

Minutes of the meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council held at Marloes Village Hall, starting at 1930 on Monday 9th August 2021.

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

Mrs. Yvonne Evans – Council Clerk.

Apologies – Cllr. William Richards & County Cllr. Reg Owens

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

Highway Matters

Fopston site visit is still to be arranged.

Marloes Sands Road - Confirmed that the yellow lines are in place, the hatch lines were not done.

Slate Mill Issues – No information on whether the collapsed drain under the road near Slate Mill has been “investigated”.

Speed Warning Sign – Speed Sign not yet in place.

Hedge Cutting – Noted that the road to Marloes was not cut until the 21st July and not much earlier to Dale. Visibility was much reduced. C3102 - Marker posts have now been placed where the vehicle overhung the stream, and some work on the road edge. Mr. Llewelyn, PCC has now accepted that he did receive an e-mail from a fellow officer of the County Council in 2016 telling him that the Glebe Lane hedge almost opposite Town Meadow is a County Council hedge. The hedge has been overhanging the pavement with brambles sticking out – photos sent.

Mullock Bridge Junction – Cllr. Owen to be asked if any progress has been made on this problem.

Tavernputt Junction – The sign to Talbenny & Little Haven has been removed, but not reinstated to date. – Cllr Owens to report.

Highway Inspector – Cllr. Smithies advised he had met the PCC officer checking on outstanding work. He had reminded him of various matters – see above, and also included the pot hole by the Village Hall , and some of the remaining road edge problems in the area. He again queried unnecessary resurfacing of the Little Marloes lane. Clerk to allow a few weeks to see how much has been undertaken before e-mailing again.

Hedge – Recreation Area. Both Cllr. Johnson & the Clerk reported problems with people (including visitors) climbing over the hedge from the Glebe Lane rather than walking round to the gate. Agreed, after discussion, that in consultation with Mark Burton remedial work will be undertaken by Councillors to re-inforce the hedge height and protect the newly planted trees. An extra gate on the other side of the toilet will not be pursued at present.

Parking Problems – Noted that a camper-van had parked alongside the pavement by the Church Green for five days recently, visitors catching the bus to St. David's to walk back along the coastal path. Agreed this should be discouraged. The Clerk has asked the local police for advice on the status of an unattended vehicle. At times also, there are parking pressures by Marloes Chapel as overspill parking from elsewhere in the village park here, as well as visitors catching the Puffin Bus or walking in the area. The two Coastal buses also exchange passengers at this location. Agreed that yellow or hatch lines would be undesirable, but the problem needs monitoring, as this is a junction with the main road.

Other Matters Arising

Emergency Phones – Found to be out of order again, and reported to PCC, Myrddin Dennis (07770 574242), who will let the Clerk know when it is repaired by BT.

Bus Timetables – Cllr. Beal advised that the timetable in the Bus Shelter needed updating as some visitors did not know about the Saturday service. Clerk to advise the County Council.

Village Green – The Clerk apologised that she was yet to send letters to the individual properties near the Green – ink cartridges had not been available. Agreed that she stress the role of the Community Council as custodians. Clerk to

investigate who had put cement or similar in the potholes on what is used as the vehicle access path.

St. Brides – Request for a Dog litter bin - Clerk had e-mailed Vicky Sewell, PCNP Ranger today on this matter raised by Cllr. Richards.

3. Community Issues

COVID 19 – On August 7th the Welsh Govt lifted many of the restrictions. Mask wearing is still required in the village shop and in care situations. No track and trace required for this meeting – to wear masks until seated. Noted that there are two known cases of Covid at present in the village.

Solar Pavilion Grant Project – Cllr. Jessop advised that the public consultation had taken place on the 26th July. No formal objections had been received, and he proposed that the Council proceed to the next stage of submitting an Expression of Interest. Cllr. Smithies noted there had been negative vibes about the proposed use of the Recreation Area. He also expressed concern about the position of the Pavilion in close proximity to the nearby goalpost. Cllr. Jessop thought that there was some flexibility in siting to be further explored. The Clerk advised that 10 members of the public had attended the site meeting, with four Councillors and herself also present. Questions/Observations had been raised with regard to the proposed use of the Recreation Area; the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund; Clock Tower Finances; siting of the pavilion and the new Gate; and use and possible misuse of the Solar Pavilion. Mr. Malcolm Cullen had sent an e-mail with further questions/observations since the meeting – a response will be sent. After discussion, the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Smithies and agreed by the Council. Cllr. Jessop will speak to Mr. Burton to decide whether the Council make the application or the Play Area Committee. The Clerk noted that a lot of additional material would need to be prepared, to be sent with the final application.

Marloes Village - Main Road. The Council had been advised by Mr. Greenwood that the provision of the sign could not qualify for grant funding until it had been officially approved by the County Council. Agreed that the Clerk contact the relevant officer to check the procedure.

Village Green – See item above.

Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Bruno Peake had sent out the third update for the planning of the Platinum Jubilee.

National Trust Matters – The Clerk read out a recent e-mail from Kate Mellor. Noted, that following complaints from the two people who regularly deliver mail about the exit towards Murchin being obstructed, stones have been put along the verges. Ms. Mellor had confirmed that Mike Bates is retiring after 11 years. She also confirmed that they still have problems with people using the area behind the new Hut as a toilet. Signage to be discussed in October, and she would welcome Community Council members to be present. Members agreed to this suggestion, except that WC signage needs improving immediately, and the Clerk is to ask if more general matters could also be included.

4. Correspondence

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

13/07/21 – OVW – Listed papers from the Pembs. Area Committee meeting held recently.

16/07/21 – PCC - Closing date for Consultations. Noted that because of time pressures no response had been made to the Affordable Housing & Empty Homes Consultation, or to the one on the Waste Disposal sites.

16/07/21 – Welsh Govt. consultation on the proposed introduction of a default 20mph in village etc. It was agreed that this should be supported for Marloes Village as it would mean the 20mph covered the whole road with street lights.

18/07/21 – Dave Astins – Dale Half Marathon and 10k Run will be held on September 26th starting at 9am. Noted.

21/07/21 – Paul Davies, MS – General & Coronavirus update.

26/07/21 & 05/08/21 – St. Brides Water Quality Results – Excellent.

29/07/21 – PCC (Dan Shaw) – Clerk's Qualifications. Clerk has responded.

29/07/21 – OVW – Electoral Reform Newsletter July 2021.

30/07/21 – BHIB – Guides & Resources available.

30/07/21 – IRPW – Draft Consultations – Clerk to check details.

30/07/21 – OVW – Alun Harries had responded to Clerk’s query with regard to Clerk’s Qualifications relating to an “Eligible” Council to exercise the “General Power of Competence”. Further information is required to decide what this Council would expect of a new Clerk in time to come. See e-mail received on the 28th June from Welsh Govt.

04/08/21 – Dyfed-Powys Police – PCSO Leanne Nicholls on maternity leave. Clerk has contacted the Milford Haven Team to see who she can ask for advice, with regard to unattended car parking, and also advice planning reference the Bank Holiday.

04/08/21 – OVW – Ramblers Press Release – Communities to make contact “to improve local paths & nature”. Passed to Cllr. Jessop.

05/08/21 – OVW/Welsh Govt. - Welsh Public Sector – Net Zero Road Map – Reporting Guide timetable. Passed to Cllr. Jessop to consider.

05/08/2021 – OVW – L.G.Partnerships@gov.wales – passed to Cllr. Smithies. To consider Access to Meetings by Public & Councillors.

08/08/21 – CHC – Community Health Councils – Newsletter etc. Passed to Rosemary Royle for Community Newsletter.

Other e-mails received were noted separately by the Clerk.

5. Planning

- a) NP/21/0177/FUL – 7, Green Meadow Close – Revised proposal, Site Plan & proposed side elevation drawing. Cllr. Jessop to check the date of the September meeting, as he will represent the Community Council when the application is discussed.
- b) NP/21/0342/FUL – Demolish & Replace Asbestos Outbuilding, Gibbys, Marloes – planning consent issued on the 29th July – very specific conditions included on the use of the replacement building.
- c) NP/21/0357/FUL – Musselwick Gate Cottage, Marloes – Replacement of Conservatory, and remodelling of Garage with External Landscaping. Application to be determined. Claire Deacon (Agent) had contacted the Clerk about the application, and had been sent a copy of the Community Council’s letter.

- d) NP/21/0149/FUL – Camping Site at Speedlands, Dale – No planning permission details received as yet.
- e) Weekly Planning Application lists and Determination lists received regularly by the Clerk, and checked for properties in this area.
- f) Consultation/Seminar, 15/07/21 on “The Future of the National Park”. Cllr. Jessop advised that he had attended the on-line Seminar, and had raised the subject of Solar PV panels. He had been told that it is for the Welsh Govt. to indicate their provision as being required as a planning requirement. No response had been made to the PCNP consultation.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Audit 2020/2021 – Notice for electors has been displayed, and put on the website.
- b) Information Commissioner’s Office – Data Protection Act. - On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Beal the meeting approved the required payment for £40 - due by the 11th September 2021.
- c) Lloyds Bank – Treasurer’s Account – 28/06/21 – Closing Balance of £4,270.95p. Noted.
- d) British Gas – Estimated reading. Cllr. Smithies to check meter reading. Account is now British Gas Evolve. Noted that the Standing Charge is set at 23.693p per day.

7. Clock Tower – Clerk has spoken to Mr. David Howells. He had confirmed that the striking mechanism is not working properly, and at present it is not striking at all. Cllr. Smithies will contact Smiths of Derby to arrange a visit.

8. Urgent Matters

- a) Cliff Top Wedding Marquee, Musselwick Sands Clerk reminded the Council that there was no any other business. Members agreed that the Clerk check on any planning, licence or environmental health matters that may govern the commercial use of Marquees for wedding receptions, including the issue of location. This information can then be presented to the next meeting as an agenda item.

The Chairman closed the meeting, advising that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th September 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 revised regulations in force.