

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 8th July 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council

- Mr. Richard Wells, Mr. Robin Black and Mr Stan Brown

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Kimpton – at work

1) Minutes - The minutes of the May & June meetings had been circulated to members, and were approved as follows:-

May 2019 – Proposed Cllr. Jessop, seconded Cllr. Johnson

June 2019 – Proposed Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Spontaneous Events - Clerk advised that a copy of the posters reference raves had been received – similar to earlier ones. An e-mail from the OPCC advised that across the Dyfed Powys Police area, Strategic Operation Flamenco has been established. Details of action to date had been included in an article in Wales Farmer in June. Noted that the Pembs. Rural Crime Team (PCSO Jude Parr) had contacted NFU members about action to frustrate “raves”. A warning had been given about possible issues in neighbouring counties, and this Council had been notified by a resident about a suspicious vehicle. Noted that the 101 number is a premium number.

Speeding Problems – Response awaited from the County Council with regard to the installation of Automatic Speed Detection Warning signs. The Clerk advised it was too late to apply for funding to the Police Commissioners Fund – there was a short time for applications. Clerk had been advised by a local resident that they would be prepared to volunteer to monitor/check for speeding vehicles. PCSO Leanne Nicholls had advised that three people were required to form a Team. The officer would provide an hours training at Milford Haven, and equipment would have to be collected and returned to Milford Haven police station. Cllr. Owens had provided details for the Dyfed Powys Speed Officer who would authorise the use of a Speed Check vehicle.

b) Howies Spud Run – Well supported and had been a challenging run. Believed to have been one injury, but no other issues identified. Date for next year set for 21st June 2020.

c) Asset Transfer – National Park had advised that the County Council own the

land as well as the toilet building at St. Brides. Noted that the Welsh Govt. has decided that from next April there will be no business rates on stand-alone toilets. The National Trust toilet at Runwayskilyn may not qualify for this relief.

- d) County Council – Highways etc. Clerk had provided Cllr. Owens with an update on outstanding matters, including St. Brides toilet lights and overnight parking issues. Some action taken, but other matters outstanding. Noted that the sink hole near Orlandon Cottage is a hazard – to be reported. There is another pothole near West Hook Farm, and in many areas there are deep ruts adjacent to tarmac edges. Cllr. Richards had been surprised to see the road sweeper working on weekends.
Hedge Cutting – This year the hedges locally had been cut on Monday 1st July – two weeks later than last year. Hedges in St Brides and St. Ishmaels had been cut earlier. Parts of the Glebe Lane need cutting – Cllr. Owens advised.
- e) St. Brides – Problems with overnight parking continuing. Cllr. Owens to be asked to arrange visits by Council officers on Friday and Saturday - about 8am to catch overnights. Signs need to be larger to provide warnings of Parking restrictions.
- f) National Park Ranger/Footpath
Frog/Gull Path – Project ongoing. Cllr. Jessop to contact Dan Wynn about extra posts. Publicity to be arranged before school term ends.
Gull/Mouse Path – Work underway to work out the best route.
- g) Rural Wisdom Project – No further information to date.
- h) IRPW – Forms issued, and completed by those present.
- i) Saturday Bus Service – Letter sent to Cllr. Owens requesting a change of day to be considered for next year.
Puffin Bus – Richards contract – A further complaint had been made recently, and reported to PCC to be passed to Richard Bros. Cllr. Johnson to provide Clerk with direct contact details of company.
- j) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – The County Council have provided details of the grants applications made for the latest round. Cllr. Beal advised that Coastlands School had received an award of £9000 subject to acceptance of conditions. Clerk advised that the NCI Group may be interested in making an application for the Wooltack Lookout – new windows. Also the Local History Group may apply for funding for the St. Brides History Leaflet - £1000 still required
- k) Skokholm Back – Cllr. Jessop advised that the date of the construction of the water cistern had been 1937. The renovation of this pump may be another possible project. Area still being tidied before any planting proceeds.
- l) Lobster Pots, Musselwick – Owner identified – some of the pots removed by persons unknown. Cllr. Jessop will contact the Welsh Govt. Fisheries Officer about further action.
- m) Trawl Net – Marloes Sands - this has been removed.
- n) Mr. Bobby Morgan – Members were pleased to hear that the former Councillor

is now out of hospital and recovering at his sisters home.

- o) Moss Cottage - The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the adjacent neighbour recently. He is very concerned about the growth on and inside the semi-detached house next door which is affecting his property. It was agreed, that after two attempts to contact the family, that Cllr. Owens is asked if the County Council can take any action to mitigate the problems.
- p) Nuisance Issues – Mr. Wells brought members up to date with problems affecting his property. He has been in contact with County Cllr. Owens on planning/regulation issues, and the latter had also arranged that the Dog Warden visit again. The Warden does not recognise the dogs as dangerous, but Mr. Wells is still concerned because they are entering his land. Members agreed that all residents need to be treated with fairness by the Authorities. It was suggested he take photographs in future when the dogs stray onto his land.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters

Stakeholder meeting - Tuesday 9th July - Marloes Hall – Agreed that Cllr. Beal and the Clerk attend to represent the Council. Apologies from Cllr. Jessop who will be attending a LDP Hearing, and from Cllr. Smithies who was to attend as a neighbour, but will be away tomorrow. Cllr. Jessop passed over notes he had drawn up. The Clerk advised that she had forwarded to the Trust his previous comments.

Runwayskiln Dog Litter Bin – The Clerk advised that the new bin will be installed later this week, and she will then inform the County Council.

b) Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling –

Dog Fouling - See item above. Cllr. Johnson advised that he has seen a local resident picking up all the dog litter in the Glebe Lane while walking his dog. Agreed that was a very public spirited action.

Household Rubbish – No particular problems identified.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct – June 2019, Issue 124 received.
- b) PCC – Copy of the Coastal Bus Services for 2019/20 received.
- c) Hywel Dda University Health Board – Consultation on developing Trauma Health Services from 24/06/19 to 05/08/19. Meetings will be held in Pembrokeshire on the 11th July. It is proposed to develop Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen as the interim Trauma Unit until the Urgent and Planned Care Hospital is built (on a site to be decided). Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest

will continue to deal with “less severe traumatic injury”, as well as current acute and emergency services.

Also received copies of “A Healthier Mid and West Wales” document.

E-Mails for attention:-

12/06/19 – Pembs. Coastal Forum – survey completed by Cllr. Jessop.

13/06/19 – One Voice Wales June Bulletin – refers to On-line Training for Members.

14/06/19 – PCC – Enhancing Pembs. Grant – Summary of applications for 21/06/19 forwarded to Cllr. Beal for information..

17/06/19 – PCC - Consultation on the proposal to establish a Learning Resource Centre at Milford Haven Comprehensive School – needed for Complex Learning Needs & those pupils with an Autistic Spectrum Condition. Referred to Cllr. Beal to consider what response could be made, as she has a pupil in the School.

18/06/19 – OVW – Actions for ICO Session – Clerk to review.

24/06/19 – Audit Wales – Webinair on 02/-7/19 - Clerk will read follow-up report.

24/06/19 – PCC/Cllr. Owens – Temporary Road Closure – for 1 Day, 22nd July, on the Milford Haven road – two separate sessions. Diversions noted.

26/06/19 – Paul Davies, AM – E-mail Newsletter.

27/06/19 – LG Partnerships/PCC – Rate Relief – Public Lavatories. Noted.

02/07/19 – Pembs. Eco Champion Project – forwarded to Cllr. Jessop. Clerk to ask if this needs to be a Councillor.

08/07/19 – OVW – Pembs. Area Committee – 09/07/19 – 7pm at County Hall – no one available to attend.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails that have been noted only, 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. Cllr. Jessop had attended the planning meeting as did a local neighbour of the property. Problems raised by the Community Council had been recognised, and the conditions added to the consent reflected this. Noted that permitted development rights had been removed from this dwelling, and that the trailer home must be removed. The Clerk advised that the property owner had spoken to her about the Council concerns, a few days after the meeting.
- (b) NP/19/0336/FUL – Beacon Field – Replace the existing gate with a 1.2 metre gate (for pedestrian use), and add two 3.35m. wide gates which can be secured, and allow access for a tractor and trailer. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council write objecting to the proposal as submitted. They feel that access

to the field should be proportionate to the size of the paddock, at this sensitive location, without losing too much of the boundary hedge. They appreciated that the applicant wishes to improve both the pedestrian access to the field for people wishing to access the Viewpoint, and also to put a better access for tractors etc. without having a gate that would swing out towards the road to Martins Haven. Members would be willing to discuss possible options with the Case officer and the applicant to achieve this combined access with a minimum loss of the hedge-bank.

- (c) PCNP - LDP – Hearings – Cllr. Jessop reported on the Hearings he had attended to date. Some of the matters under discussion had included Housing Need; Occupancy Requirements, Climate Emergency; Need for Bus Routes, and redundant Farm Buildings. Tomorrow, the subject for discussion will be Affordable Housing. The Community Council had made a late submission on the Climate Emergency, draft prepared by Cllr. Jessop, approved by the Chairman. He was thanked for attending these sessions on behalf of the Council, and also the development planning meeting.
- (d) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – Members reviewed the planning consent for this property in relation to the parking arrangements. It was noted that the property no longer had vehicular access and parking to the rear, as previously. The property is being used as a holiday let, advertised for up to 10 occupants, and at times there are multiple vehicles requiring parking. This has put pressure on the “Square” to the rear, and is causing upset to neighbours. Increasingly, there have been instances of vehicles parking on the village green itself. This issue had been raised by the Council at the time of the planning application. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to National Park seeking their planning observations on the problem.
- (e) Permitted Development – The Chairman allowed Mr. Stan Brown to speak on an issue causing him concern. A large shed has been built behind his property in Church Close under permitted development regulations. Mr. Brown has raised this with National Park, as he does not consider that the foundations satisfy these regulations. He expressed concern about the use of permitted development rights generally, as a potential threat to communities. Cllr. Jessop advised that this has been discussed during the LDP Hearings. He also advised that if a Place Plan or Village Design Statement was adopted by a community then there could be greater control over future developments. Mr. Brown thanked the Council for allowing him to share his concerns.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – Process ongoing.
- b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund – Further action in September.

- c) Ebico – Electric reading is due later in July.
- 7) Clock Tower - No matters to raise this month.
- 8) Standing Orders/Policy Documents – Clerk has submitted the current document to the Auditor. Further action to update this may be required if raised in their report.
- 9) Urgent Matters

Marquee Facility – Mr. Wells advised that if required by the Community for an event then he thought Austwel has one that could be hired. Noted.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 12th August 2019 when the draft minutes of the July 2019 business meetings will be submitted for approval.