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MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Tuesday 21st February 2023

Marloes Village Hall, 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

[meeting minutes approved by the council]

In attendance: Christopher Jessop (CJ), Louise Beal (LB), Camille Titley (CT) Maren Hamre (MH), Steve Powell (SP) and Clerk; Bradley Challinor (BC)

By formal invitation: N/A

Community Residents: William Richards

1. Apologies: Peter Smithies (PS) and Cllr Reg Owens (RO)

2. Declaration of Interest: No declaration of interests

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 16th January 2023 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council chair (LB) and seconded by Cllr CJ.

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 16th January Meeting discussed and completed.

4. Community Issues

4.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband

No updated correspondence received to the Community Council from Broadway themselves or PCC regarding Broadway Fibre Broadband.

Cllrs SP & CJ have not received any further updates from Dale or St Brides.

Community Resident William Richards discussed with Cllrs that Broadway have confirmed they can now in places run the cables underground via existing BT Open reach ducts rather than via new telephone / internet poles. This is what they were supposed to be doing, from the start.

4.2. Footpaths and Beach (999 phone)

No updates regarding footpaths or beach (including the 999 phone).

4.3. Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

Mark Burton: bid for new play park equipment funding has been accepted by Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant (listed on the panel email received on 13.02.2023).

The community councillors are in full support of the new play park equipment and the use of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant.

4.4. Clock Tower

Action point rolled over to the next Community Council meeting (13.03.2023). **AP** Cllr LB to message Cllr PS re looking into how to get clock tower tile fixed.

4.5. Highways

Clerk has followed up on all Claire Williams recommendations from previous meeting action points. No reply from any departments in PCC regarding highway queries from Cllr CJ.

No further Highway updates.

4.6. National Trust

Marloes Sands car park attendants' hut has barriers up following the damage to the hut. The Police are aware of the car / person that reversed into the hut.

Parking permit collection being held in Marloes Village Hall on Saturday 4th March (Cllrs supporting PCC). Advertised on Facebook and Covid WhatsApp group.

4.7. Treatment Plant

Foxdale Guesthouse and Campsite to forward correspondence with Welsh Water about treatment plant problems (smell and overnight noise) for Community Council to follow up in the next Community Council Meeting.

No correspondence received to date.

4.8. Village shop

No further discussion points in meeting.

4.9. Rubbish Bin (used for household waste)

Cllr CJ to write to the Peninsula Papers to report the issue and ask local residents to use local bins appropriately.

4.10. Toilets

Clerk has replied to PCC recommending the National Park take responsibility at St Brides. Community Council Cllrs discussed and happy with the decision made in Decembers Community Council meeting and the email sent to PCC.

No correspondence received to date.

4.11. St Brides Walled Garden

Letter send to PCNPA (Gary Meopham). Response received and Cllr CJ spoke to Gary Meopham over the phone. Key points below; the most important achievement is that we and the Church (represented by Mrs Evans) have a guarantee from the Park of consultation over this matter and associated issues such as parking at St Brides generally.

Dear All

I had a long telephone call this afternoon from Gary Meopham, Estates Officer, PCNPA. He wanted to emphasise that the Scout group came to an amicable agreement with the Park about the cessation of their tenancy: the Scouts took into consideration the maintenance and repair obligations plus the fact that they were getting fewer and fewer bookings from upcountry Scout groups – there is a diminishing market for Swallows & Amazons basic camping, and most groups now go to youth leisure & adventure centres with far more extensive facilities and things like kayaking laid on.

The Park took possession of the site in December; the next planned step is to arrange a springtime visit for the Park members to St Brides, including the car park i.e. all the Park's land holding there, prior to commencing discussions.

I took the opportunity to raise the question of the toilets, and the problems associated with the car park. Gary advised that the Park has been approached by PCC about taking over quite a number of public conveniences including those at St Brides, and nothing has been decided yet; of course we already knew that management of the car park is subcontracted to PCC and that the Park is regularly requesting PCC to make more visits and carry out more enforcement.

CJ

5. Correspondence and Councillors Updates / Clerks Report

Action point from January 2023 Community Council meeting below complete and positive response received from holiday cottages.

(Cllr Updates) **AP** Clerk to forward rubbish / waste email on behalf of the Community Council.
Complete (response received)

Clerk and Cllr discussed items related to Community Council correspondence:

1. Cllr CJ discussed OVW and the training for Cllr available. Clerk confirmed once finances are finalised for 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24 that he would put together a Cllr training plan.

2. Clerk made Cllr aware of their S6 report requirements. **AP** Clerk to email over S6 template to Cllrs.
3. Kings Coronation. **AP** Cllr LB to politely decline the offer of mugs. New agenda point added to Community issues moving forward to finalise plans / donations for the Kings Coronation.
4. Littering discussions (covered in agenda point 4.9)
5. Smart Meters. Cllr CJ has replied to the email from the local MP expressing his concern for the lack of support around smart meters in the Peninsula generally.

6. Planning matters

Cllr CJ and PS have drafted a letter to send to PCNPA regarding the outstanding planning applications. Community Council happy with the draft letter.

AP Clerk to forward the email on behalf of the Community Council.

Action point complete. PCNPA has passed the letter

PCNPA Development Control update:

NP/22/0488/SCR National Trust: Trehill Farm land at Marloes Mere re-routing of track. **In process of consultation**

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**

7. Financial matters

7.1. Audit (2021/22 financial year)

7.2. Financial year 2022/23 budget review

7.3. Financial year 2023/24 budget set

Clerk to finalise 21/22 audit budget with PCC audit department (in process). Once 21/22 budget is finalised, update Cllrs on 22/23 and 23/24 budget sets.

7.4. Banking update (signatures and online processes)

Agreed and seconded that current account holder Cllr CJ and PS can sign the cheques for the 2022/23 financial year (until the banking signatures issue has been resolved with Lloyds TSB).

Banking update from Cllr CJ:

Revised form prefilled as much as possible will be dispatched today in post to Yvonne's address; if Louise, Peter, Brad, and I can arrange a meeting to jointly do all the form filling and signing in one hit we should, I have been assured, be able to get the change of signatories and contact

addressee & address change accepted all at once. Believe it or not, there is even a helpline with human beings at the other end of it offering assistance/answering queries regarding form filling.

I gave the bank a polite and well-reasoned roasting over

- 1. not giving us the reasons why the first application had been rejected;*
- 2. not following up when the bank did not receive the second set of forms back from us;*
- 3. not emphasising that they had a real and not a pretend helpline, which we can call.*

We are going to be paid a "peace offering" of £40, which I said we would donate to a charity.

7.5. Cheques for financial year 2022/23

Clerk to write out all cheques for Cllrs CJ and PS to sign and send.

AP Clerk to finalise 21/22, 22/23 & 23/24 audits and budgets prior to year end.

AP Cllr CJ to follow up banking signatures with Lloyds TSB

7.6. Precept 2023/24

Precept finalised for 2023/24 financial year and submitted to PCC. All Cllr agreed and approved / seconded by Chair and Vice Chair.


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PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2024 **£ 3,663**

DATE OF PRECEPT APPROVAL MEETING: 21.02.2023

MINUTE NUMBER: 7.5

DATE: 21.02.2023

SIGNED: 

POSITION: Clerk & Finance Officer

7.7. Donations

Cllr CJ to ask previous Clerk Yvonne for a list of donations to be made in financial year 2022/23 and prepare for 2023/24 donations

8. AOB and Next Marloes & St Brides Community Council meeting date.

Because of very tight deadline, Cllr CJ to email Peninsula Papers bullet points from tonight's CC meeting to publish. Flexi bus service discussed with councillors.

Monday 13th March 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30



Clerk