

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- Mark Burton, Hazel Champley and Bobby Morgan (Community Residents)

Apologies were received from County Cllr. Owens

The Chairman welcomed PC Bev. Beynon and PCSO Paul Mayhew of Dyfed Powys Police to the meeting. The officers advised what action they proposed to take in relation to recent incidents of vandalism. Patrols have increased, and they have visit the local public house which overlooks the Play area, toilet block etc. There is a procedure called Youth Referral Disposal (a form of restorative justice) which they can follow for first incidents, if the person concerned is under 17. The officers asked that the 101 service is used in the event of future incidents so a complete picture can be built up if required. Mark Burton advised that there had been no further incidents in the Park. He will be arranging for notices to ask people not to bring drinks glasses into the area, and to also not allow dogs into the play area.

Both officers confirmed that Operation Cascade will be effected again for the holiday period to identify any suspicious activity which may lead to spontaneous events (Raves). Local landowners will be visited, and the police IT staff will be monitoring social network sites. Noted that the Community Council emergency contact list requires updating. There is also problem with where some vehicles park in the area. Advice was given to Councillors on what action can be taken. Infringements of double yellow lines should be referred to Mark Owen of Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC). They noted that the Community Council is using a polite notice to deter vehicles parking where they may cause a nuisance. There was general agreement that 30mph was probably too high for safe driving in this village, but only occasionally is a reduction to 20mph enforced limit made in a community, unless there is a school nearby. A test of speed will be carried out shortly by the PCC Highways Department.

Before leaving, the officers drew attention to a public focus group meeting at Narberth Museum on Thursday May 22nd at 1.30pm to which representatives of this Council are welcome to attend. PC Beynon and PCSO Mayhew were thanked for their attendance, and they promised to keep in touch with the Council.

- 1) The minutes of the March Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Beal, proposed by Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) St. Brides -Telephone Box – Cllr. Richards advised that the telephone is now working. However panes of glass need to be replaced, and the Box requires a clean. Clerk to contact BT.
  - b) Police Matters – see item above.
  - c) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower Footpath – No details from Cllr. Owens about a site meeting. Mrs. Champley advised that she has a branch falling over her fence. Noted that a fire had been lit in the lane recently, but had been extinguished by local residents before the fire brigade arrived. Police had also been alerted. The Clerk had requested Dog Fouling Signs for this Lane, and for the North Lane. Other Issues – Action yet to be taken on the surface in front of Jubilee Villas. Clerk yet to report the water running down the Glebe Lane near the Church end. The bus shelter has been washed. The speed measuring apparatus will be put into place shortly. Members agreed that this should be sited near the Recreation Area. Noted that some hedge trimming around sign posts and junctions had started. Agreed that the road from Mullock Bridge Junction to Stembridge is the one to be cut as soon as possible. Several problems outside our area were identified, and Cllr. Richards volunteered to follow these up with Highways.
  - d) Recreation Area – Mark Burton advised that the swings will be arriving on the 13/14<sup>th</sup> of May, and he will be organising a group to put them in place. Bushes have been cleared using volunteers including a new young resident. A private donation had been received for the Area, and he felt that sufficient funds were being raised locally. A discussion about funding for the Clock Tower followed, and Cllr. Smithies agreed to discuss the possibilities of a collection box in the Tower with Rob Scourfield (PCNPA officer), as the Tower is listed.
  - e) National Park Matters/Cliff Falls – Clerk had contacted the three agencies, but as it was close to the Easter break had not received a response to date.
  - f) Standing Orders – see comments at the Annual General Meeting.
  - g) Skomer – Clerk to ask Mr. Malcolm Cullen if he would help with the distribution of complimentary tickets in the community, and to check the procedure from last time. Tickets would need to be offered soon to be used in the main sea bird season, but avoiding the Bank Holiday weekend.
  - h) Community Resilience - Mrs. Evans gave a verbal report of this meeting which had been held at the Bridge Innovation Centre, Pembroke Dock. The

County Council have drawn up a Tool Kit to be followed in case of emergencies, which will be put on line in due course. Noted.

- i) Trustee Status – E-mail circulated to all members.
- j) South Hook – Community Funding Initiatives – Clerk read out a copy of a letter sent to Dale C. C. on this subject. Noted that at present the company is discussing grants with Herbrandston C. C. which is the nearest community affected by the proposals.
- k) Endurance Life – The Clerk advised that a late last minute change of route had caused problems in the Dale area. National Park had also expressed concern that the event coincided with a Bank Holiday. The organisers had been contacted, and she had received an apology for them not advising this Council of the change. Members confirmed that all landowners had been advised of the change, and the event has been stewarded as well as usual. Coaches had been used to convey runners to the start of the 10k event. Agreed that the Clerk advise the organisers that no problems had been identified locally.

### 3. Community Issues

a) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office. Noted that a meeting would be held with officers of the Post Office at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk would be present, and as many Councillors as are available. Agreed that the following questions should be asked:-

Can another person run a Post Office in the existing premises? What are the insurance implications?

Who is likely to start up a business to include a PO?

Can one of the days allocated to Dale for a PO Van be allocated to Marloes temporarily?

Who dictates the opening times?

Why was there only one months notice for the closure?

Does the Post Office have the appetite to pursue the need for a permanent provision in this Community?

Reference was made to the “aggressive” marketing of drinks and refreshments at Lockley Lodge. It may be necessary to ask Mr. Sash Tusa, a Wildlife Trust Board member to attend as he has previously to discuss their policy on retail, and whether they are working in conjunction with the Community. There is very little signage in Marloes for provisions. The Clerk had suggested to the shop proprietor that he attend tonight's meeting, but he advised he would not be present. There is concern locally that the shop will also be closed, although Mr. Smith has advised that he will keep it open for the time being, but he requires more trade to maintain a viable business. Noted that the National Trust are selling more postcards, and it is thought that this is why they need a second attendant from the Marloes Sands car park to help out at busy periods. Cllr. Burnett agreed to find out whether there were any agencies that could work with the Community on this matter. It is thought that a planning change of use

would be required if the shop premises were to be used for domestic purposes.

b) Rubbish Collection – few problems noted at present

d) Village Action Plan – Cllr. Twidale confirmed that the Mr. Max Hardy will start work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and plans to be finished by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November. - depending on the weather. All bookings will have to be transferred elsewhere. Clerk advised that the Church can be used if necessary, and Cllr. Twidale offered the use of her café area in the evenings. Cllr. Beal will speak to the Chapel Deacons as Moriah Chapel would provide level access. The recent fund raising had raise over £700.

4) Correspondence

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

16/04/14 – OVW – Clean Coasts Week – 10<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> May.

23/04/14 – PCC – Lawrence Harding, Monitoring Officer – W.G. Guidance for Communities & Community Councils. To be circulated to all members.

29/04/14 – OVW – Training re Community Planning, Haverfordwest.

29/04/14 – OVW – Big Lunch Extras – Eden Project.

30/04/14 – PCC – Tool-kit- [www.shapemytown.org](http://www.shapemytown.org)

30/04/14 – WG – Governance in Small Public Bodies.

30/04/14 – Dyfed Powys Police Comm. - April Newsletter.

30/04/14 – Anna Thomas (Control Room) – Proposed merger of Mid & West Wales Control Room. Agreed that the Clerk respond in support of this concern.

01/05/14 – OVW – Advert for Children's Commissioner for Wales.

06/05/14 - OVW – Workshops re Data Protection & Freedom of Information – Clerk had been advised that after the initial pilots the training will be offered in Pembrokeshire.

08/04/14 – WG – Government News – to be circulated.

24/04/14 – PCNPA, Janet Evans – Community Driven Renewable Energy Projects – e-mail to be forwarded to Cllr. Twidale.

b) South Hook Heat & Power Plant – Further correspondence received dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April. Noted.

c) SLCC – 06/05/14 - Conference noted.

d) Experience Pembrokeshire Festival & Events Guide received.

## 5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Clerk has e-mailed Karen Boulden, PCNPA, but she is away.
- b) PCNPA – 27/01/14 – Letter advising that the 2013 Annual Monitoring report is out for consultation. Cllr. Smithies to advise if any response is required.
- c) NP/14/0120 & 0121 – Information Signs at Marloes Sands Car Park and at Martins Haven Car Park – Form D consents received. Noted.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) AON Insurance - £246.90 as last year. Noted that the cover is sufficient for this year. Correspondence from Zurich passed to Cllr. Burnett for consideration for a future year.
- b) Audit 2013/14 – Documents received, with the Audit Date set for the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Clerk will submit papers to the internal auditor for her to complete her section. Statement will then be brought to the next meeting for approval.
- c) PALC – Membership of the Association this year remains at £27. Approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards.
- d) Brownsmart – The repayment of £29.88 to Rosemary Royle in respect of the Small Hosting payment was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett.
- e) Lloyds Bank – Change of account name noted.
- f) Financial requests were received from the NSPCC. Noted.
- g) Clock Tower – Agreed that the woodwork will require repainting in due course. Scaffolding will be necessary. Members to consider who can be asked to do the work.

## 7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Noted that Mr. Keeble had celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday recently. Clerk had sent a card.
- b) Exception Site – Affordable Housing. Noted that concern had been expressed locally as to whether this development was needed, and also how the allocations would be handled. Clerk advised that she can ask Graham Holmes, Pembrokeshire Housing Director to attend a future meeting. This action was approved.
- c) Beach clean at Marloes Sands on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Cllr. Beal will ask the Chapel Deacons if the meeting can be held at Moriah.