

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th May 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. P. Smithies (Chairman), together with Cllrs. Jessop,
Johnson and Beal

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- Mr. Mark Underhill, National Trust
- Mr. Malcolm Cullen and Ms. Ann Beegan

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Kimpton, Cllr. W. Richards and County Cllr. Reg Owens.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Mark Underhill to the meeting. He outlined the Marloes Visitor Experience Project, and handed out draft details of the proposals. The first phase will be the design of the car park area, and they will be seeking three competitive quotes. The County Council have provided assistance with this process. Costs limitations will determine what can be achieved – hoping to have a porous surface. Issues concerned with Castle Rag (BOAT) that runs through the car park will need to be resolved. Input from the Community Council to the design stage will be welcome. A planning application will be made this summer, and then construction over the winter period, to open for Spring 2020. He will forward the final draft for Council members to consider, and envisages a further meeting at the design stage. Mr. Underhill answered questions from members, and agreed that the car park may need to be undertaken in two parts. The Project second phase to include the new building would follow. Mr. Underhill commented that there would need to be “a mature conversation” about retail sales and to then reach an agreement. It is not intended to compete with local businesses. A signage audit will be undertaken shortly to include access from the Church to the car-park, and the alternative route via Castle Rag. See Agenda Item 3b for discussion on other National Trust matters. Mr. Underhill was thanked for attending, and he then withdrew.

1) Minutes - The minutes of the April meeting having been circulated to members were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. L. Beal.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Clerk advised the PCCO will be forwarding posters reference raves. She advised that a recent article in the Western Mail had summarised action to be taken across the Dyfed Powys area, with a “Rave” alert for the Spring Bank Holiday period. Details had been received from the Police and Crime Panel, also of the PCCO Community Fund. The Clerk to enquire if this

Fund could be used to supply two Automatic Speed Detection Warning signs – to be powered by a solar panel. The Clerk confirmed that she had received complaints about speeding through the village by both visitors and local residents.

- b) County Council – Highways etc. Replacement signs at Mullock Junction awaited.
- c) St. Brides Pay Phone – New pay phone to be installed.
- d) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – No information received. Queues for tickets starting very early in the morning.
- e) Street Lights – See item under correspondence.
- f) National Park Ranger/Footpath issues – Frankie’s Lane improvements still pending.
Frog/Gull Path – Cllr. Jessop and the Clerk detailed the action taken since the last meeting. Cllr. Owens has selected two designs of a Frog and a Gull to be used for the signs. Dale Community Council will consider the matter at their meeting this evening. If they agree, then the project can proceed, with Cllr. Jessop and a Dale representative walking the path to agree the signage needed. There will be no cost implications for the Councils, and PCNPA will provide the path leaflet. Cllrs. Owens to be thanked for his assistance.
- g) Rural Wisdom Project – Clerk to attend the meeting on Thursday May 16th in St. Ishmaels.
- h) HPB (St. Brides Castle) Website – No report received from Cllr. Richards.
- i) IRPW – Clerk has been supplied with a letter for Councillors to declare that they will not accept the annual payment of £150. Noted.
- j) Village Notice boards – to be erected shortly.
- k) Pembs. Area Committee, OVW – Clerk not available to attend.
- l) Saturday Bus Service – Clerk will include in the Newsletter report details of who complaints should be sent to on the loss of this service.
- m) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – Cllr. Beal advised that the Coastlands PTA application had been re-submitted on the 7th May. The County Council wish the project to be more of a Community Hub.
- n) Fingerprint Signs – Clerk to submit request this month.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters

See item above re. Marloes Visitor Experience Project.

Runwayskiln Dog Litter Bin – Clerk advised that the County Council cannot supply a bin at present, and have asked that the bin be a general one, not just for dog litter. PCNPA will not supply a bin, as they do not own the land. National Trust – Mark Underhill advised they would supply a bin, and will ask staff to identify a suitable design for this location. Clerk will now ask the County Council to ask their contractor if

they will then empty a bin at the proposed location.

Bird Hide – Existing hide to be repaired. New hide to form part of a project linked to Marloes Mere.

Other Points – Cllr. Jessop asked that wheelchair access be considered. He reported complaints from Pembrokeshire locals, visitors, and long distance path walkers about the Cafe not being signposted from the Coast Path, and also reported comments about the disabled toilets: "good, but could be better".

b) Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling –

Dog Fouling - Not known if Cllr. Owens has asked the Enforcement Team to visit the area. Noted that the Teams also cover breaches on other matters. Mr. McCarthy, PCC will provide the Clerk with stickers to put on the general bins reference dog litter.

Household Rubbish – no particular problems at present.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) Street light No. 803 905, West End, Marloes – Council Members considered a request from residents, Chris Jessop, Mike Haddock and Sheri Dobrowski to have this light switched off over a 24 hour period, so that they can enjoy a “Dark Skies” experience. This is the last light on leaving the village. This request has also been supported by the owner/visitors to Gwelfor, West End. After discussion, it was agreed on a trial basis, that the Clerk ask Mr. Mel Stephens, PCC Engineer to authorise this request. The Community Council will consider this again at the January 2020 meeting. However the lamp post is not be removed, and the Council reserve the right to reverse this decision if any health and safety issues arise in the meantime.
- b) Waste & Recycling Centres – Letter dated the 26th April received which advises that black bags taken to the Centres after the 3rd June will be checked for recyclable waste. Cllr. Beal volunteered to reduce the A3 notices to A4 to display locally.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2019, Issue 123 received.
- d) St. Brides Parking & Toilets – Cllr. Richards has asked if Cllr. Owens can arrange for the toilet lights to be switched off overnight. He is also concerned about the overnight parking which is increasing. The area is

subject to a PCC parking order. Clerk to discuss with Cllr. Owens.

E-Mails for attention:-

16/04/19 – OVW – Guidance on Payments to Councillors. OVW is seeking tax exemption for councillors.

23/04/19 OVW & 26/04/19 PCC (Dave Astins) – Enhancing Pembrokeshire – Non Statutory Services – Toilets, Play-parks, Parks, gardens & open spaces. Mr. Astins, Community Champion Coordinator will be contacting Community Councils over the coming months.

30/04/19 – Paul Davies, AM – Monthly Newsletter.

05/05/19 – PCCO - Community Fund Grants from £5000 to £10,000 for “Security & Safety” - see comments above .

03/05/19 - PCC – Police & Crime Panel Newsletter. Local County Councillors are Stephen Joseph, Rob Summons and Mike James.

07/05/19 – P. Davies, AM – Broadband Debate in the Welsh Assembly.

09/05/19 – OVW – May 2019, News bulletin.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails noted, and these are not then included in the minutes.

5) Planning Matters

- (a) NP/18/0666/FUL – Ty Gwyn, Marloes – Section 73A, Sub Division of host dwelling. As last month, no further information received from National Park.
- (b) On-Line Planning – PCNP had agreed that the Community Council can continue to receive hard copies for the time being.
- (c) PCNP - LDP –Pre-Hearing Meeting, 7th May at the Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock. Cllr. Jessop not available to attend. E-mails from PCNPA has advised that this Council is eligible to speak at the main Hearing on several points. Cllr. Jessop to coordinate how the council can accommodate attendance on the various days, and what supporting evidence can be given.
- (d) Meadow View – Cllr. Smithies had spoken to the house owner who confirmed that PCNP had visited the site at his invitation, and he had agreed that the building would be covered by Permitted Development Rights. A neighbour had raised further questions with National Park. Noted.
- (e) Planning Aid – Place Plan Workshop, Carmarthen – Cllr. Jessop had attended on the 1st May – he will not be claiming expenses. He presented a verbal report to the Council meeting, and advised that in the future the Council may wish to consider a “Village Design Statement”.

(f) PCNP – Welsh Govt. On-line Survey – completed by the Clerk.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – The meeting approved the appointment of Ms. Jackie Fussell as the Internal Auditor for the year 2019/20. The Clerk will submit the paperwork for last year to her shortly.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund – Clerk to speak to Cllr. Richards.
- c) Ebico - Annual Electric Summary received. Also the Statement for 17/01/19 to 16/04/19 advising a credit of £18.66.
- d) BHIB Councils Insurance – On the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Jessop the meeting approved the payment of £232. A letter from Zurich Municipal was noted.
- e) Ezee – Website Hosting Fee. On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies, the meeting approved the payment of £50 to Mrs. Royle to cover this fee.
- f) PCC – Precept Payment. Noted that the Community Council had received via BACS the payment of £941 for the 1st Precept payment for 2019/20.
- g) Financial Appeals - Bobath Cymru – Annual Review and grant appeal received. Also from Ty Hafan.

7) Clock Tower

Night Silencing had been enacted since the last meeting. No matters to consider this month.

8) Urgent Matters

- a) Skokholm Back, Pump Area – Mr. Cullen advised the meeting that it is intended to clear this area to improve the entrance from Martins Haven. Volunteers will be welcome as there is a lot of scrub to clear.
- b) Trees – Cllr. Jessop advised that free trees were available at present. He had wondered about the Village Green. Agreed not to plant trees there at present.

- c) Fence, Gaylane Terrace – Clerk confirmed she was waiting for the contractor to clear his material before reporting the collapsed fence.
- d) Coastlands School – Cllr. Beal advised a new teacher will be starting in September 2019. Noted.
- e) Mr. Ron Keeble – The Clerk advised that Mr. Keeble, the oldest resident had died recently after a short illness. Council members remembered that he with his late wife Sylvie had been generous benefactors of the Children’s Play area. Clerk will attend his funeral.
- f) Storm 26/27th April – Noted that the storm and consequent wind/salt damage had destroyed potato crops as well as badly damaging tree growth. The repeated electric cuts that night had been caused by a High Voltage Jumper coming off overhead lines.
- g) Village Green – Mr. Cullen expressed concern that vehicles were being parked on the Village Green. Agreed that the Clerk look out a planning application on a nearby property to see what conditions had been approved with regard to parking.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 10th June 2019 when the draft minutes of the May 2019 Business meeting will be submitted for approval.