

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 10th March 2014 at Marloes Village Hall.

Present:- Cllr. W. Richards together with Cllrs. L. Beal, C. Jessop, S. Burnett, P. Smithies and S. Twidale

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens
- Community Residents – Mr. M. Cullen

The Chairman welcomed County Cllr. Owens to the meeting.

1) The minutes of the February Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett.

2) Matters Arising

a) St. Brides -Telephone box – Clerk advised that no action has been taken to date. Clerk to contact David Hughes, BT

b) Police Matters – No matters of concern at present.

c) County Council – Highways.

Winterton Junction – Clerk to write formally as agreed last month.

Clock Tower Footpath – Cllr. Owens advised that work should start shortly. Mr. Codd has been working on storm damage issues recently.

Other Issues – Clerk advised that she had received a complaint from Mrs. P. Krelle about the dangerous state of the Milford/Dale road near Spreadeagle last Friday night. Mrs. Krelle had already complained to the police, and was aware of other drivers also affected. Cllr. Owens advised that a formal complaint had been made to the police that day, and an Incident number had been created. The Clerk and one Council member also commented that they had found the road surface in a dangerous condition. Cllr. Owens advised that problems should be reported directly to the police, and he will follow up this issue.

d) Recreation Area – Mr. Cullen addressed the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman. He advised that it was a local team of volunteers who had initiated the hedge laying work in the Recreation area some months ago. The National Park Ranger had asked if she and her team of volunteers could assist with this work, as she had no previous experience of hedge laying. Mr. Cullen wished to advise the Council in person, as the reports in Peninsula Papers suggested that this was a National Park project. The Chairman, Cllr. Richards assured Mr. Cullen that it was known who had initiated this work, and apologised that the reports gave an incorrect impression to the local community. Mr. Cullen

further advised that the two teams had worked well together, and that invaluable assistance had been provided by Ms Barrett, and her team.

Hedge Material – It is hoped that with the drier weather this material can be removed and burnt shortly.

- e) National Park Matters – Noted that a Princes Trust team had worked with Ms Barrett and volunteers to clear more rubbish from Marloes Sands. Agreed that Phil Lees, PCNPA is reminded about the need for “Cliff Fall” signs.
- f) Village Warden – Clerk had submitted the nomination, but had not received any contact from Radio Pembrokeshire. Photographs of the winners were online, but no names had been published. Cllr. Jessop advised that Mr. Pomfrey had started beach cleaning one week earlier than his contract advised. Noted that he had also commenced grass cutting in the village.
- g) Website Meeting – Clerk and Cllr. Burnett reported on the training received. The service will be live from the 1st April. Cllr. Burnett advised that following comments from other members she had requested the County Council that only the Clerks' contact details be shown on the website. This has been agreed to, and the programme amended. Cllr. Burnett will meet with the Clerk to assist with this process. If necessary, the Clerk will start using another e-mail address for her personal contacts, as the present e-mail address is well known by various Council contacts.
- h) Standing Orders – Clerk to meet Mr. Bishop this month.
- i) Dog Signs – Signs yet to be erected on site. Clerk to contact the relevant County Council department.
- j) Church Services – Services are now being covered by the Rev. David Reed (retired former resident of this parish), and Mr. Bill Morse (local Lay Reader).
- k) PCC – Reminder about the meeting at the Bridge Innovation Centre on the 17th March.
- l) One Voice Wales – Clerk had apologised for the Council not being able to attend the recent Area Meeting.
- m) Skomer – Clerk to contact the Wardens about tickets for local residents.
- n) Mobile Libraries – Clerk advised that there had been some confusion about consultation with Community Councils. She had forwarded a response by the extended consultation date. Cllr. Owens advised that the County Council budget has been approved, and it is likely that this service will be ended.
- o) Philbeach Pole – Cllr. Burnett had reported this problem, as a wire had come down shortly after the last meeting. Noted that a temporary repair had been undertaken.
- p) Glebe Lane – Cllr. Burnett advised that no sewage problems had been experienced since last month. She will put contact details in the April Peninsula Papers in case of future incidents. Former Councillor, Kevan Krelle had advised Cllr. Jessop that he was aware of instances now of surface water mixing with foul drainage. Future housing developments in the village may be affected by this problem if capacity has been reached on the system.

3. Community Issues

a) Recreation Area – See note above.

b) Car Parks/National Trust Matters – Cllrs Richards & Beal reported on the outcome of discussions with National Trust officers. The proposal for a local scheme for this summer was agreed. There will be an emphasis on the need to build bridges between the Trust and this Council. Copies of the proposal will be circulated to all permanently occupied households on the electoral register in Marloes & St. Brides. Two sessions have been arranged at Marloes Village Hall for the National Trust to complete the registration process for this season. The Council Clerk will also be present so that registration on the most recent copy of the Electoral Register can be confirmed.

Youth Hostel Lane – Concern about the state of this track was highlighted.

Matt Thompson (N. T. Warden) will talk to the PCNPA officer to see if they will be undertaking work on this track, as it links to coastal paths.

Bird Hides – Mr. Thompson was advised that the bird hide off the Youth hostel track requires repairs to the door.

c) Rubbish Collection – E-mail contact received from the owner of Tamarisk proposing that central bins should be purchased and sited locally to accommodate black bags for households not present on the scheduled days. The Council agreed that they were not in favour of this proposal, as this could create more problems. Clerk to provide details of the facility at Winsle, where black bags can be dropped off as necessary. Holiday home owners to have arrangements in place for rubbish collections from the start of the season.

d) Storm Damage/Electric Cuts – Noted that damage had been caused to the roof and chimney of the Youth Hostel. National Trust had advised that repair work will start shortly. Further electric cuts of longer durations had been experienced since the last meeting. Members agreed that a letter is sent to the local Western Power depot thanking staff for their efforts to restore supplies as quickly as possible, often working in challenging conditions.

e) Village Action Plan – Cllr. Twidale confirmed that the Village Hall will receive a substantial grant from the Big Lottery fund – publicity to be arranged in the near future. A decision on the contractor will be made shortly. The Chairman congratulated the Hall Committee and Project team on the effort they had put into this scheme. A fund raising event will be held in April. Local History – Mrs. Evans (Clerk) advised that Coastlands Local History Group would be willing to take forward the action plan proposal to have a

history leaflet on the Community. It was agreed to accept this offer, as the Group were in a position to apply for the necessary funding, and had previous experience of producing leaflets for neighbouring villages. The Clerk also reported that an enquiry had been received from Llanelli for information on the Clock Tower and the 4th Baron Lord Kensington for a talk in that area.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letter– Clerk referred to some of the e-mails received.

12/02/14 – PALC – Details reference the protest about Withybush Hospital at Cardiff.

13/02/14 – OVW – articles for The Voice invited.

18/02/14 – OVW – Local Govt. (Wales) Byelaws Act 2012 – Noted.

19/02/14 – OVW – Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report 2012/13 - Noted.

25.02/14 – Zurich Insurance – Council insurance quote offered. Noted.

26/02/14 – OVW – Marine Planning consultation. Noted.

26/02/14 – OVW – Positive Planning – WG20088 – Response from OVW.

28/02/14 – OVW – Statement of Public Participation – Welsh Govt. Marine Plan – to respond by 28/03/14.

03/03/14 – OVW – Disposal of Playing Fields – Not applicable. Noted.

06/03/14 – OVW – Repeal of s150(5) of Local Govt. Act 1972 – Agreed that no changes to the cheque payment is made.

07/03/14 – PALC – Liaison Meetings – Circulated to members.

07/03/14 – PAVS – Community Resilience meetings – Cllr. Jessop to attend the first meeting.

10/03/14 – OVW – Homes for Wales update – Noted.

10/03/14 – PCC – Bus Service Changes. Our area not affected. Noted.

07/02/14 – OVW – Welsh War Memorial Heritage Conference at Builth Wells on the 27th March 2014. Clerk asking Planed to check that they may attend.

Other correspondence :-

c) The Planning Inspectorate – Letters dated 03/03/14 & 07/03/14 received. No action by this Council.

d) Western Power Distribution – Spring 2014 – Noted they have a Priority Service Register for vulnerable customers.

e) Retired & Senior Volunteer Programme (RSVP) – February 2014 – Welcome Friends Project – Clerk to discuss article with Mrs. Royle for the newsletter.

f) Planed – Newsletter distributed to members. Also details of other events in the near future.

g) Wickstead Leisure – Given to Cllr. Burnett for the Recreation Committee.

h) Clerks & Council Direct – March 2014, Issue 92 received.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. No further information received.
- b) PCNPA – 27/01/14 – Letter advising that the 2013 Annual Monitoring report is out for consultation. Also that there are Technical Updates to the Management Plan. Clerk had reviewed the Technical Updates – no queries for this area. Attention was drawn to various statements in the Monitoring Report (2103) that refer to this area – Cllr. Smithies to consider by the next meeting, so that this Council can decide if comments are necessary.
- c) NP/14/0031 – Pearson Farm, St. Brides – Extension to existing livestock building. Approval for Works under Part 6 – Agricultural Buildings and Operations received – dated 28/02/14. Noted.
- d) NP/14/0057 – Sun room & minor increase in extension footprint – 3 West End, Marloes. Cllr. Jessop declared an interest as an immediate neighbour. After discussion of the plans it was agreed that there would be no impact on near neighbours, and National Park is recommended to approve the application.
- e) NP/14/0608 – Rath Cottage, Martins Haven, Marloes – Single Storey extension for Garage Store. Cllr. Smithies declared an interest as a neighbour. After considering the plans, members noted that the extension had been designed to match the original building. The application was approved subject to the building only being used as a garage and store.
- f) Signage – National Trust Car Parks – N. Trust Officers had advised at the recent meeting that planning applications had been sent to the National Park recently. Clerk had checked, but they are not ready to be circulated as yet.

6) Financial Matter

- a) NFU Insurance – Clock Tower & Mechanism - £197.16 invoiced. Cllr. Smithies had contacted the NFU as this was higher than last year, and was waiting a response. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Beal, seconded by Cllr. Burnett that a payment up to £197.16 be paid. Cllr. Smithies to advise Clerk in due course.
- b) One Voice Wales – On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Beal the meeting approved the payment of £51 to One Voice Wales for membership 2014/15.
- c) Clerk's Salary – It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Twidale, seconded by Cllr. Jessop that Mrs. Evans be paid £450 for the year 2013/14.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Statements received.
- c) Financial requests were received from Victim Support, and Prism. Noted.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) Town Meadow – Noted that further exploratory work had been undertaken recently reference the proposed Housing Exception site
- b) Shipwreck Timbers – Noted that oak pegged timbers had been found on Marloes Sands after the recent storms. Cllr. Jessop has reported the finds to the relevant organisation.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th April 2014 at Marloes Village Hall.