

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council
starting at 1930 on Monday 10th May 2021.

In attendance: Councillor Peter Smithies (Chairman), together with Councillors Brian Johnson, Christopher Jessop, William Richards, and Louise Beal.

Apologies – Cllr. James Kimpton.

Mrs. Yvonne Evans – Council Clerk

County Cllr. Reg Owens.

1. The minutes of the April 2021 meeting having been circulated beforehand were approved by the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr. Smithies and seconded by Cllr. Jessop.
2. Matters Arising

NT Car Park Permits – Cllr. Smithies reported on the Zoom meeting held with Kate Mellor and Rhian Sula, National Trust officers on the 27th April. Cllrs Smithies, Jessop and the Clerk attended for the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that the National Trust will accept that for this year that local residents can pay £1.50 for a motor bike ticket, and then display that ticket with their permit. A registration session has been arranged for Wednesday 19th May at Marloes. Kate Mellor, National Trust will be present with the Clerk. Cllr. Jessop agreed to act as a steward for the first hour. Track and Trace will be necessary, and social distancing and mask wearing will be required in the Hall. Posters will be displayed, and Council members were asked to pass the message on throughout the area. The Clerk will include this in the Council report in the June issue of Peninsula Papers.

Cllr. Beal drew attention to a problem identified by a friend who was visually impaired that she found the NT toilets difficult to use.

Highway Matters – Clerk has reminded Robert Evans, PCC that his fellow officer is to meet Cllr. Richards to look at the Fopston road problem. Mr. Evans had apologised, advising that staff shortages have delayed this meeting, but this would be arranged shortly.

Marloes Sands Road - Mr. Owens, Marloes Court had asked if the yellow lines could be set against the hedge when they are next renewed. Agreed that the

Clerk ask Highways if yellow hatch lines can be put inside the present lines – to avoid emergency vehicles being obstructed by vehicles parking in this area.

Mr. Cullen had advised he had written to Cllr. Owens about two problems near Slate Mill. He will advise the Clerk where the collapsed/blocked drain under the road is sited.

Speed Warning Sign – Information on the installation awaited.

PCC Seminars – Cllr. Smithies is planning to attend the next Zoom Seminar on the 12th May.

Signage - New “No Overnight Camping” signs provided at St. Brides, but regrettably some had been removed. One vehicle has been booked recently. PCC and PCNPA are using new posters to advise Camper Vans to use official camping sites.

Skomer Island visits – Skomer Island had re-opened on the 27th April as planned. On-line booking system in use.

Emergency Phones – Clerk had obtained the up to date details of the PCC staff who should be advised if the phones were not working – both the phones at the Marloes Sands car park and at Martins Haven will be checked on Monday.

Separately, she had been advised by Mark Burton that PCC staff are undertaking a survey of all the phones in Pembrokeshire, and she had sent the link to Cllr. Owens, to ask if he can find out why the relevant Community Councils had not been contacted.

3. Community Issues

COVID 19 – Further relaxation of the regulation have taken place, and more is planned after the 15th May. Hospitality businesses have been able to serve food/drink outdoors from the 26th April, and indoors later in May if they have room. Cases in Pembrokeshire have dropped to a low level, as elsewhere in Wales.

National Trust issues – see agenda item above. Various problems with ticket machines had been referred to Kate Mellor, National Trust.

Bus Services 2021 – Cllr. Johnson provided the Council with details of the various bus services (315 & 400) over the coming months. He drew

particular attention to the Saturday service to be provided in the Summer as finance had been sourced to cover this service, as there had been complaints when it was withdrawn two years ago. Cllr. Owens advised that PCC Transport will provide timetables in due course. Masks will need to be worn, and exact numbers on the buses to be advised.

4. Correspondence

Clerks & Council Direct - May 2021 – Issue 135 received.

The following e-mails were received by the Council:-

- 15/04/21 – OVW – NRW consulting on the Western Wales River Basin Management Plans – Cllr. Jessop had consulted Sue Burton and Blaise Bullimore for advice on any impacts on this area.
- 19/04/21 – PCNPA – Force for Nature Grants (Park Trust). Grants of up to £500 available – to apply by the 16th May 2021.
- 20/04/21 – Cllr. Jessop reported that there was a new tenancy at The Lobster Pot, starting Monday 24th April.
- 22/04/21 – OVW - Welsh Govt. Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan. This had been sent out on the 19th February, but somehow overlooked. Cllr. Jessop circulated a draft response which was approved for submission.
- 26/04/21 – Cllr. Jessop advised by Mr. Blaise Bullimore that Mr. Phil Newman of the Skomer Marine Conservation Zone was retiring in the Autumn. It was not clear if he would be replaced by NRW, to maintain a team of 4 at the Martins Haven office. A letter was drafted and submitted by the Clerk to Claire Pillman, NRW with the approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Response received on the 7th May.
- 27/04/21 – Cllr. Jessop had been passed a useful list of people to contact in the event of wildlife and other coastal emergencies. A copy had been passed to the Clerk for reference.
- 27/04/21 – Cllr. Owens had sent an e-mail advising that the Waste & Recycling Centre Booking system was to continue – passed to Mrs. Royle to include in the June Newsletter, and to put on the Marloes website.

28/04/21 – Cllr. Owens had passed on a Rave Alert ahead of the May Bank holidays. Also forwarded details of the Beach Dog restrictions for the Summer. Also details of the signage prepared to discourage overnight parking except in authorised sites.

28/04/21 – Dan Shaw PCC – Next Seminar on the 12th May.

29/04/21 – Phil Newman, SMCZ – Meeting of the Advisory Committee to be held by Zoom on the 26th May. Minutes & Agenda to be sent separately.

29/04/21 – OVW – Advice from Dyfed Powys Police about the use of Passwords – circulated to members. Also 27/04 – Telephone Scams.

29/04/21 – Cllr. C Jessop - Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – Figure for 2021/22 is £14,589. Noted that this was not notified directly to the Community Council.

04/05/21 – OVW – Pembs Area Committee – 18/05/21, 7 pm.

06/05/21 – OVW – Webinair on 19th May – Community Planning & Resilience. Noted.

Other e-mails received were noted separately by the Clerk – no action required.

5. Planning

- a) NP/21/0177/FUL – 7, Green Meadow Close – Ms. R. Scott and Mr. J. Arden had e-mailed thanking the Council for allowing them to participate in the discussion last month. Noted.
- b) NP/19/0678/S73 – Section 73A application – Ty Gwyn, Marloes – The Council noted that this has been refused by PCNP - dated 15th April 2021.
- c) NP/20/0481/CLE – Applications for Certificate of Lawful Development – Ty Gwyn, Marloes – The Council noted that after detailed consideration (10 pages) this application was refused by PCNP – dated 15/04/21
- d) NP/20/0599/FUL – Annexe at Orlandon House. An amendment to this application had been received. This had been circulated to all members, and then a reply had been sent, authorised by the Chairman & Vice Chairman.
- e) NP/21//0123/FUL – Seascape -PCNP have notified on the Weekly List of Determined Applications dated the 19th April that this application has been

approved. The Clerk asked Cllr. Owens if decision this will be reported to the Community Council in due course?

- f) NP/21/0223/FUL - Retrospective Application for a new gateway, C3102 Martins Haven Road – Musselwick Farm. The Council recognized that the present agricultural use of this field has meant that direct access from the nearby road is necessary to harvest the crops without having to cross another field. It is possible, that the Council may have suggested a gateway at another location to this field if consulted in advance, but it was agreed that they now do not wish to see another section of hedgerow removed by registering an objection. This application regularised the action taken some months ago. Noted that there had been confusion over the status of the highway that affected whether Permitted Development Rights was applicable in this instance.
- g) Shearwater – NP/20/0081/FUL – Noted that PCNP had authorised that Discharge of Condition 5 had been given.
- h) Permitted Development Rights – Agreed that better planning advice needs to be provided with respect to these Rights.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Council Insurance – BHIB. Cllr. Richards had reviewed the documents provided, and Mr. Mark Burton had been consulted with respect to the Play Area/Recreation Field. The meeting agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Beal that the premium of £525.01 is paid, with the Clerk checking first if specific cover is included for the War Memorial situated in St. Peter's Churchyard.
- b) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund – Cllr. Jessop advised that just over £14,000 was allocated for use in this Community area for 2021/22. A review of the Scheme is underway, and the Council was urged to use their allocation this year, as the procedure may change in future. Cllr. Jessop was proposing as a possible Scheme, a Pavilion in the Recreation Area with Solar panels on the roof linked to the Clock Tower electric supply. He had drafted a proposal to be circulated to Councillors, and then out to the wider Community if support was given by members. Access from the Clock Tower land or the adjacent pavement to provide for people with

disabilities. The proposed size would not require planning approval. Members were agreed in principle to this Scheme being further considered. Other schemes could come forward from other organisations in the area. Cllr. Jessop envisaged that there would be in-kind contributions to offset what financial support may have to be provided locally. Application to be submitted in September 2021.

- c) Audit 2020/2021 – The Council agreed that Ms. Fussell undertake the Internal Audit. The Clerk will bring Ms. Fussell's report to the June meeting, and to also seek approval of the Annual Return.
- d) Precept - 1st Precept payment by BACS received - £1,034.00p.
- e) Lloyds Bank – Balance on 29/04/21 was £4,901.96p. Noted.

7. Clock Tower

British Gas Electric Supply – See details above of a possible project to enable the solar gain from the Pavilion to help offset the maintenance costs of the Clock Tower.

Night Silencing/Clock House – Council's letter acknowledged. Noted that the business is for sale.

8. Urgent Matters

- a) Fold Field Gates – Cllr. Johnson reported the further metal style gate needs a repair. Cllr. Jessop will take a photograph to advise PCNP. The Clerk advised that she had spoke to Mr. & Mrs. Rees recently with regard to the wooden kissing gate. National Park has been asked about this gate, as this is a link path to the coastal path.
- b) Glebe Lane - Cllr. Beal advised that the growth overhanging the pavement opposite the Town Meadow Estate has been cleared recently. However there is a crack in the pavement surface which she will photograph for the Clerk to advise PCC Highways.
- c) Affordable Housing – Cllr. Jessop raised this issue, and Cllr. Owens confirmed that PCNP are underperforming with their targets. PCC are building homes in various parts of their area. Agreed that the Clerk seek

information from the County Council with regard to Waiting Lists. Topic to be an agenda item at a future meeting.

- d) Moss Cottage – Clerk confirmed that she has contacted Cllr. Owens & the relevant PCC officer a few months ago. The immediate neighbour is also considering what action he can take as the adjoining property is causing a nuisance.
- e) Parking -Gaylane Terrace – Noted that at times there is pressure on the available spaces alongside the main road.

The Chairman closed the meeting, advising that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th June 2021, when the draft minutes of this meeting will be submitted for approval. It is likely that this meeting will be held in the Village Hall with regulations as previously.