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MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Monday 15th May 2023

Marloes Village Hall, 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

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

By formal invitation: N/A

1. Apologies: Steve Powell (SP), Camille Titley (CT) and Cllr Reg Owens (RO)

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr PS (Marloes Mere planning application / update)

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 17th April 2023 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council chair (LB) and seconded by Cllr MS.

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 17th April 2023 meeting discussed and completed.

4. Community Issues

4.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband

Email received from Broadway Fibre Broadband and Pembrokeshire County Council:

Dear Marloes-St Brides Clerk,

Thank you for your email. I have discussed your project with Broadway and have asked them to provide a detailed update of the project. Please see the bottom of this email for their update.

As you can see a large proportion of the Marloes build part of the Dale project area is complete, with only 44 properties out of the 207 left to reach.

Broadway plan to reach those 44 remaining properties by the end of June as they have been held up at certain key sections.

Broadway Partners Wales Manager Reece Simmons is willing to attend a community council meeting. Would you be able to send a list of upcoming meetings, which we can forward to Reece at Broadway?

Just for clarification, there is no contract as such with Broadway. The wider Dale project area community chose Broadway Partners largely because they were the only network provider willing to take on such a rural build. Pembrokeshire County Council are not in a contractual relationship with Broadway Partners but we will continue to facilitate what we can and raise issues directly with Broadway that we feel need addressing. We regularly prompt Broadway to send the relevant communities the up to date technical build information, which only they have access to.

Update received from Reece Simmons -

"We have largely completed the build of our Marloes project with 44 properties left to get to which we are hoping to reach by the end of June (these are largely located in the region heading towards Wooltack Point). There reason that these properties have been delayed is due to not being able to get agreements from landowners but a key one was secured in the last couple of weeks, which is enabling us to progress.

We have passed 163 properties in our Marloes project to date all who have the ability to connect to our network, of these 163 properties we currently have just over 30 customers.

I would be happy to attend a community council meeting if needed but with my diary currently I may need to look a few months ahead."

Regards,

*Patrick Hannon
Broadband Delivery Programme Manager
Pembrokeshire County Council*

AP Complete Cllr LB to speak to community councils Tish and Dale: No major issues to report in Tish and Dale community councils

AP Complete Clerk to email Patrick Hannon (PCC contact for Broadway) asking for a update (please see update above)

Ongoing 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)

Cllr CJ emailed Cllrs regarding footpath sign issue / removal:

03/05/2023

To Pembrokeshire Coast National Park: attention of Meurig Nicholas, Rights Of Way officer

Meurig

Definitive Map 79: Footpath PP 62/1 from C3102 road to Musselwick Sands

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, thank you for confirming that this is a proper right of way and not a permissive path. Please keep scrolling down to END to find below photographs taken today of the gate at the road end: note the "Permissive footpath" sign on the post which has been glued & nailed in position.

Hoping you can sort this out for us,

*REGARDS
Christopher Jessop
Marloes & St Brides Community Council*

Reply from PCNPA following CJ email above.....

Dear Christopher,

Further to the email below, I write to update you on the sign placed at the start of Footpath PP62/1 near Marloes.

I can confirm that the sign was removed by the local warden on Thursday the 4th of May.

*Thank you
Regards
Meurig*

*Meurig Nicholas
Public Rights Of Way Officer – Swyddog Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus
Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority / Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Arfordir Penfro*

Beach clean was a success. The next proposed beach clean date is 04th June 2023 (to support little castle clean).

Continuing issues with 999 beach phone. Cllr CJ reported to PCNPA (please see email below).

Dear Mr Dennis

I thought I would check the new emergency telephone yesterday: unfortunately, our troubles are not yet over!

When you pick up the handset, there is a nice clear line tone; but nothing happens when you press any of the three buttons – which, please note, do not come with any instructions or even have numbers, giving you a clue as to what to do. I seem to recall that towards the end of its life, on the rare occasions when it did work the old phone went straight through to 999 as soon as you took the handset off the hook.

Another point: the green/white emergency phone sign fixed at the top of the post has been weathered illegible – any chance it could be replaced, please?

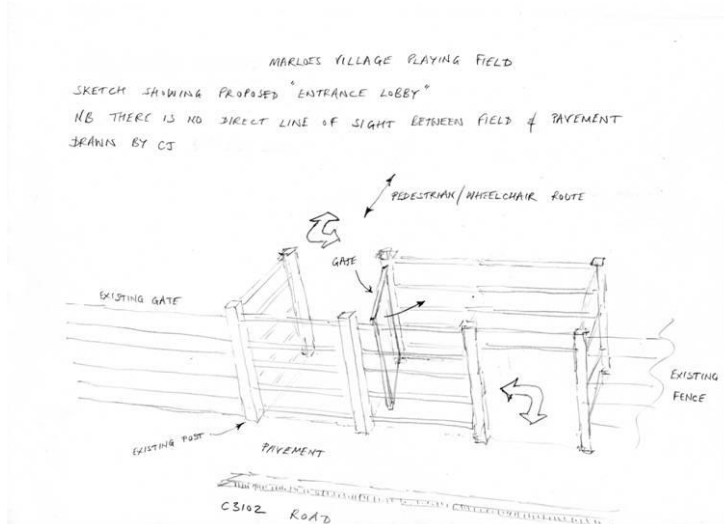
Regards

*Christopher Jessop
Marloes & St Brides Community Council*

4.3. Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

Cllr CJ has discussed a potential new pedestrian access to the playing field (using funds from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding) with Mark Burton. The proposal has been passed to the playing field committee to discuss next steps.

Please see a draft sketch of the potential new gate below;





The Community Council would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone involved in the Kings Coronation celebrations.

The Cllr acknowledged the amazing decorations and bunting on the iconic clock tower in Marloes village.

4.4. Clock Tower

Cllr has drafted and sent letter to the clock tower house confirming silencing arrangements (as of last year).

AP Complete Clerk to email back clock tower house with clock tower silencing arrangements

PCNPA have confirmed funding for improvements to be made to the Clock Tower footpath (please see email below). The Community Council have replied thanking the PCNPA confirmed the funding is gratefully received by the community.

Dear Mr Challinor

I am pleased to report that the National Park Authority has secured Welsh Government funding to undertake improvements to the surface of the Clock Tower footpath at Marloes. The work will be undertaken by a local contractor, engaged and supervised by Pembrokeshire County Council. All being well, we hope to start work in 4-5 weeks.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Richards

Access & Rights of Way Manager / Rheolwr Mynediad a Hawliau Tramwy

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority / Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Arfordir Penfro

4.5. Highways

Clerk has set up a Marloes and St Brides online portal with Pembs CC to report issues easier moving forward.

Potholes across the community discussed and reported by Clerk on the Pembs CC website.

Clerk reported Cllr CJ email below to Pembs CC (via online portal).

Martins Haven: road access to beach from opposite WCs down to shore.

I was down there yesterday (3rd May), and there are three galvanised posts from which road signs have been removed. This is of concern, because of the need for emergency service access to the beach at all times.

Christopher Jessop

Marloes & St Brides Community Council

4.6. National Trust

No new National Trust updates and no updates on the damage / repairs to the Car Park hut.

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. Rubbish Bin (used for household waste)

Cllr PS pointed out ongoing issues with rubbish bin misuse (reported to PS by local residents). Cllr will keep an eye on the rubbish bin in question and report back in next meeting.

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.

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

4.9. 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.

No further updates from PCC, National Parks / Trust and Welsh Government on the toilet closure.

PCC made residents aware they will re-visiting toilet closures and funding following the local community dislike to the closure proposals.

4.10. 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.

AP Complete Clerk to email Gary Meopham (PCNPA) for update on scheduled meeting

5. Correspondence and Councillors Updates / Clerks Report

No Cllr updates.

Clerk correspondence regarding email sent by Cllr CJ regarding PCC lifebuoy line Martins Haven. Please see email below (Mr Dennis is looking into the issue).

Dear Mr Dennis

I was down Martins Haven yesterday...

- 1. The galvanised lifebuoy post with its concrete base has been torn out of the ground and is lying against the bank.*
- 2. The lifebuoy appears denatured by exposure to sunlight and I suspect that it would come apart if anyone tried to use it.*
- 3. The cord lacing round the lifebuoy ditto, and the long orange line.*

I hope that something can be done about this soon

Regards

Christopher Jessop

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6. Planning matters

PCNPA Development Control:

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**

NEW NP/23/0233/FUL – Marloes Mere. Email received from PCNPA (please see below). Community Council were supportive of the new plans and happy PCNPA had taken into consideration previous council ideas / suggestions.

Dear Clerk

I am emailing you to let you know that National Trust have recently submitted for full planning the scheme for improvements to the wetland and footpath at Marloes Mere.

FYI: We first brought to your attention in October 2022 (email conversation below).

As you know, this will come to your council for consultation in due course (with a full suite of drawings and papers). However, I thought I would email in advance on two points

- 1. To let you know that we have included a “tractor gate” as requested at point 4 in the email below from Chris Jessop in October 2022.*
 - a. The attached drawing shows the style and location of the gate (just west of Runwayskiln and the permissive footpath to the coast).*
 - b. The style was discussed and agreed with Anthony Richards (PCNPA Access Officer) and Gina Smithies (NT Tenant at Trehill Farm who access their fields along the lane).*
 - c. Vehicular access along the track will be controlled via a locked farm gate (with codes supplied to Emergency Services).*

d. *Pedestrian (including wheelchair) access will be unimpeded via a 1.2m ungated path around the lefthand side of the gate (see attached drawing)*

e. *The new footpath and track also had to comply with comments made by the Fire Service during the pre-application consultation*

2. *I would be happy to attend one of the community council meetings in person or via Teams at a suitable date to answer any questions the community may have about our proposals*

Best wishes

Mark Underhill

Countryside Manager – Pembrokeshire

7. Financial matters

- 1. Financial year 2023/24 budget set**
- 2. Banking update (signatures and online processes)**
- 3. British Gas**

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

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.

AP Clerk to contact British Gas to finalise bills / payments

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

Peninsula Papers minutes and edit deadline 21.05.2023 (report emailed to Rosemary).

Cllr approve a bi-monthly meeting moving forward.

Monday 10th July 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30



Clerk