

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 9th September 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. P. Smithies (Chairman), together with Cllrs. Jessop,
Beal and Johnson and Kimpton.

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council

- County Councillor Reg Owens

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. W. Richards

1) Minutes - The minutes of the August meeting had been circulated to members, and was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Spontaneous Events – Two vehicles parked near Musselwick Mouth style were reported via the 101 service.
Speed Check Training – No response had been received to the request for volunteers to undergo speed check training. The PCSO had advised that she would apply for the village area to be approved by GO Safe as a speed check area, and she envisaged that any volunteers would only operate in the Community, not elsewhere.
Speeding Problems – The Clerk is yet to ask the cost of speed detection warning equipment.
- b) County Council – Highways etc.
Cllr. Owen was advised that the dropped drain near the Lobster Pot, and the fencing at Gaylane Terrace are the two matters outstanding.
- c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking - Cllr. Richards had requested that this issue is considered by the meeting. The Clerk drew attention to the conditions of the Off Street Parking Order 2015. Overnight parking, and use of the area for advertising are subject to conditions. The Community Council noted that enforcement is inconsistent, with almost none undertaken at St. Brides. The Community Council does not wish to see charges introduced, or physical barriers to deter larger vehicles. Cllr. Owens agreed that enforcement is not being undertaken. He advised that letters from this Council can be sent to the relevant officers of both PCC and PCNP asking what action is proposed for next year.
- d) Footpaths – Mr. Malcolm Cullen had advised that further work will be undertaken on Frankies Lane shortly, to complete the work started last year.
- e) Rural Wisdom Project – A visit to the Health Authority has been arranged on

Wednesday 11th September. Rachel Evans is continuing to advise of other initiatives – the Winter Warmers Sessions will start in Dale next month.

- f) IRPW – All Councillors have signed the forms declining payment of £150, and the Clerk will send the nil return by the end of the month.
- g) Bus Services – Noted that there is only one service to St. David’s on a Wednesday this winter. Cllr. Johnson proposed that the Clerk write to PCC asking that this service is cancelled next winter, and the money put towards reinstating the Saturday service lost this year. Members supported this action.
- h) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – The Clerk confirmed that the Local History Group are applying for funding, but are finding the conditions quite onerous for a small voluntary group to fulfil. The County Council are expecting a legal challenge from second home owners. Cllr. Beal advised that Coastlands School is arranging an official opening of the new Play area and Library on the 23rd September. Cllr. Jessop advised he would be pleased to attend.
- i) Skokholm Back – The Clerk read out the report from Mr. Cullen on the work undertaken to date, including hours expended, and also what is intended to happen over the coming months.
- j) Lobster Pots, Musselwick – Cllr. Jessop advised one lobster pot has resurfaced recently.
- k) Moss Cottage - No report received from PCC.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters

Apology received from Mr. Mark Underhill for not attending this evening. It was noted that he had met PCNP on the 30th August, and it is planned to submit a planning application by the 20th September. Mr. Underhill had thanked the Council for the notes received following the August meeting. His e-mail dated the 2nd September had been circulated.

It was noted that PCC had agreed that the Castle Rag BOAT is upgraded to “a dressed surface unclassified road”. Cllr. Smithies to ask the National Trust what will happen with the material to be cleared from the car park, as it could be put to good use improving the track down past the bird hide. The Clerk to circulate the planning application on receipt.

Cllr. Owens raised the issue with regard to lighting provision for those with disabilities, as had been undertaken at other car parks in the area. Agreed that Cllr. Owens be put in touch with Mr. Underhill to discuss this further.

b) Rubbish Collections/Dog Litter

Rubbish collections - Noted that from the 4th November a new Kerbside Sort system is being introduced in Pembrokeshire. Noted also that communities can request that an event is held locally to explain how the new system will work. The Clerk will ask the Welcome Club if they would be willing to host an event locally. Also noted that on the 2nd September the Council is introducing a new Disposable Nappy and Incontinence Waste Collection Service. Residents will need to register for this service.

Dog Fouling – Problems ongoing particularly on the Musselwick and Sandy Lane (Marloes Sands) paths. Clerk to check with the staff of Runwayskilm Cafe if they have noticed a reduction in dog litter since the introduction of the new litter bin. Cllr. Owens to ask if PCC would consider putting extra bins on the other paths. It is noted that because of dog bans on nearby beaches, that the Marloes beaches have more dogs especially over the summer months. Cllr. Johnson proposed that dogs should be banned from Marloes Sands. After discussion, it was agreed that a beach ban would not prevent dogs being walked on the access paths, so the litter problem would remain.

c) Road Closures - Milford/Dale road – Noted that the road closure on the 2nd September had gone ahead, with improved signage and alternative routes – the work was completed by 1pm. No site meeting had been held with Community Councils.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

a) Boundary Comm. for Wales – Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County of Pembrokeshire – Cllr. Owens was asked for his views on the proposal to include Tiers Cross as well as Walwyn's Castle in the St. Ishmaels County Council Ward. He advised he had opposed this, but the Commission is looking at elector numbers rather than the geographical size of the Ward. Noted. A statutory notice has gone on display locally.

b) Broadband Engagement - Cllr. Owens had advised the Council that Mr. Patrick Hannon and Mr. Mike Odlin of the County Council would be visiting the area to assess the issues with this provision. Agreed that local businesses do have problems.

Mobile Phone coverage – Noted that since May, the EE service had been almost non-existent locally, with ongoing maintenance problems. Cllr. Beal advised that contract holders can apply for rebates. It was agreed that this is publicised in the next Peninsula Papers.

- c) OVW Welsh Govt. E-mail dated 06/09/19 advised that under the Environment Wales Act 2016, Section 6, there was an obligation to prepare and publish a plan to “maintain and enhance biodiversity within their current work areas”. Cllr. Jessop advised that as this Council did not have any “work areas”, then no action was needed. Noted.
- d) Eluned Morgan, AM – Newsletter enclosed. Noted.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2019/Issue 125 received.

E-Mails for attention:-

- 13/08/19 – OVW – Revised Model Financial Regulations – minor amendments noted.
- 13/08/19 – WG (Admin) – National Development Framework, Newsletter reference 20 year Land use - forwarded to Cllr. Jessop.
- 14/08/19 – PCC – Police & Crime Panel Newsletter – next meeting of the Panel on 25/10/19.
- 14/08/19 – Dale Yacht Club – Sea Grass in Dale Bay - other e-mails were received from various bodies including NRW. Agreed that this Council would only note matters, as primarily the land concerned was in the Dale C. C. area. See also an item under Urgent Matters.
- 15/08/19 – R. Evans, Transport to Health Survey. Completed by the Clerk – to forward to Cllr. Johnson.
- 06/09/19 – PCC – Police & Crime Panel Annual Report – Noted that Cllr. Les George (Powys) is the member with responsibilities for “Rural & Wildlife Crime”. Cllr. Owens advised contacting the local PCC Panel members first if there were problems.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails that have been noted only, and these are not then included in the minutes.

5) Planning Matters

- (a) Ty Gwyn, Marloes – The Clerk advised a further letter had been received from the property owner dated the 21st August seeking specific information. A response had been sent dated the 7th September. A request for information has been received from a neighbour. This has been acknowledged.
- (b) NP/19/0336/FUL – Beacon Field – Replace the existing gate with a 1.2 metre gate (for pedestrian use), and add two 3.35m. wide gates which can be secured, and allow access for a tractor and trailer. Letter received dated the 19th August advised the application had been withdrawn. Cllr. Owens was advised that the

this Council had only objected to the length of hedgerow that would have been removed. Clerk advised that the applicants had met a PCNP officer on-site today.

- (c) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – Letter received from PCNP dated 13th August advising that a possible breach of planning control will be investigated - this work will commence within 12 weeks. Noted.
- (d) Approval of Non-Material Amendment – NP/19/0410/NMA (National Trust) – The Council had only received the basic approval with no details of what the amendments were. Cllr. Beal accessed some details via her smart -phone - concerned an application submitted earlier in the year. Clerk to ask for clarification.
- (e) Dev. Plans Team – Management Plan 2020-2024 – Consultation from 01/08/19 to 31/10/19. No comments as yet.
- (f) LDP(2) – Cllr. Jessop advised that following his own research he had found that there had been changes to the Marloes Map since the first LDP, and these had not been advised to individual property-owners. In some cases, the Ordnance Survey Master Map used by PCNP for reference also included errors on property names, and property names mixed up. Agreed that a section on this is included in Peninsula Papers so that residents can check themselves.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – Letter from Grant Thornton dated 27/08/19 received with documents.
A qualified audit report has been issued because the Council had not included procurement and awarding of contracts within the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The meeting noted this, and agreed that this will need to be included in the future.
The only contracts entered into by the Council concern the annual maintenance of the clock in the Clock Tower, and the ongoing maintenance of the building. The building is listed, and Health and Safety issues have also to be taken into consideration for the work on the clock itself. Noted also that the minute reference and date was not correctly entered on the form.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund – Action to be taken in September.
- c) Ebico – No statement received as yet.

- d) Bank Statement received from Lloyds Bank - £3257.09 in the current account on the 29th July 2019.
- e) Information Commissioners Office – Payment of £40 issued.
- f) Precept - 2nd Precept of £942 received on the 19th August by BACS.
- 7) Clock Tower – no items raised.

- 8) Urgent Matters
 - a) Gann Footbridge – The Clerk advised that a section of the footbridge had been removed by the recent high tides and deposited upstream. Good footwear is now required to cross the stream.
 - b) Sea Grass Event – Cllr. Smithies reminded his fellow Councillors that care should be exercised when attending meetings without the prior permission/knowledge of the Community Council. If attending in a private capacity, this should be made clear if addressing the meeting. A comment had been made to him about statements made by Cllr. Jessop at a recent meeting in a neighbouring Community area.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 14th October 2019 when the draft minutes of the September 2019 business meeting will be submitted for approval.