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MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Monday 10th July 2023

Marloes Village Hall, 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

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

By formal invitation: N/A

1. Apologies: Cllr Reg Owens (RO)

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr LB (Harveys Cottage planning application / update)

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 15th May 2023 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council chair (LB) and seconded by Cllr CJ.

AGM Minutes 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 15th May 2023 meeting discussed and completed.

4. Community Issues

4.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband

Latest email received from Broadway Fibre Broadband and Pembrokeshire County Council. Broadway Fibre Broadband have entered insolvency / administration. The 44 properties as stated in email 1 below have not been reached as suggested.

Email 1:

Dear Prospective Customer

We are writing to inform you that unfortunately Broadway Partners was put into administration last week to allow us to restructure the business with the aim for it to be passed to a potential new owner who is able to take Broadway

Partners to the next stage of development and continue to provide gigabit fibre broadband services to local rural communities.

Whilst this is a big disappointment for everyone at Broadway, we are continuing to trade and provide our usual services to both new and existing customers on our high-speed fibre network

How does the appointment affect you?

Benjamin Dymant and Daniel Smith of Teneo Financial Advisory Limited were appointed joint administrators of Broadway Partners Limited on 31st May 2023.

· The Joint Administrators will continue operating Broadway Broadband/Arran Broadband as normal and continue to provide all services to our existing customers, whilst a sales process is undertaken in the coming weeks to seek a purchaser for the business. The Broadway network remains a high-quality fibre to the home service, supported by our trained engineers and dedicated customer service teams.

· The Joint Administrators intend to continue connecting customers where an order is currently in progress and the property is ready for service and also allow new orders to be placed where there is currently a live network, however there may be a pause in the ability to onboard as a new customer whilst discussions are finalised.

· Where you have been in discussion with Broadway about a potential future supply, but you are not yet part of one of the existing live networks, we will be in contact with an update in due course, as the sale process for the business progresses. As such, please hold on to your government voucher. We are working hard to provide you with these services and our teams will be in touch on our progress to provide you with high-speed broadband services on our network.

What happens next?

The Joint Administrators will continue operating the Company as normal and continue to provide all services to our existing customers, whilst a sales process is undertaken in the coming weeks to seek a purchaser for the business. Please bear with us as we navigate through these difficult times. We are a community driven business – who put our customers at the heart of what we do – and our sole purpose is to ensure that people who want to be connected, get connected – and we will do our utmost to make sure that our current situation does not prevent us from achieving that ambition.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

The Broadway Team

Email 2:

I chatted to the contractor doing the mole ploughing for Broadway. He said they have another investor on board and are restarting work and the CEO is in Dale today!

He was confident the scheme would be completed. Contact is still through the administrators. He felt WG would ensure it was done eventually.

He thought an email to assembly members would be good, also copy in MP

Peter

Email 3:

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). The 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 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.

Action point moved up for discussion earlier in meeting (Gill Phillips joins from the local community).

4.11 Village Benches

Gill Phillips proposed the new installation of benches across Marloes and St Brides Community, asking for the support from the Community Council. Please see the letters below from Gill Phillips and Marloes Welcome Club.

Proposal : Marloes Community Benches

Dear Marloes Community Council

I would like to propose, the installation of benches within the Marloes Community. Since becoming unwell, during the last 18 months, and receiving ongoing cancer care and treatment, it has become noticeable to me, that we have a lack of bench facilities within the community.

The Welsh health minister has encouraged us all to be active and to do our part in preventative measures to help us and the health service.

I feel having some benches in our community will promote health and well being in our village by allowing people to rest and recover when out walking.

This will facilitate young mums who may go for a stroll with their baby sitting down and meeting others including the older generation who may go for a walk and need a rest.

I didn't realise until I was ill, how much these benches are needed as I have found there is little provision in the area.

Walking is a great form of exercise and improves physical and mental health.

I hope the Community Council will support this proposal and help facilitate getting benches for the community.

Kind regards
Gill Phillips
Elm Tree Cottage
Marloes

MARLOES WELCOME CLUB.

Secretary: Mr. M. Cullen.

Rose Cottage,

Marloes,

Haverfordwest,

Pembrokeshire.

23rd June 2023.

Tel: 01646 636257.

To Whom it may concern,

Proposal to establish bench seating within Marloes Village.

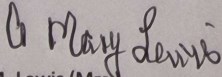
At a meeting of the Marloes Welcome Club on Wednesday 21st June 2023 members were informed of a proposal to be presented by Ms Gill Phillips to Marloes Community Council regarding the possibility of establishing bench seating at suitable locations within the bounds of Marloes Village. It was unanimously agreed that such would likely benefit all who live in, or visit, Marloes Village and particularly those villagers of more advanced years who enjoy a stroll around the Village. Such would provide the opportunity to rest, greet and chat during their "walk about".

It was unanimously agreed by Club members that Marloes Welcome Club fully support this proposal.

It is suggested that the following sites (please see attached plan) for such bench seats may be considered suitable:-

1. Musselwick Gate to replace existing bench seat.
2. Possibly on Village Green roadside.
3. Small grass area alongside village toilets. (Would assist those waiting for bus transport/access to vehicular Post Office/Bank facility).
4. Alongside village clock tower.
5. Within the curtilage of Village Hall. (Unless it is intended to install the late Mrs. M. Warlow's memorial seat at that location).
6. Against churchyard wall near small access gate to church.
7. On large grassed area on south end of Gaylane Terrace.

Yours faithfully,



M. Lewis (Mrs.)

Chair,

Marloes Welcome Club.



All Cllrs were happy to propose the new installation of benches.

AP Cllr CJ to apply for funding through the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant (Cllr CJ has requested application forms). Cllr CJ to work alongside the Welcome Club to submit the application for funding.

4.2. Footpaths and Beach (999 phone)

Cllr CJ discussed issues with people lighting barbecues on the coast path running northwards from St Brides Haven towards Mill Haven.

Cllr CJ to email PCNPA public rights of way officer Meurig Nicholas to discuss appropriate signage.

Email: *Dear Mr Nicholas*

Further to our Community Council meeting yesterday, there have been reports of people lighting barbecues on the coast path running northwards from St Brides Haven towards Mill Haven. As the untended open grassland there represents a serious fire risk in dry weather, could you please arrange for some appropriate signage?

It might also be a good idea to look at no fires/barbecues signage for the beach, not just on fire risk grounds but also because the metal meshes from disposable barbecues are extremely dangerous to anyone walking barefoot on the shore; and, it would probably be prudent to similarly put signs adjacent to the picnic benches which are between the churchyard and the stream. This might in addition prevent charring damage to the benches caused by people lighting disposable barbecues on them.

REGARDS

Christopher Jessop

Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Reply from Meurig Nicholas: *Dear Mr. Jessop,*

Thank you for your email.

We work closely with the Fire & Rescue Service to monitor weather conditions and forecasts and in particular the Fire Severity Index. In our experience, we have found that temporary signage to coincide with high risk weather conditions has more impact than seasonal signage. We will monitor weather conditions and place appropriate signage at the Coast Path access points and St. Brides picnic site should weather conditions require it.

Thank you

Regards

Meurig

Cllrs asked the Clerk to report hedge cutting from the Church to Glebe Lane. The hedge was so overgrown you are unable to walk on the pavement.

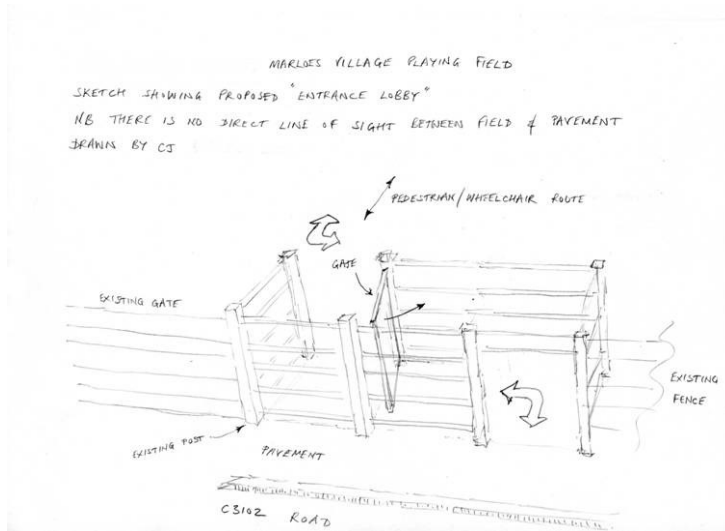
Clerk added to PCC online reporting portal.

Cllr MH reported hedge had been cut on Sunday 23.07.2023.

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 agreed with the playing field committee. Cllr CJ leading on Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding application.

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



Cllr LB confirmed all improvement work had been completed to the park (via Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding).

Cllr discussed the possibility of a QR code on the new gate (entrance of the playing field / park) for future donations for park / playing field improvements. **AP** Cllr MH to look into QR code facility

4.4. Clock Tower

PCNPA have completed work to the new Clock Tower path. Cllrs confirmed they have done an excellent job.

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.

Cllr Reg Owens informed of the ongoing Highway issues via email.

4.6. National Trust

The damaged Car Park hut has been removed. No timescales on a replacement shed from the National Trust.

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.

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.

Dale Community Council will be using the Car Park income to fund their toilet closures (agreed by PCC). Is this something Marloes and St Brides Community Council could adopt (Cllrs to look into the possibility of charging for their car parks).

4.10. St Brides Walled Garden

Clerk emailed Gary Meopham (PCNPA) for update on scheduled meeting. Please see update below:

St Brides Walled Garden and Cottages

Please see the email thread below. Gary phoned and gave the feedback below.

- 1. Director of Planning (Sara Morris) has informally visited the site*
- 2. The buildings are being used for educational use (and will continue)*
- 3. PCNPA are happy that there is no danger in using the buildings in the short term*
- 4. A June meeting has been scheduled for PCNPA to discuss in further detail*
- 5. Gary emphasised it is a long term plan (its not a quick fix)*
- 6. Community groups will be consulted at every point of the decision making process (promised)*
- 7. Gary recommended a community stakeholder group visit to the site (early Autumn) around apple pressing season for the Cllrs to have a good old look around (and ask questions).*

Will add to the agenda in July for further discussion 😊

*Thanks,
Brad*

Cllrs not happy with the responses / lack of action from PCNPA. **AP** Cllr CJ to email Yvonne to discuss a joint approach with the Church committee to approaching PCNPA regarding the St Brides Walled Garden.

Cllr SP to take photos of lack of up keep to buildings to support Cllrs CJ action above.

4.11. Hedge Cutting

Cllr discussed requirement for hedge cutting across Marloes and St Brides Community Council district (including Glebe lane footpath (please see 4.3).

Clerk explain process with PCC through the online portal.

Cllrs will take photos / pinpoint problem hedge cutting areas and send to Clerk (who in turn will report to PCC online portal).

4.12. Pembrokeshire County Council 2nd / Empty Homes Consultation

Community Councils / second home owners / the communities of Pembrokeshire have been asked by PCC to respond with their views around the 2nd / Empty Homes Consultation. Via an online survey.

Cllrs put their views across and decided to ensure a fair and consistent approach that Cllrs would submit their views individually. Voted and approved by all Cllrs during the meeting.

4.13. Trig Point Beacon

The owners of the Trig Point Beacon are happy for it to be painted / cleaned. The painting is the responsibility of the land owner. The Beacon will be painted white by the Community Council.

4.14. Hywel Dda Consultation

Cllr CJ handed out consultation documents to all Cllrs regarding the upcoming Hywel Dda Consultation.

Cllr LB will distribute to Coastland school who can send the document out to parents.

5. Correspondence and Councillors Updates / Clerks Report

Community Council boundaries were discussed as part of the Clerks report / recent correspondence from Cllr Reg Owens.

Marloes and St Brides would not be open to an amalgamation. Cllrs agreed the large amount of work already discussed / actioned in current Community Council meetings.

Cllrs would be happy to hold a meeting with local community councils Tish and Dale to discuss the potential new community council boundaries item.

AP Cllr LB to invite Tish and Dale to a meeting Dale to discuss the potential new community council boundaries item.

6. Planning matters

PCNPA Development Control updates:

NP/22/0488/SCR National Trust: Trehill Farm, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BJ. Removal of bunds of PROW PP62/22 for restored wetland habitat & improved visitor interpretation. **Determined - Scoping Opinion Issued - EIA Not Required** **Remove from agenda**

NP/22/0314/FUL: Philbeach Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, 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**

AP Clerk to email PCNPA for update on future committee meeting

NP/23/0233/FUL: Marloes Mere, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BH. Removal of southern reservoir bunds, relocation of Public Right of Way, implementation of new southern boundary hedgerow & new causeway path at Britton Hide with new tractor gate. **Comments added in previous meeting**

NP/23/0300/FUL: Harveys Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ. Flat roof rear extension to existing dwelling plus alterations to the existing internal layout. **Comments added to PCNPA website. Cllrs happy with planning, but would recommend solar panels.**

NP/23/0329/FUL: North Haven Wardens House, Skomer Island, Nr Martins Haven, Marloes, Haverfordwest, SA62 3BJ. Small extension to the exterior of the existing building to house a composting toilet. **Comments added to PCNPA. Cllrs in full support.**

7. Financial matters

- 1. Financial year 2023/24 budget set:** approved and will budget review in September Community Council Meeting meeting.
- 2. Banking update (signatures):** Signatures and correspondence address updated with Lloyds TSB
- 3. British Gas:** **AP** Clerk to contact British Gas to finalise bills / payments

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

Cllr CJ to write to PCC and local County Cllr / MP to express dissatisfaction with the new flexi bus system. Community Cllrs have received a large number of complaints from local residents.

Next meeting: Monday 04th September 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30



Clerk