

sMinutes of the meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council held at Marloes Village Hall, starting at 1930 on Monday 13th September 2021.

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

Mrs. Yvonne Evans – Council Clerk.

County Cllr. Reg Owens.

Community Resident - Mrs. H. Champley, Mr. M. Cullen, Mr. K. Krelle & Mr. D. Davies

Visitors – P. & C. Herman

Apologies – Cllrs L. Beal and J. Kimpton

- 1) Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Richards – Planning Application at 7 Green Meadow Close, Marloes
- 2) The minutes of the August 2021 meeting having been circulated beforehand were approved by the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop and seconded by Cllr. Johnson.
- 3) Matters Arising

Highway Matters

Fopston Road, St. Brides – Some work undertaken, but drain still to be sorted.

Marloes Sands Road - The Council noted that unexpectedly the County Council tarmacked this road in August as well as doing the Little Marloes road. This caused traffic problems at a very busy period, and meant that some yellow lines were painted over for a week. The Community Council and the National Trust contacted Highways frequently to get the re-lining done as soon as possible. Mr. Gavin Pritchard, PCC responded positively to requests. PCNPA officers responded to requests for signage to discourage parking opposite the Sandy Lane, and Cllr. Jessop found a permanent sign used elsewhere that could be suitable if approved by PCC.

Slate Mill Issues – Clerk to check whether the collapsed drain under the road near Slate Mill has been “investigated”.

Speed Warning Sign – Speed Sign in place but facing up the village. Firm will return after 6 weeks to turn it around and advise the Council on accessing the data for analysis.

Mullock Bridge Junction – Cllr. Owen advised no meeting has been arranged as yet.

Tavernputt Junction – The sign still to be reinstated.

Highway Inspector – Pot Hole by the Village Hall filled in again. Cllr. Smithies advised that he understood a flooding problem on the Philbeach road will be dealt with later in the autumn.

Hedge – Recreation Area. Noted that remedial work is still to be undertaken by Councillors to re-inforce the hedge height and protect the newly planted trees.

Parking Problems – See below.

Other Matters Arising

Emergency Phones – Clerk to check with [Myrddin Dennis\(PCC \)](#) if the phone has been repaired by BT.

Bus Timetables – Clerk had spoken to the County Council who advised they did not have the capacity to update timetables. Clerk put up a temporary notice, and advised local businesses of the main changes.

Village Green – Letters sent out mid August.

St. Brides – Vicky Sewell, PCNP Ranger had advised that they could not help with the request for a dog litter bin near the Beach access.

Platinum Jubilee – Further update received. Marloes Beacon is included on the List.

Dale Half Marathon – Reminder received. Community Council is asked if they would agree that a donation of £300 should be given to MADPADS, or did they have another recipient to suggest. Members agreed that the proposal for MADPADS was acceptable.

St. Brides Water Quality – Testing has finished for the Season – all excellent. Summary report to be received from PCC.

Police Contact – PCSO Adam Thomas has replaced Leanne Nicholls as the main contact.

Wedding Reception – Outdoor Venue - Clerk advised that she had yet to follow this up with PCC Licensing and Environmental Health, and will report next month.

3. Community Issues

COVID 19 – The meeting noted that Wales regulations were at Level Zero, but that cases in Pembrokeshire and throughout Wales were at high levels, with hospital admissions and deaths increasing. Wearing of masks was compulsory in retail outlets, and in care provision. Each organisation has to undertake risk assessments, and to then regulate as necessary.

Solar Pavilion Grant Project – The Clerk advised that since the last meeting two objections had been received by e-mail from Mr. Malcolm Cullen, and from Mrs. Hazel Champley. Cllr. Owens had sent an e-mail on behalf of a Community resident, Mr. Derek Davies, with regard to conditions on the sale of the land to the Council. Mrs. Evans advised she had looked out the relevant papers and read out to the meeting that the seller was Mr. Arthur Davies, now deceased and there were no conditions attached as to how the land was to be used. Cllr. Jessop had spoken to PCC who had advised the project would be suitable to proceed to the next stage of submitting an Expression of Interest, and after speaking to Mr. Burton it will be the Community Council who will submit the document. No planning consent is required. Pedestrian access is designed to take adults with children off the road where the pavement ends.

Cllr. Owens advised his concerns over safeguarding if adults were encouraged to enter the Play area to use a charging point for example. Cllr. Smithies reminded the meeting that the public toilets were very close to the actual play area. The Clerk advised that the “Tuesday Group” had been using the area in recent weeks – mainly adults.

Cllr. Smithies, Chairman summarised the main points to date. No other projects had been identified to utilise the grant money allocated to the Community area. Other groups could apply with a project. Cllr. Richards expressed disappointment that only recently have issues been

identified. The Chairman allowed questions from the floor, and agreed that Mr. & Mrs. Herman could speak on behalf of Mrs. Champley, who owns a nearby property. Questions were raised in respect of lighting and noise. Cllr. Jessop advised that no permanent lighting was intended. A few teenagers presently gather by the swings and also the Bus Shelter, and the latter would offer more protection than the proposed Solar Pavilion. The proposed site was an equal distant from 5 properties and there was a hedge in-between the Recreation Area and Mrs. Champley's property. Mr. Krelle asked about a risk assessment in relation to the goal posts. The Clerk advised that Mr. Burton had confirmed to her that the goal posts can be moved, and that he is considering purchasing new ones which could then be re-sited. Mr. Krelle agreed with the provision of a better access. Mr. Cullen questioned the information on the Clock Tower received at the site meeting. He thought sound-proofing the Village Hall could be a project. The Clerk advised that at present the Council budgets for £750 each year from the precept for annual maintenance/insurance, and to put aside funds for a painting contract at 10 year intervals. The Hall Committee can consider a further grant application. Mr. Davies raised issues concerned with publication of council minutes, status of the land and the drainage through the site. The latter would be a County Council matter.

The meeting was reminded that the next application date was the 22nd November. Noted that the Clock Tower needed to be on-grid to negotiate the best deal on the supply of electricity. Mr. Herman suggested that there could be a limit on the number of special occasions allowed, if the proposal went ahead. Cllr. Smithies advised they would note this suggestion.

(8.30pm - Community residents and visitors withdrew from the meeting.)

Marloes Village - Main Road sign. The Clerk yet to contact the relevant PCC officer to check the procedure.

Village Green/Parking issues - Police have advised that unless a vehicle is causing an obstruction, an offence is not committed. Parking pressures by Marloes Chapel have continued. A local resident had asked the Clerk why parking on the Village Green could not be allowed. The Clerk asked if the Council should consider asking PCC if the two Coastal buses could be asked to change the location for exchanging passengers, as this means some

vehicles park there for people to catch the bus. The Chairman to visit one household which is still seen to be allowing parking on the Green. Also noted that one vehicle has been parking by the village toilets, with the occupant sleeping in the vehicle overnight on several occasions – this has been reported to the police. Cllr. Johnson reminded the meeting that parking is within the road junction area – should double yellow lines be used? Agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

National Trust Matters – Noted that signage and other matters are to be discussed in October. Cllr. Smithies and Jessop to attend on behalf of the Community Council.

4. Correspondence

Advert – Lite Limited. Brochures noted.

Clerk's & Councils Direct – September 2021, Issue 137 received.

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

13/08/21 – Age Cymru – Now based in Market St. Haverfordwest.

17/08/21 OVW – Guidance re 2016 Model Code of Conduct circulated.

19/08/21 – Linda Thomas, Secretary of St. Ishmaels Play-park and Jubilee Garden requesting a letter of support for an Enhancing Pembs. application as children from this Community use the area. Members agreed that a letter is sent. Cllr. Owen advised that the Coastlands School Trim Trail project may affect this application.

20/08/21 – Cllr. Jessop – Advised the Clerk that the Street light at the top of the village had been removed without any reference to the Community Council. Clerk to write to Mr. Mel Stephens, PCC.

25/08/21 – PCC (Sue Lewis) – Active Travel Consultation Phase 2 – Response requested from the Community Council.

27/08/21 – PCC (Nicky Edwards) – Personal Assistant recruitment – Posters displayed locally – shortage affecting Care in the Community.

31/08/21 – NRW – Our Living Trails Newsletter – forwarded to Cllr. Jessop for information.

01/09/21 – Rachel Evans – PAVS – Advert for Community Hub Manager – to be funded for 12 months from the Enhancing Pembs Fund - £31,000.

03/09/21 - Foxdale – Gwyn & Julie Watts reported smells from Sewage Plant.

06/09/21 – PCC (Dan Shaw) – Community Clerk seminar – 09/09/21 – Mrs. Evans reported on this on-line meeting. Attended by more PCC officers than Clerks. Discussed the training required for those Clerks whose Councils wish to apply for the “General Power of Competence”. The basic training would cost £350 (£100 Bursary available), and could be done in 3-12 months approximately depending on what experience the Clerk has to date. Sue Davies (PCC employee, a Clerk, & also works for the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) is mentoring 28 Clerks at present. Councils are also required to satisfy an election requirement, and also not to have a qualified Audit. Sue Davies advised that at a recent training session with Wales Audit, they were told that a Council using AOB or similar will be given a qualified audit. There was a general feeling by some Clerks present that more training was needed for Councillors.

Dan Shaw & Cllr. Phil Baker confirmed that PCC has decided that councils no longer need to hold funds ahead of an election, and that they will be charged after the election with up to three years to pay. At present Town & Community Councils are holding funds they may not need.

Further Clerk’s Seminars to be held on other topics. Report noted.

07/09/21 – PCC (Dan Shaw) – Seminar on 16/09/21.

08/09/21 – Boundary Commission - Changes to Parliamentary Constituencies - includes changes proposed in Pembrokeshire.

10/09/21 – PCC – County Council boundary changes & Welsh Names.

12/09/21 – CHC Office - “Every mind Matters” - to include this in October Peninsula Papers.

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

5. Planning – (This agenda item was taken ahead of Item 4 as Cllr. Owen had advised he may have to leave early.)

- a) NP/21/0177/FUL – 7, Green Meadow Close – Revised proposal, Site Plan & proposed side elevation drawing. Cllr. Jessop had attended the PCNPA meeting on the 8th September, and reported that the application had been approved by the meeting. He had spoken against the proposal as had County Cllr. Owens to no avail. Members were astonished at this decision, as has neighbours on the site. The applicant will require consent from the neighbour to access her property to undertake the building work. Cllr. Smithies questioned if the Park Authority were fit for purpose and that this had created a “cauldron of upset” in the Close. He questioned if the assessments made by officers were of a good standard. Cllr. Owens noted their concerns, and he had felt a site meeting before a decision would have been helpful. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter outlining their feelings to the Chief Officer, PCNPA, Mr. T. Jones; the Monitoring Officer – Michael Kent, and also to Cllr. Paul Harries.
- b) NP/21/0357/FUL – Musselwick Gate Cottage, Marloes – Replacement of Conservatory, and remodelling of Garage with External Landscaping. Planning consent issued subject to conditions. Noted.
- c) NP/21/0149/FUL – Camping Site at Speedlands, Dale – Again approved by the PCNPA meeting against the recommendation of officers – Determination details to be received.
- d) Weekly Planning Application lists and Determination lists received regularly by the Clerk, and checked for properties in this area.
- e) Ty Gwyn – Notification of Appeal by the Applicant was received from PCNP after the Community Council agenda was published. Agreed that an extra meeting is held this month to discuss what further response should be made – Tuesday 28th September, 7.30pm.

(Cllr. Smithies left the meeting temporarily and Cllr. Jessop took over as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.)

6. Financial Matters

- a) Councillor's £150 Yearly Allowance - All present advised they would not be claiming this year – proposed Cllr. Ricahrds, seconded by Cllr. Johnson. Clerk to circulate a letter to all councillors to receive written confirmation prior to submitting the Nil Return at the end of September.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Treasurer's Account – – Closing Balance of £3,578.96 on the 28th July. Noted.
- c) Precept – Advised that the 2nd precept of £1,033.00 has been received.

7. Clock Tower – British Gas Evolve have advised that they are increasing their charges. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk accept a one -year deal of the Standing Charge at 24.867 per day, and the Unit Rate per KWH at 21.18p. It may then be possible to seek a better deal if the solar panels are in place.

8. Urgent Matters

See discussion above. Members noted that in future there will be no Any Other Business or Urgent Business on the agenda. Clerk to seek advice as to the procedure if a genuine emergency occurred after the Council's agenda had been published.

The Chairman closed the meeting, advising that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 28th September 2021 – see above. The October Business meeting will be held on Monday 11th October 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 Covid regulations in force at that time.