

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th January 2020 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

- Ms. G. Phillips, Mr. M. Cullen, Mr. R. Black and Mr. K. Launder – Community Residents

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beal, and County Councillor Reg Owens. The Council to send best wishes to Cllr. Owens who has been in hospital recently.

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

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Nothing to report this month.
Speeding Problems – Letter yet to be written to the County Council.
- b) County Council - Cllr. Smithies will be speaking to a Highway Officer about several surface water problems in the community area, including the Philbeach road and Slate Mill area. Noted that some drains may need to be cleaned out by the gully sucker – The Square, Marloes and by the Lobster Pot.
Street Lights – No problems at present.
- c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking – Await report from Cllr. Owens
- d) Footpaths – Mr. Cullen reported that the canopy in Frankies Lane had been cut back. Further work on the surface in the lower lane will be undertaken when the weather improves – February 10th possibly.
- e) Bus Services – Clerk had been advised that some operators pay double time for a Saturday shift – this would make the service more expensive than a weekday.
- f) Sea Grass in Dale Bay - Further meeting arranged. Noted.
- g) Village Hall – A letter of support has been sent from the Community Council with regard to a funding application.
- h) 75th VE Day 2020 – Clerk had contacted the Hall Committee, and a meeting open to the Community will be held on the 11th March. They have registered with the National Campaign. Clerk advised that a recent letter from Bruno Peek (Pageant Master) had stressed the role played by women in the 2nd World War. No plans at present to have a Beacon Fire.
- i) Welsh Govt. Flooding Consultation – Cllr. Jessop to review document.
- j) Marloes & St. Brides Payphones – Clerk to write to PCC Planning support

Team stressing the need to have the phones available for the 999 service in conjunction with the Defibrillators. MADPADS, a voluntary Group who supervise the machines, and who source the necessary fundraising will also be writing. Ms. Phillips (Practice Nurse) advised that mobile signals are very patchy locally, and the breakdown of the St. Ishmaels mast last year for many months greatly affected the situation. Clerk advised, that if in future the Council or another party wished to adopt the St. Brides Kiosk and move it elsewhere the process would be costly as the Box is so heavy and subject to possible damage during the process. A local resident has suggested that if the Marloes Kiosk was adopted it could be adapted to hold a mini library, and possibly raise funds for the MADPADS Group. Agreed that these matters could be considered again when the outcome of the consultations are known.

- k) Biodiversity Report – Report to be done.
- l) Glebe Lane – Sewage Issues – Cllr. Johnson and others had reported a further breakdown over recent weeks, with human faeces etc. readily visible on the Lane and in the adjoining field. Very recently, it has been found that a build up of wet wipes and fatty tissue had caused a serious blockage. Clerk to confirm with Welsh Water that the recent problem has been sorted, also to ask about the deterioration in the old pipework. Clerk will put a request in Peninsula Papers that “wet wipes” should not be flushed down the toilet, but put in the grey bag for disposal. Photographs of any future incidents would help in registering complaints.
- m) St. Brides Matters - Clerk to contact litter pickers shortly. To ask PCNP for a site meeting reference the erosion by the Lime Kiln.
- n) Landslip, Marloes Sands – Noted that Cllr. Jessop had recorded further rock falls since Christmas. PCNP had now re-opened the coastal path deeming it safe to use. Members agreed that County Cllr. Owens is advised that they do not agree with this action – copied to Theresa Nolan, PCNP.
- o) Moss Cottage - Noted that National Park had made contact with a Trustee of this property, and that it was hoped that clearance work would be carried out in January.
- p) Street Lamp 803 905 – West End, Marloes. After discussion, it was agreed that the light should remain switched off after the six months trial, but that the light should not be removed. Future residents may need services which would merit the light being put back into operation.

3) Community Issues

- a) National Trust Matters – E-mails had been received from Mark Underhill advising that A. Williams Contract Services had been appointed to undertake the Car Park contract. He had also advised how the work will be undertaken. Aiming to keep 25 car parking spaces available at all times. Noted that overspill is having to park where they can. See problems below with parking for beach

cleans. Agreed that Cllr. Smithies contact Mr. Underhill to arrange a meeting with the contractor.

Car Park Hut Planning – No response from National Park as yet.

Signage & Interpretation is under review – Cllr. Jessop reported concerns from local residents: they insist that signs drawing attention to pedestrians using Castle Rag are required. NB Castle Rag features in at least two National Trust guided walk brochures.

Telephone Ducting – Mr. Cullen drew attention to possible service ducts to one side of the car park which may need to be allowed for, as the work proceeds.

b) Rubbish Collections/Dog Litter

Rubbish Collections - Problems identified with Refuse Staff not highlighting which items are incorrect – plastic items a particular problem.

Dog Fouling – Clerk and Cllr. Jessop to process request for more bins. Further reminder about dog litter problems to go in Peninsula Papers.

Elbcarrier – Cllrs Smithies and Jessop reported on the rubbish that had come ashore in recent weeks from containers lost off this ship. This had included plastic buckets, organic apples in plastic bags, and other items – in great numbers. The County Council, Keep Wales Tidy and other authorities had/were organising official clean-ups paid for by the Companies involved. Volunteers had also responded on the New Year Beach clean, on the 12th January, and on other days. It was hoped that the voluntary effort would receive financial support for local bodies – e.g. Coastlands School and the Playing Field. No direct contact had been made to the Community Council by the County Council. Cllr. Jessop will liaise with the relevant officers, who form part of a Multi-Agency Group overseeing the clean-up operations.

c) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund. - Clerk to prepare item for inclusion in Peninsula Papers

d) High Speed Broadband Initiative – Members & Clerk were delivering a flyer across the Community area, prepared by Mr. Kevin Rodgers. An update from the County Council officers advised further interest had been shown, and they would be visiting properties again later in the month. Noted.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) Paul Davies AM – Surgery Dates/Locations for 2020. Noted. Also Christmas Greetings.

E-Mails for attention:-

Christmas Greeting – Clerk advised that these had been received from National Park, Skomer Marine Reserve Staff, and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

16/12/19 – Skomer MCZ – Meeting in April on the 7th. Dr. Madeleine Havard taking over from Dr. Robin Crump as Chair. Noted.

18/12/19 – OVW – Changes to planning & related application fees.

19/12/19 – PCC – Public Engagement Sessions to discuss County Council Budget.

19/12/19 – PCC (Rebecca James) - Community Works Grant – Community Council can submit bids up to £10,000 for small schemes in their areas. Noted.

19/12/19 – OVW – Pacto/Pavs – Volunteer Drivers Recruitment Campaign. This will be put in Peninsula Papers.

31/12/ 19 – Cllr. C. Jessop – Advised an electric problem had occurred at Martins Haven. Reported to property owner and electric company. Noted.

03/01/20 – OVW – Garden Parties, Buckingham Palace. Noted.

03/01/20 – OVW – Wales & VE Day. Role of Women to be highlighted. Certificate available provided by Bruno Peeke.

06/01/20 – Rachel Evans – Training for digital champions available in Carmarthen on January 21st.

09/01/20 – Cllr. C. Jessop – Planning a Community Lead Renewable Energy Project – link provided.

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 – NP/19/0678/S73 – Members reviewed the planning application papers. The applicant, Mr. Kevin Launders was allowed by the Chairman to speak on this matter. Mr. Launders advised the caravan came on site in 2005, replacing one that had been there previously. He further advised that he had received a letter from PCNPA (Mrs. Milner), dated 12/06/06. He had signed a declaration that “the caravan is not used for separate living accommodation but only for purposes ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling house.” A neighbour who was present, questioned the use of the caravan, and referred to prolonged use of machinery, and burning of material on site. After further questions and responses, the Chairman summarised the concerns raised during the discussions. Concerns have been raised by neighbours and the

Council on the use of the site. A consent condition on the earlier application NP//18/0666/FUL had requested the removal of the caravan from the site, and this had been welcomed as addressing some of the concerns about the use of the site. The present application was to overturn this condition, and brought into question the position of the caravan as ancillary to the dwelling. It was proposed by Cllr. Smithies that the Council object to this application, seconded by Cllr. Johnson. The proposition was put to the meeting and supported by a majority, with Cllrs. Richard and Kimpton abstaining. It was also agreed, that the Clerk write requesting a site meeting by the Development Committee, and that the Community Council be represented at that meeting. Clerk to prepare a draft letter for approval by the Chairman.

- b) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – Cllr. Jessop to review the two applications with regard to parking.
- c) NP/18/0749/FUL – The Clerk advised that she had received a planning consent just prior to Christmas, but did not have the consent to hand tonight. Agreed this be available at the next meeting.
- d) NP/19/0653/FUL – Pearson Farm, St. Brides – Nutrient Storage Lagoon – no response from PCNPA as yet.
- e) Permitted Deveopment & Planning Conditions – letter to write.
- f) Car Park Hut – No information from PCNPA as yet.
- g) PCC – LDP Documents – hard copy requested.
- h) PCNP – E-Mail dated 10/01/20 – Notice of Matters Arising Changes - LDP – to comment by 06/03/20 – to forward to Cllr. Jessop.

Mr. Launders withdrew from the meeting at 9.40pm.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Precept 2020/2021, Budget Review 2029/20 and Budget 2020/21.

Mrs Evans, Clerk had circulated papers prior to the meeting. Members reviewed the various budget headings and noted that some payments for this year are yet to be processed. After discussion, it was agreed that for 2020/2021 the precept requested would be £2,900 – proposed by Cllr.

Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Richards – all agreed. It was also agreed that the pay for the Clerk be increased to £750 in 2020/21. All other budget headings to remain as now, and this will include an annual payment to the ICO from this year onwards. It is recognised that no current member will claim the £150 annual allowance, so that does not need to be budgeted for, but the Council does need to keep setting money aside for possible elections.

7) Clock Tower

Striking Mechanism – Noted that Mr. Howells has the clock working, but the striking mechanism is still out of order. Cllr. Smithies had agreed with Mr. Howells that they request a visit from Smiths of Derby who had undertaken an annual maintenance visit up 2018. The Council had hoped to move to a bi-annual visit. It may be that the clock mechanism may need to be taken off site for repair.

Donation Box yet to be emptied.

8) Urgent Matters

- a) Beach Clean, Marloes Sands – Noted that a further clean is scheduled for the 1st March – parking for volunteers may need to be well planned while the Car Park work is ongoing.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting, wishing all present the compliments of the Season. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 10th February 2020 when the draft minutes of the January 2020 business meeting will be submitted for approval.