower - Swalec – Clerk advised that since last Autumn a standing charge has been applied. It is now proposed to increase the monthly payment from £5 to £12. Electric usage is very low throughout the year. After discussion Cllr. Smithies agreed to pursue this matter to see if a better deal can be negotiated with Swalec, or another supplier.
- c) PCC – 03/12/14 – Council Tax Base – Financial Year 2015/16 – to be discussed in the next meeting. Clerk to provide a budget summary.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) Local Housing Allocations -Clerk circulated a recent sheet advertising vacancies under Choice Based lettings. There had been a vacancy at Sunnyside estate recently, and this had been marked as ** - “preference will be given to applicants who qualify for the rural communities policy.” It will be important that via Peninsula Papers local residents should be encouraged to register if in need of alternative housing, and to also encourage other family members or previous residents if they now wished to be considered for housing locally. It is not yet known who has been allocated the bungalow at Sunnyside.
- b) R. Royle – Letter to be sent thanking Mrs. Royle for her efforts with regard to the Village Website and Peninsula Papers. Also to wish her a speedy recovery to good health following her recent operation.
- c) Carol Singing – Cllr. Jessop will coordinate arrangements for village carol singing with the 21st December being the first choice.
- d) Beach Cleaning – To be arranged this year on Sunday 28th December in the early afternoon on Marloes Sands.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th January 2015. The Chairman wished her fellow council members and the Clerk a Happy Christmas.