

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 8th September 2014 at Moriah Chapel, Marloes

Present:- Cllr. L. Beal (Chairman), together with Cllrs. C. Jessop, S. Burnett, P. Smithies, W. Richards and S. Twidale

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- Mr. & Mrs. N. Cawley, J. Aldred, M. Cullen, Mr. & Mrs. B. Johnson, R. Morgan, J. Smith and D. Griffiths - Community Residents

Apologies were received from County Cllr. R. Owens

The Chairman, Cllr. Louise Beal welcomed PCSO Leanne Nicholls and Lyndon Brown to the meeting to discuss recent incidents of vandalism and disturbance. An apology from Sergeant Vaughan was noted. The officers were asked to explain what action was being taken by Dyfed Powys police to curtail the incidents of vandalism and disturbance that had occurred in recent weeks. Members of the public present, as well as Council members detailed examples of the various incidents. Noted that two windows of the Clock Tower, a listed building had been damaged. The Clerk advised that the expense of the repair will have to be borne by the Council, as the excess for an insurance claim is set at £250. The police officers confirmed that an individual will be interviewed in connection with this incident – CMR/S92/21/08/2014/03/C. They also confirmed that various household had been visited and both the County Council and Pembrokeshire Housing had issued warning letters advising that tenancies could be jeopardised in the future. After a long discussion it was agreed that such behaviour was out of place in this community, and all residents should be able to live peacefully without the fear of future incidents occurring. The Officers repeated earlier advice that all incidents should be reported via the 101 service, but if criminal damage was occurring, or a threat to an individual(s) then calls should be made using 999.

During the discussions the following points were referred to:-

- The limited availability of police officers working out of Milford Haven, and the number of incidents to be dealt with in the divisional area. The PCSO officers have no powers to interview or arrest. However WPC/PC officers have visited homes to outline problems to parents. There will be a more formal interview shortly.
- Difficulties with the 101 service which was highlighted by the Clerk and Community residents.
- Difficulties of assessing whether an incident warranted a 999 call rather than a 101.

- The use of photography, and or CCTV to help identify individuals involved.
- Incidents have spread over two years, but more intense recently. Elderly residents are feeling vulnerable. Other residents do not wish to speak out in case of attracting abusive language, or their homes being targeted. The Recreation Area has been the focus for some of the bad behaviour
- Police advised that all incidents are being recorded on the ASBIS system so that a profile of linked incidents can be assessed by police officers who will then arrange follow up interviews.
- Feeling locally that this area does not warrant attention as “the police have more important incidents to deal with”.
- Concern that Social Services needs to be involved as some incidents are happening very late in the evening, into the early hours. Is there a child protection/safeguarding issue, if parents are not aware where the children are at that time of night. The officers advised that these incidents can be referred to the Police Public Protection Unit.
- Local children are involved, as well as individual(s) new to the area. Felt there is some intimidation of younger children locally.
- Noted that damage to a vehicle had occurred, and the police will see the owner shortly. Also the Inspector at Milford will make contact with a local complainant to discuss ongoing concerns.
- General feeling that the community is not getting a reaction from the police that is expected. There is also a lack of respect for officers.

Agreed that the Clerk write letters to the relevant authorities. The Community wishes to see these incidents ended as soon as possible. Report to be included in Peninsula Papers. Residents to be reminded to report incidents as they occur. The officers were thanked for attending, and they then withdrew, promising to take the strong feelings of the meeting back to the Inspector at Milford Haven.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the July meeting having been circulated to members were approved and then signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett. The minutes of the August meeting having been circulated to members, were approved and then signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – See discussion above.
 - b) County Council – Highways.
Clock Tower Footpath – Clerk advised that she believed the contractor to be Treeworks, Tiers Cross. Cllr. Twidale advised that she thought the tree in the

Clock Tower lane had already been removed except for a stump. Members to check the Lane.

Public Convenience Sign requested – Clerk to e-mail the request to Ben Blake, also to ask about the Parking Order. Also the sign for Castle Rag.

Speed Survey- Meeting confirmed that the figures can be passed to Sash Tusa.

Glebe Lane Lay By – See planning item below.

Parking on Tower View pavement – No report from Cllr. Owens as yet.

Winterton Junction - Clerk reported that Cllr. Owens had e-mailed earlier to advise that the County Council were not prepared to utilise traffic control on the Winterton road as it may cause more problems. Cllr. Smithies advised that it is hoped that the work may only take a week to complete. Mr. Johnson confirmed that the bus company, Edwards Bros. had received notification that the closure will start on the 28th September.

c) Recreation Area – see police matters above.

d) Clock Tower Donations Box - Box to be put in place ready for next year.

Clerk was advised that the mark on one Clock Face is not recent. Clerk had seen Mr. David Howells earlier this evening. He had glass suitable to repair the broken windows. He advised that the painting contract and the glazing would cost in the region of £700. He also felt the door was deteriorating, and should be replaced or refurbished, and this would be extra. Members agreed to wait the written quotation, and noted that Mr. Howells would not wish to supply his scaffolding for another person to use.

e) Skomer – Letters of thanks to be sent to all parties involved.

f) White Marker stones – Work completed.

g) Bus Services – The Clerk explained to the meeting the information received from the County Council. The meeting were advised that the bus drivers are aware that the schedule is too tight to allow for sufficient time to meet set times. Information is recorded by the Bus Company to meet legal requirements and this is passed onto the County Council. The service is not meant to connect to train services. Clerk advised that without complaints from the public, the County Council do not acknowledge there is a problem. Clerk to follow up with Mr. Owen.

h) Wildlife Trust – see discussion below under PO/Shop. E-mails had been received from PCNPA staff advising on the present retail position of Lockley Lodge. There had been a series of temporary consents, and then in 2005 – NP/05/208 referred to “continued use as retail and information centre”. Applications were later submitted, and subsequently approved for the new building. The informal view of the officer is “I would advise that the historical and current use of the building is as a visitor information centre with retail use.”

3. Community Issues

a) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office.

Mrs. Janet Smith expressed concern about the report in the September issue of Peninsula Papers about the proposed setting up of a community shop. There was further discussion on this matter, with statements from Mrs. Smith, community residents and Council members. It was noted that three expressions of interest had been made with regard to the existing dwelling, two of which were also interested in running a shop. The Council restated its position that they still wished to secure a permanent Post Office in the community, so no mobile van service had been requested. Clerk advised that Non Williams has left the Post Office, and that she has details of the new contact. It had been intended that this was one matter that could be discussed at a Community meeting. Clerk reminded those present on how such a meeting would be run.

The Council confirmed that in seeking further information, and in planning for a community meeting there was no intention to set up a rival business to the existing village shop which is still trading. They acknowledged the request from Mrs. Smith that the Village Shop needed the support of the community to maintain this business. Council members advised that the continuance of a shop in the village was a community issue, and every effort had to be made to achieve this. Mrs. Smith agreed to advise the Council if and when the building is sold, and if the buyer will continue the shop.

Cllr. Burnett advised she had attended the Community Forum Network meeting at Saundersfoot today. This was primarily about the future provision of services. She would write up her notes and report to the next meeting.

b) Rubbish Collection – No problems identified. Noted that there had been considerable amounts of rubbish outside Slate Mill Lodge, St. Brides this summer.

c) Village Action Plan – Village Hall. Cllr. Twidale advised that the new roof is in place, and the lead flashing completed. The electrician had been in the Hall today. It is still planned to have the work finished by Christmas.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

18/08/14 – PCNPA Park Ranger, Hayley Barrett had advised that Frankies Lane will be strimmed out, and overhanging trees attended to shortly.

18/08/14 – PCNPA had extended general invite for members to attend their stand at the County Show in August.

19.08/14 – A Sense of Energy Exhibition in Cardiff on 02/10/14 noted.

- 19/08/14 – Website. Noted that after reference to other members, Cllr. Jessop had asked National Park if two signs could be provided inscribed with the website name.
- 19/08/14 – PCC – Budget Consultation – Attendance invited for members either on the 14th or 23rd October.
- 19/08/14 – One Voice Wales(OVW) – Stakeholder Reference Group re Health Board, also Area Committee Meeting on 24/09/14.
- 21/08/14 – David Lindsey Powles – Welsh National Marine Plan – Clerk to forward to members – response by 10/11/14. Also on the 26th August details of OVW response.
- 26/08/14 – OVW – St. David's Day Awards.
- 02/09/14 – Cllr. CJ – Tidy Wales Week – 15th -19th September – noted.
- 05/09/14 – Dyfed-Powys Police – Vacancies for police staff
- b) One Voice Wales Courses – Mrs. Evans advised that she would like to attend Module 4 – Understanding the Law – to be held at the Picton Community Centre, Haverfordwest on the 21st October. Clerk to clarify the cost of the course, and check on availability of a bursary.
- c) Pembrokeshire Housing – Annual Report 2013 – 2014. Noted.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Clerk to advise Karen Bolton that the Council consider that the passing bay needs to be nearer to Ashdale than to the Green Meadow Close entrance, as this is where visibility is poor. They also consider that the developer should be involved in the funding as originally intended.
- b) PCNPA – 01/08/14 – Consultation Draft National Park Management Plan 2015 – 19, also associated impact assessments. Closing date for comments – 31st October 2014.
- c) NP/14/0358 – Philbeach Farm – Enlargement of existing lower reservoir to increase capacity from 6900 to 12000 cubic metres. Form D consent received dated the 12/08/14
- d) NP/14/.0355 – Single Storey Porch/Window at Jack sound house, Marloes – Form D consent received dated 12/08/14.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Wales Audit Office – 03/09/14 – Clerk advised she had applied for the £30 repayment being made to all Councils from the reserves held on the 31st March 2014. Noted.
- b) PCC – 04/08/14 – Second payment of Precept received by BACS transfer - £583.
- c) Lloyds Bank Statement No. 34 received.
- d) Clock Tower – See item above at 2d.
- e) Shelter Cymru – Appeal for 2014/15, and Summer 2014 newsletter noted.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) County Council Matters – Clerk to request that County Cllr. Reg Owens is invited to attend the next meeting to advise what is happening at County Hall reference the suspension of the Chief Executive.
- b) County Council Services – Cllr. Owens to be also asked about the changes in service provision in Pembrokeshire.
- c) Slate Mill Lodge – See item above at 3b. Clerk to ask PCNPA to advise on the planning consents in place for this premises. General concern about the access to the camp-site, sited in St. Ishmaels area.
- d) Beach rubbish – Cllr. Jessop advised that the Village Warden is collecting as much as possible, however his summer contract will finish shortly.
- e) County Council Van, Tower View – Clerk to ask Cllr. Owens if has taken action on this matter. Noted that the van parked on the main road had contributed to a traffic jam at this juncture.
- f) Street Light – Clerk to report new light opposite No.11. Gaylane Terrace as not working.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th October 2014, at Moriah Chapel.