

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council -
- David Rees (Community Resident)

An apology for absence was received from County Cllr. R. Owens

1) Minutes - The minutes of the May meeting having been circulated to members were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards.

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Clerk had circulated the e-mail received from Sgt. Godkin Fintan on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. They were disappointed to note that the file on the damage to the Clock Tower had been closed because of lack of evidence.

b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower Footpath (62/11)– Problems referred to Ben Blake at the site visit. He agreed to advise the relevant officer.

Speed Limit – The meeting on site with Ben Blake (PCC) Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May was attended by Cllrs. Smithies and Jessop and the Clerk. Mr. Blake explained the criteria, and the technical review undertaken for the introduction of a 20mph. No boats were running to Skomer that day, so through traffic was much reduced. Council members and the Clerk explained the problems caused by the Skomer traffic, and the failure of motorists to respect that they are driving through a village. After discussion he agreed to prepare a draft scheme for the introduction of a 20mph within the 30mph area, from the Church junction to Skokholm Back. He will also consider the introduction of lines and symbols on the road and better signage to define the lower speed limit area. He was also asked to provide a sign showing where the village toilets are, and he suggested the County council could provide a better sign for the play area. Council members were pleased to hear the details of this proposal.

Road Improvements – Cllr. Owens undertook his survey on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. He forwarded a summary of the problem areas which has been circulated.

Members agreed that the one further problem needed to be referred for action was the junction of the Glebe Lane opposite the Church. Clerk to request an improvement of the visibility splay on the left hand side to enable vehicles to turn right with out impeding oncoming traffic to the village. Mr. Blake had also been advised of this problem. Photographs have been taken which can also

be forwarded to Cllr. Owens. If possible, this improvement should be undertaken prior to the work on the adjacent Exception site. The telegraph pole may need to be repositioned.

Jubilee Villas – Noted on the road programme for action.

- c) Marine Planning – Clerk yet to contact the Ramsey Warden who is responsible for Grassholm.
- d) Pembs Housing – Reply received from Jane Robinson. She will also forward a briefing paper on data protection, and then both will be circulated to members.
- e) Bait Digging – Draft Code of Conduct has been circulated for comments. Clerk had made a few observations on behalf of the Council. Noted.
- f) Welsh Govt - Consultation on Tax Exemptions – Later in the meeting members agreed with a proposal by Cllr. Richards that the Clerk respond advising that all householders should be treated equally, and therefore all pay the appropriate rate for a property.
- g) Notice Board(Children's) – Work to be undertaken.
- h) Skomer Visits – Clerk has e-mailed Lockley Lodge staff asking for further details, and the need to identify qualifying households across the Community. If practical, information will go into Peninsula Papers, but otherwise a flyer may have to be distributed to individual households.
- i) Member's Interests – Clerk had forwarded the most recent advice which greatly reduced the information to be recorded. She has asked One Voice Wales to advise the format of the new form to be displayed on the website, and then with the assistance of Cllr. Burnett will add this to the County Council website. A copy of the relevant audit/finance document will also need to be added.
- j) St. Brides Castle – The meeting was advised that all decisions on the use of St. Brides by the Community would be taken at head office in Newmarket. The Quarterly newsletter had advised about the recent change of staff in the restaurant. External bookings for the restaurant are accepted subject to room. Clerk advised that the History Group are allowed to use the Library for meetings, and Bond Holders are invited to attend. It was also understood that a recent musical event was open to non residents.

### 3.Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – Marloes Sands Car-park – Council had been advised that one of the new flag posts may not be sited on Trust owned or leased land. Clerk to check details and report next month. Noted that Cllr. Jessop had trimmed around the emergency phone, and that Hayley Barrett (PCNPA) has a notice board in this area. Parking opposite the Sandy Lane had occurred yesterday. Cllr. Burnett to ask Mark Owen why the enforcement staff are not visiting this area when they are in the area – known to be in Dale yesterday.

Cllr. Smithies is using the Community Council flyers on occasions.

Bird Hide – Cllr. Smithies advised that the Trust will be proceeding with a plan to erect a new hide nearer to Varna. Members confirmed this had been mentioned previously, and the Council had asked that a local information board be allowed inside the hide.

b) Village Shop – Noted that Paul and Stephanie Lucas had taken over the village shop on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk had called in on Saturday, and it was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. Beal would also call to welcome them to the Community. Mark and Janet Smith had moved to Cornwall on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

c) Exception Site – No information

d) Marloes Beacon Field – Cllr. Jessop advised the meeting that this field has been advertised for sale recently, at an asking price in excess of agricultural value. It is understood that an offer has been made on the land. It is not clear whether there is any potential for alternative uses of the field, as there is a substantial rocky area, and with the Beacon it is a very prominent location. Cllr. Jessop proposed a community meeting could be called to allow expressions of interests to come forward if individuals in the village wished to consider a scheme to purchase the field if the sale did not proceed. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council was not minded to pursue this as a project, or set up a meeting as there was little community value over and above the access to the Viewpoint. The Council has other responsibilities in the Community which take some effort to maintain, and it is often that the same residents are involved. There was no objection to a notice being put up locally to advise the field was for sale, and that if there were interested parties then probably advice/support could be obtained from Planed/PAVS. Cllr. Jessop was thanked for bringing this to the attention of the Council.

e) Hedge Cutting – Agreed that the County Council had made a good start in trimming the main road from the Mullock Junction towards Milford Haven and Haverfordwest. However the need to have the hedges cut from the Mullock Bridge Junction to Marloes was now pressing on the grounds of road safety. Clerk to write a letter to highways, and copy to Cllr. Owens.

#### 4) Correspondence

##### a) E-Mail Letters–

11/05/15 – PCNPA (V. Middleton) – M.H. Waterway Recreation Management - Plan 2016 – Noted.

12/05/15 – OVW – Workshop in Cardiff – Climate Change – Noted.

- 13/05/15 – OVW – Abolition of Paper Counterpart to the Photocard Driving Licence. Details in press today. Noted.
- 14/05/15 – PCNPA – Improvement Plan – Clerk to circulate.
- 19/05/15 – PCC (Rosie Thomas) – Video of Question and answer Session with LSB members. Noted.
- 19/05/15 – PCC (Susan Sanders) – Community Learning Centre Consultation Sessions.
- 20/05/15 – PCC(S. Sanders) – SPG Consultation on Affordable Housing – Clerk to check this not apply in the National Park area.
- 22/05/15 – OVW – Protecting Community Assets – noted.
- 22/05/15 – PCC (S. Sanders) – Library Consultation Flyers – Noted.
- 22/05/15 – OVW – Integrated catchment management training – Noted.
- 22/05/15 – OVW – Older Person shared Learning Seminar. - Noted.
- 26/05/15 – Marina Titley – Raised issues with regard to numbers of vehicles speeding through village – see item above.
- 26/05/15 – OPCC – Police Comm – Newsletter May 2015 – Noted.
- 27/05/15 – OPCC – Survey – Rural Crime – refer to Cllr. Beal.
- 28/05/15 – OVW – Clarification on Register of Interests – Circulated to all members. Clerk has asked OVW to provide a template for use with website, and Cllr. Burnett will help with setting up an extra page or pages.
- 04/06/15 – Wales Audit - “What do you think of Pembrokeshire County Council?” - refer to Cllr. Burnett.
- 06/06/15 – PCC – Community Engagement Event Feedback – Clerk to consider and report to next meeting.
- 07/06/15 – PALC – Newsletter – refer to Cllr. Beal.

Other Correspondence:-

- a) PCC – 26/05/15 – Licensing Act 2003 – Noted.
- b) SLCC – 19/05/15 – Training Opportunities. Noted.
- c) Glasdon – Advert for Councils. Noted.
- d) PCC – Coastal Bus Services – 2015/16 Timetable

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. E-mail received from Karen Bolton on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, also one sent by MS Bolton to Stephen Benger, PCC Highways – both to be circulated to members for consideration.
- b) Slate Mill – Advised by National Park that a Certificate of Lawful Use is to be submitted by the owner's agent. Clerk had recently advised PCNPA that this site is split between two Council areas, St. Ishmaels C. C. and this Council. Noted that one building advertises that a Farm

- Shop is available for use.
- c) NP/15/0210/FUL – Change of use from village store to a village store, cafe, deli and takeaway together with the relocation of front boundary to create additional parking area. To the rear a new external seating area will be provided in association with the proposed cafe. Clerk advised that Mr. Anthony Richards had contacted her to discuss the letter received from this Council. He confirmed the extent of the rear area to be used, and also that internal works were not subject to planning regulations. PCC may comment on the proposed outside use.
  - e) Designated Landscapes Stage 2 Review - Cllr. Jessop had redrafted response, and after receiving comments a final response had been submitted by the deadline.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Brownsmart – 29/05/15 - £29.88p The Small Hosting Fee for Marloes.org.uk has been paid by Mrs. R. Royle. It was agreed that this charge was very reasonable, and repayment to Mrs. Royle was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.
- b) Council Insurance – The Clerk explained that the documents from AON were posted on the 24<sup>th</sup> April, but not received by herself. She had requested another set of papers, and on their receipt she had contacted Cllr. Richards. He had approved the payment of £246.89p as the premium was the same as last year, and the payment was made to meet the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- c) BDO Audit – 27/03/15 – Notice of Audit received, with the audit date on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Accounts submitted to the Annual General Meeting. Clerk to refer to the Internal auditor as soon as possible, and then bring the Statement of Assurance to the June meeting. Mrs Evans advised that the Internal Auditor, Ms. J. Fussell had no issues to raise and had completed Section 4. Members then agreed to approve the accounting statements and the Annual Governance Statement on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Smithies, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the approval.
- d) Individual Sport Sponsorship – The Chairman read out a letter from Mrs. Ann Beegan outlining the selection of her son Tom Beegan who is now training as part of the GB 2001 - born Water Polo Squad. Cllr. Beal had accepted the letter as an urgent matter to be considered at this meeting. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to write congratulating Tom on his selection and wishing him every success. However the Council has

not made any donations to individuals to date, and did not wish to change their policy at present, as their funding was limited. Various suggestions were made for alternative sources of funding which may be of help to the family.

7) Urgent Matters, if any.

Raves – Cllr. Smithies informed the meeting that a recent rave in the Norfolk area had involved some of the individuals that had been involved in the last rave in this area. He understood that several policemen were injured in the incident. It was agreed that landowners and others would need to be on the alert ahead of the summer Bank Holiday.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Marloes Village Hall. The August meeting is scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup>.