

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Marloes Village Hall.

Present:- Cllr. W. Richards together with Cllrs. L. Beal, C. Jessop, S. Burnett, and S. Twidale

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Smithies.

The Chairman welcomed County Cllr. Owens to the meeting.

- 1) The minutes of the March Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Beal, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) St. Brides -Telephone box – Cllr. Richards advised that a new strap has recently been put around the Box. Clerk to contact David Hughes, BT again.
  - b) Police Matters – Clerk outlined to the meeting details of incidents that have occurred since the last meeting, involving theft of red diesel and an outboard engine. There was a need to be alert to suspicious vehicles in the area.
  - c) County Council – Highways.

Winterton Junction – Mr. Martin (PCC Highways) has advised via Cllr. Owens that the work will need to be undertaken in early October. Clerk to advise that the boat to Skomer will still be running, so it would be necessary to have a traffic control on the Philbeach road.

Clock Tower Footpath – Cllr. Owens advised that the path should have been strimmed out recently, but no other work can be undertaken. Members reminded Cllr. Owens that a tree needs to be taken down, and the pathway is still muddy in places. He agreed to ask Mr. Codd to come to a site meeting. Agreed that photographs may prove helpful in explaining the problems.

Other Issues – Cllr. Owens advised that the roadway in front of the Jubilee houses is affected again by surface water breaking through the surface. The previous repair has moved the underlying problems elsewhere. Cllr. Burnett drew attention to water running down the Glebe Lane near the Church end. No problems on the Milford road (between St. Ishmaels and Rickeston) at present.
  - d) Recreation Area – Meeting advised that following the receipt of a grant from South Hook new swings had been ordered, and should be installed shortly. A work party is being organised to clear the hedge material.
  - e) National Park Matters – Noted that the path towards the Youth Hostel has been

- repaired by National Park. No action on the need for “Cliff Fall” signs as yet. Members had noted a recent instance of a spectacular cliff fall further along the Welsh coast, and agreed that all organisations needed to be reminded of the need to alert visitors. Clerk to contact National Trust, PCNPA and PCC.
- f) Website Meeting – The new website was now live, and Cllr. Burnett will forward the link address to members. The Chairman, Cllr. Richards signed the Web Hosting agreement which is to be returned to the County Council. Cllr. Burnett and the Clerk were thanked for the time they had put into this project.
  - g) Standing Orders – Clerk had forwarded the document to Mr. Bishop, but was still to discuss the details with him. Noted.
  - h) Skomer – Clerk still to contact the Wardens about tickets for local residents.
  - i) Mobile Libraries – Noted that the County Council had recently decided to maintain one mobile van which will operate across the county with a reduction in the number of stops, possibly one per community for a longer time. Details to be published in due course.
  - j) Glebe Lane – Cllr. Burnett had publicised the contact details for complaints in Peninsula Papers. No problems recently.
  - k) Community Resilience - Cllr. Jessop reported on the meeting he had attended recently. There was a further event on the 1<sup>st</sup> May in Haverfordwest, and he wondered if the Clerk could also attend. She agreed to check her commitments for that day.

### 3. Community Issues

- a) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office. The meeting was saddened to receive notification of the closure from the Post Office following the resignation of the sub-postmaster which will take effect from the 8<sup>th</sup> May. It was noted that the village store will continue to operate. After discussion the Clerk was directed to reply, urging the Post Office to make every effort to find alternative premises in Marloes, as this was preferable to having a postal van occasionally. It was noted that the nearest full time Post Office provision will be Herbrandston or Broad Haven. Cllr. Owens advised that although he and Mrs Owens were retiring from the Post Office and Shop in Herbrandston the facility will be transferring to another premise.
- b) Car Parks/National Trust Matters – The Clerk advised that following the registration sessions over 50% of the eligible households had applied for parking tickets. The Clerk was thanked for the additional time and effort she had committed to this process.
- c) Rubbish Collection – Noted that there had been few problems recently. Cllr. Burnett advised she had called at one holiday-let household to advise them it was not a black bag day. Agreed to review the matter after the Easter

holiday period.

d) Village Action Plan – Cllr. Twidale advised that the Committee was meeting tomorrow to agree a start date for the Hall Project. There was also a fund raising event on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr. Twidale and her team were thanked for the hard work they had put into this Project.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letter– Clerk referred to some of the e-mails received.

10/04/14 – OVW & Welsh Govt.(WG) – Local Govt. Measure 2011. Clerk to check if any of the detail applied to Community Councils.

11/04/14 – Solva C. C. - Copies of their correspondence with PCC received in respect of County Council matters and Withybush Hospital.

14/04/14 - OVW – WAO Land Seminar Summary.

14/04/14 – OVW – WG 21672 - details of their response on the Community Planning Partners.

14/04/14 – OVW – Information on the BBC 1 request for volunteers for house swaps.

24/03/14 – Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue-Annual Improvement Plan.

08/04/14 – PCC – e-mail from L. Harding reference the Council acting as Trustee. It was queried whether this would apply to the Council's role with the Recreation Area. Clerk to check details.

c) South Hook Heat & Power Plant – Further letters received from The Planning Inspectorate – dated 17/03/14 & 10/04/14. Also a letter from RPS dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March advising that a Development Consent Order is being applied for, and that the examination process will end on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Correspondence also from South Hook CHP dated the 19<sup>th</sup> March, enclosing copies of the Community Newsletter for March 2014. The Clerk confirmed that no response has been received to their letter sent in October 2013 – a follow up letter will be sent. Noted. Cllr. Jessop advised that there had been a serious incident recently at an LNG plant in the USA which had not been reported in the British press. He agreed to pass the details to Cllr. Owens.

d) British Telecom – News letter passed to Cllr. Burnett. She will put an item in Peninsula Papers giving details of their service for vulnerable customers as well as that provided by Western Power Distribution.

e) Planed – Clerk circulated details of events taking place over the coming months. She drew attention to a Military Study Tour in September which will visit this area in conjunction with Coastlands Local History Group. Noted.

## 5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Further information to be received from Karen Boulden, PCNPA.
- b) PCNPA – 27/01/14 – Letter advising that the 2013 Annual Monitoring report is out for consultation. To consider at the May meeting
- d) NP/14/0057 – Sun room & minor increase in extension footprint – 3 West End, Marloes. Form D consent received dated the 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- e) NP/14/0608 – Rath Cottage, Martins Haven, Marloes – Single Storey extension for Garage/Store. Form D consent received dated the 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- f) NP/14/0011 – Form D consent received reference the application a bedroom over a store at Slate Mill dated the 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- g) NP/14/0051 – Refusal of planning permission received for the extension to Smithy Cottage. Matt Dash had contacted this Council prior to refusal asking for further comments. The Clerk had contacted all members for comments. The Council Chairman then agreed a response with the Clerk which advised that the scale of the proposed extension was a matter for the National Park to determine, and that the Community Council would not wish to comment further at this stage, as a further application may be submitted in due course.
- h) NP/14/0120 – Information Signs at Marloes Sands Car Park – National Trust. Members were satisfied with the positioning of the signs.
- i) NP/14/0121 – Information Sign at Martins Haven Car Park – National Trust. Positioning of sign approved.
- j) NP/14/0143 – Pay & Display Machine & Signage at Marloes Sands Car Park – National Trust. After discussion, members instructed the Clerk to object to the application. It was essential in the main season for a car park attendant to be present to park vehicles to ensure that the through vehicular right of way (Castle Rag) is kept clear at all times for all vehicles, including emergency vehicles. It was noted that the National Trust proposed using the attendant at Martins Haven when that car park was busy.

## 6) Financial Matter

- a) NFU Insurance – Clock Tower & Mechanism - The meeting was pleased to note that Cllr. Smithies had secured a reduction of £20 on the premium, and the amended invoice had been paid.
- b) AON Insurance - £246.90 as last year. This payment was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Beal. Cllr Burnett will check the policy details to ensure all areas are adequately covered, including the

Recreation Area/Play Area.

c) Audit 2013/14 – Documents received, with the Audit Date set for the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

d) Swalec – Clerk had forwarded a reading provided by Cllr. Smithies. A revised invoice will be sent out, and the monthly payment will remain at £5.

e) Lloyds Bank – Statements received.

f) Financial requests were received from Radio Beca. Noted.

#### 7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

PAD Fund-raising – Cllr. Jessop advised that a quiz was being held next week.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Marloes Village Hall. The Business Meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting.