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MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council
Monday 20th March 2023
Marloes Village Hall, 7.00pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

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

By formal invitation: N/A

1. Apologies: Steve Powell (SP) 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 21st February 2023 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council chair (LB) and seconded by Cllr CJ.

Minutes were not printed to be signed (broken printer). Clerk to print off approved February meeting minutes alongside March meeting meetings for signing in April meeting.

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 21st February meeting discussed and completed.

4. Community Issues

4.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband

Cllrs discussed Cllr SP email (17.03.2023). Please see email below:

Hello all,

Just wanted to follow up on further discussions I have had with Broadway Broadband in relation to the locating of additional poles in St Brides beach car park. I was contacted this morning by a Sue Thompson who is part of the installation terms in Broadway head office in Liverpool. She indicated that they were not prepared to route the fibre underground as it was prohibitively expensive and the only option was additional dedicated poles.

I mentioned again that there was an existing agreement in place to use the low voltage Western Power poles which she said they had no knowledge of. To be sure of the facts, I went back to the Editor-in-Chief of the article that was in the public domain over 2 years ago. His information was that in terms of agreements, these will be location specific rather than national or regional. I then spoke with John Amos at Western Power who confirmed that there was a

general agreement in place already for Broadway to share their low voltage poles (currently shared with BT), however, individual applications needed to be made for the use of specific poles and that this normally involved a fee. I have fed all this information again back to Broadway (Sue Thompson) and await their reply.

John subsequently carried out a survey of the poles in St Brides and confirmed that they were suitable for Broadway's use, subject to them making a formal application. I have also fed this back to Sue, Jane Hawkins and Matt Lewis.

Steve

No correspondence received from Dale Community Council, Pembrokeshire County Council or local school regarding Broadway.

AP Cllr CJ to draft letter to Stephen Crabb regarding the Broadway issues (and lack of support from PCC) in the Marloes and St Brides Community Council.

4.2. Footpaths and Beach (999 phone)

Successful beach clean held on the 5th March 2023. Beach clean organised and scheduled for the 8th May 2023 (Volunteers Day).

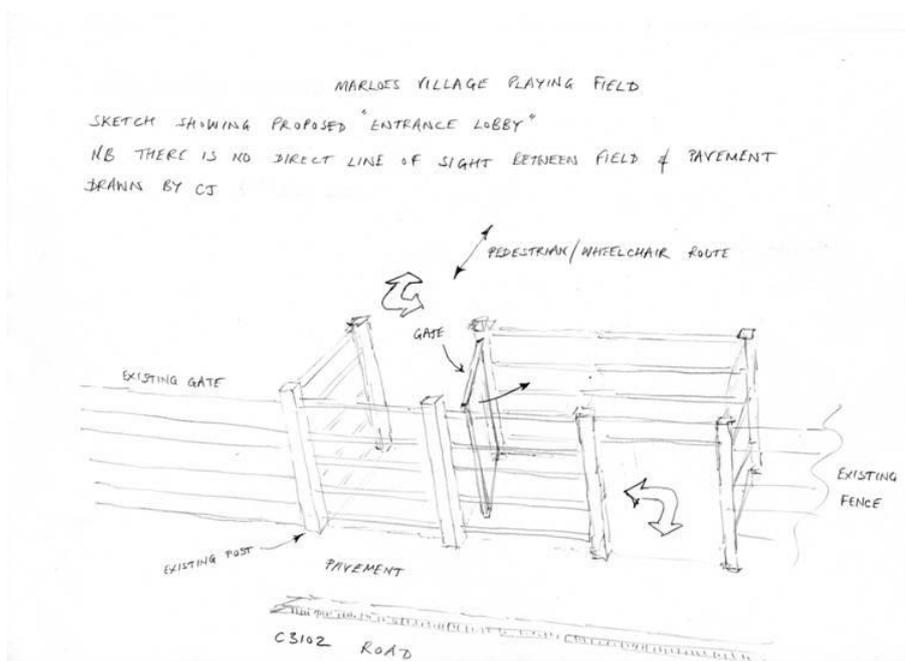
No further updates regarding the 999 phone.

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.

Cllrs discussed a potential new pedestrian access to the playing field (using funds from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding). Please see a draft sketch of the potential new gate below;



AP Cllr CJ to speak with Mark Burton about proposal and accessing the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant funding.

The village hall committee are querying where the Community Councils donation is for financial year 2022/23 and now 2023/24. Donations agreed in today's meeting and cheques to be sent for both financial year 2022/23 and 2023/24 together.

The village hall committee had a successful AGM.

Cllr CJ confirmed there are 3 summer talks with guest speaker organised in the village hall.

4.4. Clock Tower

Action point (**AP** Cllr LB to message Cllr PS re looking into how to get clock tower tile fixed) completed. PS to contact local builder to fix the broken tile. Cllrs agreed.

PS and CJ discussed the possibility of moving off mains electric in the Clock Tower in the future.

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 from PCC.

Cllr CJ to follow up correspondence received from Orierton Community Council regarding pot holes.

Local resident bought up a complaint during the Community Council meeting regarding the horse manure left in Marloes by the Pembrokeshire Hunt. There were over 30 horse pats in Glebe Lane.

AP Cllr PS to contact Pembrokeshire Hunt to express the locals concerns and ask for in future the hunt clean up after themselves.

Cllr PS email below:

All

I spoke with Ruth Rees, Pembrokeshire hunt. They enjoy coming to Marloes and always have a good turnout both horses and supports. I pointed out the mess left; she promised the hunt would do better next time

4.6. National Trust

Marloes Sands car park attendants' hut has barriers up following the damage to the hut. The National Trust has confirmed the re-build will take a while (funding). The Police are aware of the car / person that reversed into the hut and will not be prosecuting.

The Cllrs discussed would the car insurance pay for the damage to the hut.

Cllr CJ again reiterated the importance of a camera.

4.7. Treatment Plant

Foxdale Guesthouse and Campsite have emailed Welsh Water. Council are in support and Clerk has emailed Welsh Water to express their support of the email sent.

4.8. Village shop

No further discussion points in meeting.

4.9. Rubbish Bin (used for household waste)

No further issues of rubbish following the Peninsula Papers warnings and emails sent to local businesses.

Cllr CJ again reiterated the importance of a camera to support future issues.

Cllr Reg Owens was looking at a dog refuse bin on Musselwick path. Cllr LB recommend the National Trust could provide the new bin and Pembrokeshire County Council could empty the new bin.

AP Cllr CJ to speak with Vicky Swell from the National Trust to discuss the new dog bin on Musselwick path.

4.10. Toilets

Clerk has replied to PCC recommending the National Park take responsibility at St Brides. The Community Council Cllrs will not be taking financial responsibility for the potential closure of the toilets.

2nd letter received from PCC confirming the closure of the toilets. Cllr CJ has contacted Kate Daly to discuss the closure (email below).

Dear All

Clause 5 states: "Agree that any toilet which is declared surplus to requirements and closes but is serving, predominantly, the visitor economy will be temporarily retained until the outcome of any future decision on Welsh Government's proposal for introducing a Visitor Levy is known."

Have just checked with Katie Daly: this would apply to both our WCs - so they would be closed and boarded up rather than referred straight to PCC properties division for disposal/demolition. Unfortunately KD has no idea when a Welsh Government decision might be expected. At least while boarded up PCC would keep looking after buildings.

CJ

4.11. St Brides Walled Garden

No further updates from PCNPA or Gary Meopham (following phone call with Cllr CJ).

Before anything else can happen the Park Committee members must visit the St Brides Walled Garden and Cottages to familiarise themselves with the land holding and its assets. Following this, PCNPA will arrange a joint meeting involving PCNPA, PCC, Community Council and the Church so that possible options can be discussed: different parties with very different agendas (emergency services, walkers, swimmers, divers, churchgoers etc) have to be accommodated at this very popular location.

4.12. King Coronation

Cllr CJ attended the Kings Coronation meeting in Marloes Village Hall. Please see the feedback below;

Dear All

I attended the planning meeting yesterday in Marloes Village Hall. The plan is for an afternoon event, refreshments and fancy dress, etc. in Marloes village playing field if weather favourable, in the Hall otherwise.

The Marloes Village Hall committee have checked their insurance, which has tightened up since previous such events: no cover for contact sports or tug-of-war, third parties like outside caterers etc. etc.; they asked me if the Community Council could also check our insurance policy for the playing field. Need for liaison with Mark Burton was also mentioned.

CJ

AP Clerk to email Cllr PS the insurance documents to support the Kings Coronation events.

Cllrs discussed purchasing a tree to plant as a gift from the Community Council on the Kings Coronation celebrations. The tree could be planted next to the new gate project (please see action point 4.3). Decision deferred to the next Community Council meeting.

Cllrs discussed the support / donation to Coastlands school (following the declined mug proposal in the last Community Council meeting). £100 added to donations in the 2023/24 budget.

AP Cllr LB to discuss with Dale Community Council / Coastlands school on how the £100 can be spent.

5. Correspondence and Councillors Updates / Clerks Report

No Cllr updates.

Clerk report regarding AGM date (confirmed for the 15th May 2023).

6. Planning matters

No response from PCNPA regarding complaints letter sent in February 2023 (passed onto to management by PCNPA).

No further updates to planning applications / no new planning applications received.

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 has finalised the 21/22 audit budget with PCC audit department / Audit Wales.

2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 budgets drafted by Clerk and approved (and seconded) by Cllrs during meeting.

2023/24 budget updated with new donations and finalised donation amounts.

Clerk to prepare cheques for 2023/24 budget payments.

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 and 2023/24 financial year (until the banking signatures issue has been resolved with Lloyds TSB).

New documents signed and forwarded to Lloyds TSB.

7.5. Cheques for financial year 2022/23

Clerk wrote out all cheques for FY 2022/23, Cllrs CJ and PS have signed the cheques and the cheques posted by Clerk.

AP Clerk to prepare FY 2023/24 cheques for next Community Council Meeting.

7.6. Donations

Donations agreed by Cllrs (approved and seconded). The 2023/24 budget updated with new donations and finalised donation amounts.

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

Due to a very tight deadline, Cllr CJ to email Peninsula Papers bullet points from tonight's CC meeting to publish.

Monday 17th April 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.00

AGM – Monday 15th May 2023.



Clerk