

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th April 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. R. Owens

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. P. Smithies & Cllr. S. Burnett

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Andrew Tuddenham (National Trust) to the meeting. An e-mail from Mr. Tuddenham (AT) had been circulated summarising the responses received at the Open Event sessions. The Youth Hostel Association would be vacating the building at the end of April – some furniture would be left in the buildings. He would be arranging with County Council Highways for the brown sign to be covered. The National Trust will be talking to other stakeholders in the area, and would come back to the Community Council with any new ideas for the future use of the buildings. It was intended that a tender is advertised in late summer, with the intention of signing a contract later in the year so that the new tenant would have the winter months to prepare for an opening next Spring.

A general discussion followed with various points put forward to aid the process:-

Craftsman's Circle to be contacted to see if any of their members would be interested. The main visitor season was about six months so a future user would probably need to supplement their income to cover the remainder of the year. AT confirmed that he would consider using the National Trust magazine to promote this project. Disabled use to be considered. Need to assess how good the internet connections would be for potential tenants. Pembs. Bird Group has already been contacted. AT will consider placing another article in Peninsula Papers. The National Trust want the facility to meet their core objectives at this location. Cllr. Beal thanked Mr. Tuddenham for his attendance, and he then withdrew. (7.50pm)

1) Minutes - The minutes of the March meeting having been circulated to members was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Further reminder sent to the police without a response as yet. Clerk to pursue again, as the individual involved with the incident has returned to the area. Cllr. Richards advised that a police exercise had been undertaken recently, but he did not know what had prompted the event.

- b) County Council – Highways.
 Clock Tower Footpath (62/11)– No further information received.
 Speed Limit – Clerk advised that she had been in contact via e-mail with Cllr. Owens and then with Mr. Darren Thomas, PCC Highways – it appeared that progress had been made, but this had not involved Mr. Ben Blake(PCC).
 Road Improvements – No report received from Cllr. Owens.
 Toilet Sign – no action as yet.
- c) Street Lights – Cllr. Jessop apologised that he had not as yet checked whether the light had been removed.
- d) Marine Planning – Skomer Marine Reserve Advisory meeting will be held later this month in Marloes – further information may be known after that date.
 Chairman and Cllr. Smithies to attend if available – Clerk not available. There is also a further event on the following day in Milford Haven with regard to SPA's etc., and it hoped that someone can attend.
- e) Pembs Housing – New Housing Officer appointed this month. Clerk to check query again with Ms Jane Robinson.
- f) Bait Digging – Smaller action group has been set up and held a meeting. This Council will be consulted when a draft Code has been prepared.
- g) Beach Cleaning - Clerk had spoken to Mr. Pomfret. He was expecting to get the contract again this year, and had started some beach cleaning.
- h) Toilet Cleaning – This contract is now with Danfo. The need to clean the toilets at Martins Haven regularly would increase as the main bird season started. No problems noted to date.
- i) Grass Cutting – Mr. Pomfret has been awarded this contract, but the number of cuts has been reduced from 17 to 14 a year.
- j) Grant Application – Clerk advised that the application by Coastlands Local History Group had been turned down by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Noted.
- k) Reforming Local Government – Clerk drew attention to the e-mail received on the 18th February, and more recent e-mails. The Council may need to prepare a response on this matter.
- l) Secondary School Reorganisation – Meeting in Milford on the 22nd April. Clerk will be attending, as Chairman of Governors at Milford. The Community Council can respond in their own right on this matter.
- m) Marloes Churchyard – The meeting will be delayed for the time being as additional information needed to be gathered in anticipation of likely questions. This delay will be included in the Council report in the newsletter.
- n) Fly-tipping – Noted that rubbish had been tipped at the top of the lane leading to St. Brides Home Farm – included asbestos. It had taken some days for the County Council to clear. Item to be put in Peninsula Papers reminding residents about reporting procedure.
- o) Urgent Matters Procedure – Clerk advised that the Council would need to amend their Standing Orders to include a reference to the Chairman approving the addition of items which previously had been included as Urgent, and which

have arisen after the Agenda has been published. Noted.

3. Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – See item above. Clerk advised that a further 9 car park registrations had been referred to the National Trust for action.

b) Village Shop – No further information received.

c) Exception Site – Clerk advised that the barrier fencing had been erected to ensure that any invertebrates found inside the enclosure can be removed to other parts of the field before building work commences. Clerk had sent an e-mail to Mr. Nigel Sinnett, Director of Development asking if the Council can be advised of the timetable for building work so that the Community can be kept informed. She had also asked about any planning gain that could be expected as a consequence of the development – response waited.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

18/02/15 – OVW – Welsh Govt.- Devolution, Democracy & Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Govt.: Power to the People. Noted. - See item above at 2k.

19/02/15 – OVW – Website – Members to be advised of password – Clerk to circulate as agreed

E-mails received since 09/03/15:-

16/03/15 – OVW – Consultation on Council Tax Exemptions for Long Term Empty homes & Second homes in Wales – to be circulated. Consultation closes on the 13th June 2015.

16/03/15 – PCC – McMillan Cancer Support – Poster details for newsletter.

10/03/15 – Wales GSI – Audit Guidance notes – Clerk to read.

12/03/15 – OVW – Fuel poverty – new advice. Noted.

12/03/15 – Planning Aid Workshops – for report see below.

16/03/15 – Cllr. CJ - Children's Notice board – Removed for refurbishment.

25/03/15 – OVW – Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales – Stage 2 - to circulate to all members. Cllr. CJ to prepare draft response.

26/03/15 – OVW – White Paper Consultation Event in Carmarthen – Noted.

26/03/15 – WG – Ethics / Regulations – L.G. Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 – in force 31/03/15.

27/03/15 – Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service – 5 Year Strategic Plan. Noted.

31/03/15 – OVW – Assets of Community Value.

01/04/15 – OVW – Draft response to White Paper – to be circulated.

07/04/15 – DCC (Hugh Bishop) – Endurance Life – see note below.

Endurance Life – Phone-call and e-mails received to confirm arrangements for the annual event to be held on the 2nd May. Cllr. Richards advised he had received a telephone call as an affected land owner. All agreed that the event has always been well run, so no problems expected, provided there are sufficient stewards to direct runners, and no route changes are made at a late date.

Other Correspondence:-

OVW – Pembs Area Committee – 21/04/15 – No one able to attend.

BT Payphones – “Adopt a Kiosk for as little as £1” - noted.

NHS Wales – Hywel Dda University Health Board – April 2015 – Poster to be displayed locally advising on the changes to Women's & Children's Health Services.- Clerk to précis information for the newsletter report.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. No letter received from officer.
- b) Slate Mill – Response waited from PCNPA.
- c) NP/15/0090/FUL - Application by Pembrokeshire Housing for replacement gate access at Town Meadow, Marloes. - Form D consent received dated 30/03/15. Noted.
- d) NP/15/0099 & 0100ADV – National Trust applications for Flag Poles at the Marloes Sands and Martins Haven car parks. Form D consents received dated 09/04/15. Noted.
- e) PCNPA(Sarah Middleton) – 02/04/15 – Updates on LDP Plan Allocations and larger development sites in the National Park – Exception Site included in the details.
- f) Planning Aid – Cllrs Beal and Jessop attended the session on Monday 30th March. Verbal reports received from both. Greater involvement in LDP's are recommended. Place Plans will be developed in Wales via pilots– called Design Statements in England. Advised that decisions made on planning in between meetings are not lawful. Changes to be made in planning process – greater use of e-technology. Referred to Designated Landscapes. Likely to be more reluctance to enforce planning conditions – more retrospective planning applications. Likely to be another Planning Aid session shortly, and both Councillors would recommend attendance by other members and/or the Clerk.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower – Electric Charges – Clerk advised she had made the application to Ebico. Confirmation papers will be sent out shortly.
- b) SSE Swalec – 08/04/15 – Annual Electric Summary received.
- c) Lloyds Bank Statements received.
- d) BDO Audit – 27/03/15 – notice of audit received, with the audit date on the 30th June 2015. Clerk to prepare accounts for the May meeting, and arrange for the internal audit.

7) Urgent Matter

Clock Tower Reopening – The Clerk advised that Mr. Fred Duffey has retired from undertaking the daily opening of the Clock Tower during the summer months. Agreed that the Chairman approach a local resident to see if he would undertake the task. Meeting to decide next month if they will need to advertise for a volunteer in the June newsletter.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th May 2015 at Marloes Village Hall. The normal monthly business meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting.