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MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Marloes Village Hall, 7pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

**[PRE DRAFT - These meeting minutes are not yet approved by the council]**

**In attendance:** Christopher Jessop (CJ), Peter Smithies (PS) and Clerk; Bradley Challinor (BC)

The Community Council meeting was not quorate. No budget decisions were made during the meeting.

**By formal invitation:** N/A

**Community Residents:** Julie Watts

**1. Apologies:** Louise Beal (LB), Camille Titley (CT) Maren Hamre (MH) and Cllr Reg Owens (RO)

## **2. Declaration of Interest**

PS declared an interest relating to the Philbeach Farm planning application item 7.3

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council vice chair (CJ) and seconded by cllr PS.

As a print-out of the Minutes was not available, the formal signing of the November minutes was deferred to the next Community Council meeting (16<sup>th</sup> January).

Minutes to be then scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 14<sup>th</sup> December Meeting discussed and completed.

## **4. Councillor Nicki Meharg (NM) resignation and notification of vacancy**

Cllr PS and CJ confirmed Cllr NM resignation. Notification of vacancy resulted in one application (Mr Steve Powell of St Brides) **AP** Clerk to invite SP to next Community Council meeting.

## **5. Community Issues**

### 5.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband

Councillor CJ discussed recent William Richards's correspondence. Cllr CJ to forward Broadway website article to Clerk in which the Broadway chairman confirmed an agreement with Western Power Distribution that Broadway could attach overhead fibre cables to WPD low-voltage poles.

**AP** Clerk to pass information to PCC officers

### 5.2. Affordable Housing (ATEB)

No further updated / communication regarding ATEB.

### 5.3. Footpaths and Beach (999 phone)

Vicky Swell email reply:

*Hi Chris,*

*Thanks for your email. Just to get back to you about both of these points mentioned.*

*Firstly there had been progress with the Clock Tower to Glebe Lane improvements. Funds are committed for this financial year but work is planned for next financial year to complete these improvements .*

*Secondly, thanks for raising the issue of the possibility of a dog bin. The provision and servicing of litter bins is a Pembrokeshire County Council responsibility, so you should direct your request to PCC via Cllr Reg Owen. The National Park Authority does not have the resources to become involved in refuse collection.*

*Many thanks,  
Vicky*

**AP** Clerk to follow up dog bin with Cllr RO

Cllr CJ discussed 999 phone issue (broken handset). **AP** Clerk to follow up repair of 999 phone handset.

### 5.4. Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

Mark Burton (Recreation Area Committee) has quote for the upgrade of the village parks play equipment (£4,000). The funds will be taken from the enhancing Pembrokeshire grant.

Community Council in full support. **AP** Clerk drafted letter of support for Cllr to approve. Clerk to forward letter to councillors via email to approve. Clerk to send to Mark Burton once approved.

### 5.5. Clock Tower

Invoice received for the clock tower maintenance. **AP** Cllr LB to pass invoice to Clerk.

**AP** Clerk to chase Lloyds TSB to sort banking issue (to make payment of invoice).

## 5.6. Highways

Claire Williams Reply:

**Ref point 1.**

*For reporting Pot Holes please use the following  
[Report a Problem - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)*

**Ref point 2.**

*Speeding in Glebe Lane Marloes: could there be extra signage or speed bumps?*

*In the first instance observations of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds should be reported to the Police to enforce. All the necessary signs associated with the 20mph limit were installed when the limit came into effect and have been installed in line with the regulations.*

*Please note that when the 20mph is extended across the village September 2023 ie to include those roads which are current restricted 30mph all 20mph repeater signs will have to be removed.*

*With regard to speed humps .....all requests for traffic calming measures need to be evidence led to ensure that limited resources are prioritised and appropriate.*

*The agreed screening procedure (agreed by elected Councillors) is that requests need to satisfy the following:*

- a) a poor accident record exists and /or;*
- b) recorded speeds are in excess of the permitted speed limit, and or;*
- c) the perception of increased risk is recognised and considered.*

*Thus ensuring that traffic calming schemes are implemented because there is a genuine need backed up by evidence. Unfortunately all resources are being concentrated on the changes to 20mph across the County and there is no capacity to undertake any reviews until this work has been completed.*

**Ref point 3.**

*Foxdale campsite entrance, Glebe Lane Marloes: exiting vehicles do not check for traffic before pulling out. Should there be white lines?*

*This is a private access and it is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that exiting it is safe to do so.*

**Ref point 4.**

*Church Close Marloes: PCC name sign fallen into disrepair. – residents should be encouraged to report via the PCC website “report a problem”*

*[Report a Problem - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)*

**Ref point 5.**

*Glebe Lane Marloes : heights of hedges impairing road user visibility. Owners’ obligations to keep trimmed? Please contact [Streetcare@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Streetcare@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) with further details regarding the location.*

**AP** Clerk to follow up on Claire Williams recommendations above.

Cllr PS and CJ discussed Runwayskiln Lane correspondence. Agreed that the latest reply from Gary Davis (National Trust) was satisfactory. Work on the road is delayed but in hand: as per suggestion of this Council, potentially hazardous ditches either side of track are to be temporarily refilled for the Christmas/New Year visitor period.

## 5.7. National Trust

Action points re Runwayskiln completed. National Trust is a rolling agenda point; see also NT under Planning in section 7.

## 5.8. Treatment Plant

Foxdale Guesthouse and Campsite made the community council aware of the treatment plant noise, smell, open sewage and effect on business.

**AP** Foxdale Guesthouse and Campsite to forward correspondence with treatment plan for Community Council to follow up

## 5.9. Village shop

Action points completed. No further discussion points in meeting.

## 5.10. Rubbish Bin (used for household waste)

Cllr PS received an email complaint from a local resident about local bins at visitor car parks etc. being used for household clearance waste.

Community Council acknowledged issue. **AP** Cllr CJ to write to the Peninsula Papers to report the issue and ask local residents to use local bins appropriately.

## 5.11. Toilets

PCC (as part of the budget cutting process) will no longer take responsibility / maintain the local toilets in Marloes (village) and St Brides Haven. PCC have formally asked the Community Council if they would like to take financial responsibility.

Confirmed during correspondence prior to this meeting that this Community Council does not wish to take on the financial responsibility of the Marloes (village) or the St Brides toilets. National Trust maintain Martins Haven and Marloes Sands toilets: Cllrs suggest that the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority take responsibility for the St Brides toilets because 1) these are unquestionably a visitor facility and 2) the St Brides toilets are on the Wales Coast Path and therefore a national Welsh amenity: perhaps the Park could obtain some assistance from Cardiff on this basis.

**AP** Clerk to reply to PCC recommending the National Park take responsibility at St Brides. Whilst the Community Council has no suggestions for the WCs in the village, the possibility of informal or formal community consultation should be discussed at the January meeting – bearing in mind that we do not know the usage numbers: the cost per visit could prove very high, in which case only permanent closure makes sense, whoever is responsible for the facility.

## 6. Correspondence and Councillors Updates / Clerks Report

Clerk discussed four items related to Community Council correspondence:

1. Pembrokeshire County Council 2023/24 Budget Review (Cllr emailed to respond)
2. One Voice Wales Toolkit
3. S6 Report (Pembrokeshire Community Councils)
4. Water Bathing Quality Report

Cllr updates:

1. Cllr CJ recommended minutes be logged / uploaded to PCC Community Council website moving forward. **AP** Cllr CJ to get access from Yvonne (ex Clerk)

## 7. Planning matters

PCNPA Development Control update:

NP/22/0488/SCR National Trust: Trehill/Marloes Mere re-routing of track. This is not a standard application, as the suffix indicates.

NP/22/0367/FUL Foxdale Guest House & Campsite Marloes Replacement toilet & showers, upgrade 5 touring pitches to mobile pods, change of use of redundant annexe and upgrade/replacement of ancillary static caravan. Recommended for Approval

NP/22/0314/FUL – Philbeach Farm SA62 3QU - Conversion of redundant RAF wireless building which has been used for agricultural storage but is now in a bad state of repair into holiday let use. Contrary to LDP Policy 7 – likely to be sent to Members under extended delegation for decision or a future Committee meeting

NP/22/0186/FUL – Musselwick Farm - Creation of new field access with new 4.6-metre wide gate on north side of road between Marloes & Martins Haven. Approved, but major discrepancy between stated method and approved plans. Determined but should we persist with Park Development Control, to get them to acknowledge that they have approved the wrong plans?

NP/22/0240/FUL – Lower Ripperston Farm, St. Brides, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AH the proposed demolition of the modern farm buildings, and the construction of a replacement new build dwelling etc. Committee Members visiting site in January – February determination at DM Committee

Planning Action Points:

**AP** NP/22/0488/SCR Cllr CJ to forward previous response to NP/22/0488/SCR. Clerk to submit response to Harries development / consultation.

**AP** NP/22/0314/FUL Cllrs would like clarification – can the Community Council submit their thoughts / response on the planning application? Clerk to email PCNP

**AP** NP/22/0186/FUL Cllr CJ to forward Clerk latest correspondence. Clerk to then follow up this correspondence with PCNP.

**AP** NP/22/0240/FUL Clerk to respond to PCNP asking to be updated following site visit

**New planning application:** NP/22/0656/FUL - Anchor Cottage. Proposed alterations, extension & cladding.

Cllrs PS and CJ discussed and recommended emailing all councillors to add their thoughts prior to submitting Community Council response. **AP** Cllr CJ to email Councillors. Clerk to submit responses once received.

## **8. Financial matters**

### **8.1. Audit (2021/22 financial year)**

Cllr CJ to speak to LB re best way to arrange meeting between Clerk and Yvonne (ex Clerk)

### **8.2. Financial year 2022/23 budget review**

As 8.1

### **8.3. Banking update (signatures and online processes)**

See point 5.5 above

### **8.4. Smith's Derby invoice (clock tower)**

See point 5.5 above

## **9. Next Marloes & St Brides Community Council meeting date.**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30

Agenda item for next meeting: the National Park's intentions regarding the cottages adjacent to the St Brides Haven walled garden, now that they have terminated their agreement with the Scout group (long-standing tenants).



Clerk