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MINUTES of Meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council

Monday 13th November 2023

Marloes Village Hall, 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

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

By formal invitation: N/A

- 1. Apologies:** Camille Titley (CT) and Cllr Reg Owens (RO)
- 2. Declaration of Interest:** Cllr MH planning matter (NP/23/0514/FUL)

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 04th September 2023 in Marloes Village Hall proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council vice chair (CJ) and seconded by Cllr PS.

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 04th September 2023 meeting discussed and completed.

4. Community Issues

4.1. Broadway Fibre Broadband

Paul Davies and Pembrokeshire County Council latest reply regarding the acquisition of Broadway broadband by Voneus group:

Hi

We had a meeting with Voneus last week to discuss future plans in the Broadway Project Areas here in Pembrokeshire.

Following on from this, the Voneus Board were meeting to discuss the plans going forward and review all areas. This is a timely process as there are now three investors doing due diligence.

We have been advise that an formal update on the roll out plans will be in the new year.

If any plans are confirmed earlier we will let you know.

Kind regards,

Draupadi Stewart

Digital Infrastructure Support & Engagement Officer
Pembrokeshire County Council

Good morning,

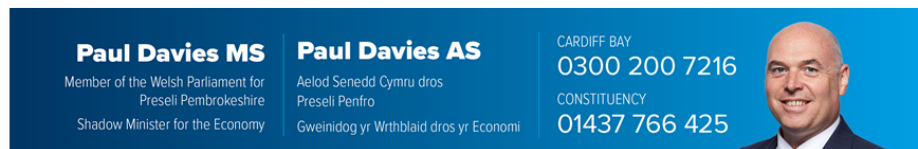
Further to our e-mail correspondence in the summer, sadly other than an initial acknowledgement to my e-mail addressed to Broadway Broadband, I have received no further communication from them.

I understand that the Council Broadband Team were due to meet this week with senior staff from Voneus who have taken over Broadway. I hope that shortly clear information will be able to be relayed to the various communities in Pembrokeshire who are waiting to be connected under this scheme.

Should I be of any assistance in the future then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Paul



4.2. Footpaths and Beach

Cllr CJ pointed out the issues with dog mess on the Musslewick path. Cllrs CJ confirmed National Parks are unable to support and contacting PCC would be the next steps. **Cllrs CJ to chase PCC.**

Positive responses to recent beach cleaning.

Cllr CJ recommend leaving dog waste collection bags a specific points across the community to support issues with dog mess. Cllrs SP recommended the pump house in St Brides. **Cllr CJ to speak with Sue.**

Cllr LB pointed out the use of stickers used by Dale on their bins asking for litter only to prevent fly tipping / in accurate use of the bins. **Cllrs CJ to follow up on the stickers from PCC.**

4.3. Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

Cllr CJ confirmed the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant was now available. **Cllr CJ and PS to gather quotes for fencing / gates project with the playing field.**

Cllrs CJ to apply for new benches within same grant application to support action point 4.9 Village Benches.

4.4. Clock Tower

Cllr MH confirmed clock tower time is correct following recent winter time changes.

Electricity tariff discussed. Clerk to move away from British Gas to a company without a standing charge (Utilita Energy).

Cllr PS and CJ discussed broken light issue in the clock tower and **Cllrs CJ and PS will organise repair.**

4.5. Highways

A member of the Marloes and St Brides Community expressed their concern regarding a road closure that will restrict them access to their home. Issue temporary resolved with PCC. Emails below. Cllrs happy to support further if needed.

Good morning Brad,

I have just had a reply from the County Council Highways department.

A very helpful lady explained that the closure was requested by Welsh Water; they have not given enough notice and they will probably not be allowed to proceed without re-applying. The late notification may explain why people living along the road have not received any prior notice.

I realised that the works Welsh Water were planning to do would most likely be the repair to the collapsing water hydrant access point outside our house. I reported this to Welsh Water, and PCC a couple of months ago.

I explained to the lady that this would not cause us any problems regarding access since we could go via Kensington crossroads to get in and out.

She said she would talk to Welsh Water and make clear that access to properties on the road must be maintained at all times, for either this, or a subsequent road closure.

I will keep you posted.

Peter Royle

Yvonne Evans feedback to Cllr CJ regarding the cleaning of the drains and ditches. Clerk has passed feedback to the PCC portal.

Cllr LB feedback about parking issues in the Marloes village. LB to take photos and report back in the January 2024 Community Council meeting.

4.6. National Trust

National Trust work has commenced on Marloes Mere. Positive reports from Cllrs and the local community regarding the improvements being made (especially for wildlife and birds).

4.7. Toilets

PCC have confirmed the management of the St Brides toilets will continue and be the responsibility of the National Park moving forward. Excellent news for the St Brides Community following numerous attempts from the Community Council to keep the toilet blocks open for locals and tourists.

Unfortunately the Marloes village toilets will close in November.

Dear Marloes and St Brides Community Council

Following on from my letter 13/03/23 (re-attached), I wanted to update you on the funding of the toilet at Marloes Village and St Brides.

I am pleased to inform you that Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority have agreed to fund the toilets at St Brides for a period of 2 years. This was agreed at the National Park Authority meeting held on 20th September 2023. Pembrokeshire County Council will remain responsible for managing the facility, with funding provided by the National Park to cover the contract costs for cleaning and maintenance. Therefore we do not intend to close this toilet or request funding from the Community Council.

With regards to the toilet at Marloes Village. We have not identified a funding stream for this toilet going forward therefore the facility will close shortly after 5th November 2023.

Regards

Katie.

4.8. St Brides Walled Garden

No updates – action points ongoing

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. **Ongoing**

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

4.9. Village Benches

Please see action point 4.3.

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 came to the joint opinion below which will be feedback to PCC as part of the Community Council boundaries consultation process.

1. Preferred option to remain in place as a standalone Community Council for Marloes and St Brides community
2. If Voluntary merger was required a maximum of 3 x community councils to merge (any more would be too difficult to manage / find diplomatic consensus).
3. If the voluntary merger was required the merging of the councils would take into consideration the school catchment areas.

<https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/pembrokeshire-community-review>

6. Planning matters

PCNPA Development Control updates:

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.**

NP/23/0380/FUL: Anchor Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ. Proposed alterations, extension & cladding and retrospective permission for removal of chimney. **Comments added**

NP/23/0395/FUL: Winterton, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AS. Farm diversification to convert redundant store shed to ancillary storage/plant. **Comments added**

NP/23/0397/LBA: Winterton Farm, North Lane, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AS. Dismantle & remove two modern farm buildings & grain silo, convert stone workshop. **Comments added**

New applications:

NP/23/0514/FUL: Anchor Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62. Proposed rear ancillary gym/yoga studio. **New**

[Comments added to portal. Community Council object to the proposal due to over development.](#)

NP/23/0538/OBS: Winterton Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AS. Reconnector existing line. **New**

[Comments added to portal. Community Council are in full support.](#)

7. Financial matters

- 1. Financial year 2021/22 Audit:** Submitted to Audit Wales (documents finalised).
- 2. Financial year 2022/23 Audit:** Submitted to Audit Wales (documents finalised).
- 3. Financial year 2023/24 budget set:** approved and will budget review in January 2024 Community Council Meeting. Precept to be reviewed.
- 4. Banking updates:** Signatures and correspondence address updated with Lloyds TSB. Cheques signed and sent for Oyster accounting (£100) and Royal British Legion (£23).
- 5. British Gas:** Clerk to contact British Gas to collect refund on clock tower surplus. Clerk to move utility supplies (without a standing charge) see action 4.4.

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

Flexi Bus issues to be added to the agenda (Cllr PS requested)

Next meeting: Monday 08th January 2024. Marloes Village Hall 19.30



Clerk