

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th July 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- Gill Phillips and Bobby Morgan (Community Resident)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. P. Smithies & S. Burnett, and also from County Cllr. R. Owens

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

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Details were given of the suspicious fire that had occurred close to the Musselwick footpath on the 24th June. Cllr. Jessop and his neighbour had notified the Fire Brigade, and later advised the police via the 101 service. The landowners were also notified. The Fire Brigade thought the fire had been started deliberately.

b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower footpath – no action taken to date.

Speed Limit – No report from Mr. Blake to date.

Road Improvements – Clerk had asked Cllr. Owens to add the problem at the Glebe Lane/Church junction to the list. The PCC Highways officer thought this would be attended to as part of the conditions for the Exception Site. Members looked at the relevant plan, but thought the condition applied only to the site entrance and not the awkward corner with its poor visibility.. Clerk to clarify with PCNPA

Jubilee Villas – No work undertaken to date.

Martins Haven – Gill Phillips outlined to the Council a recent incident offshore at Martins Haven attended to by the local Coastguard Service, of which she is a member. Vehicles parked by the Deer Park gate prevented the waiting ambulance from accessing the Byway to the beach. Eventually the injured person was taken to hospital by helicopter, and the ambulance had to reverse backwards up the hill. The Council agreed that action should be taken. Ms. Phillips was asked to ensure this problem was highlighted in the Coastguard report on the incident. The Council will ask the National Trust if they will put a sign on their gate requesting that it is kept clear for emergency access. Cllr. Owens to be asked to follow up the problem with

Highways to see if relevant highway signs can be put up and possibly yellow “boxing” road markings applied to ensure passage for emergency vehicles. The incident occurred on the 27th June. Ms Phillips was thanked for bringing the matter to the attention of the Council, and she then withdrew from the meeting.

Hedge Cutting – Members expressed concern that in spite of their requests the local roads in Marloes had not been cut, only in St. Brides – Clerk to follow up again.

Signs – Cllr. Richards advised that a sign had been dislodged by a silage truck on the approach to St. Brides beach. Also noted that the PCNPA noticeboard at Marloes Sand car park had been knocked hard recently.

- c) Marine Planning – Clerk had e-mailed Greg Morgan, the Ramsey Warden today and he had responded to say that a web-cam on Grassholm was not practical at present. However he would be pleased to send the Council reports on his twice yearly visits. Clerk to provide contact details for Peninsula Papers.
- d) Pembs. Housing – Clerk to circulate the latest e-mailed information.
- e) Bait Digging – Final draft has been circulated – Notice to be issued in July. Clerk to ask if a telephone number to report breaches of the Code is available.
- f) Notice Board(Children’s) – Work to be undertaken during the summer holidays.
- g) Skomer Visits – see below.
- h) Member's Interests – One Voice Wales response received – no form available. Clerk to discuss with Cllr. Burnett what action will be necessary.
- i) Affordable Housing – The consultation applied to the County Council LDP area only. Noted.
- j) Raves – Dale C. C. Clerk had put a general notice in the local newsletter. See letter from PCC below.
- k) Sponsorship - Mrs. Beegan had advised that some sources of funding by the County Council are not now available, and water polo is also not supported by the Sports Council of Wales as yet. Haverfordwest Swimming Pool Trust have offered support however, and she will speak to Mr. Andy Grey. Noted.

3. Community Issues

a) Skomer Visits – Flyers had been produced by the Wildlife Trust. Clerk had passed on flyers to deliver to Cllr. Richards (St. Brides), and Cllr. Jessop, Cllr. Burnett and Cllr. Twidale(Marloes Village), and she herself had delivered most of the outlying areas in Marloes. Applicants had to book via Dale Sailing Co.

b) National Trust Matters – Marloes Sands Car-park

Flag Post – Members looked at the cap park map, and agreed that it was marginal whether the post was incorrectly located – no action agreed. Noted that no action would be taken to lease the building this year. - some interest had

been shown.

c) Exception Site – No information on the development.

e) Hedge Cutting – See item above.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

11/06/15 – Pembroke Dock C. C. - Armed Forces Day, 27/06 – Circulated.

12/06/15 – W. Govt. (Stephen Barry) – Provision of toilets for public use.

13/06/15 – Islands Committee – Local resident awarded the BEM – Agreed that the Clerk send a letter congratulating Steve Sutcliffe – former Warden of Skomer Island, and recently in charge of the Skokholm Renovation Project.

15/06/15 – OVW – Resource Efficient Wales – to circulate to Cllr. Jessop.

15/06/15 – OVW – Use of IT and the Internet – Clerk responded to query.

15/06/15 – PCC – Fish Week Events – listings noted.

16/06/15 – OVW – Wales Audit News – June 2015 – Clerk to read.

16/06/15 – OVW – Support your High Street Campaign – 19 to 26th Sept.

16/06/15 – OVW – Larger Councils Conference – noted.

17/06/15 – OVW – Wales Green Energy Awards – noted.

17/06/15 – OVW – Shale Gas & Hydraulic Fracturing – refer to Cllr. Jessop.

17/06/15 – Dave Astins - Pembs Half Marathon & 10K Run – 27/09/15.

18/06/15 – OVW – The Wales Training Strategy – Welsh Govt. is expecting councillors to become more involved with a greater need for training.

19/06/15 – OVW – VAT courses – noted.

26/06/15 – OVW – Workshop in Cardiff – Adaptation Plan for the Communities Sector. Noted.

29/06/15 – PCC (Rosie Thomas) – LSB 2015 Consultation Report – noted.

29/06/15 – OVW – Training Modules.

29/06/15 – OVW – Wales Energy Efficiency Strategy Consultation – to refer to Cllr. Jessop.

29/06/15 – OVW – How service user experience can improve strategic direction and services – Webinar 15/07/15 – Noted.

30/06/15 – OVW – National appointments – noted.

30/06/15 – OVW – Collection & Management of Devolved Taxes – noted.

30/06/15 – OVW – Call for Honours nomination (Queens Birthday 2016).

03/07/15 – OVW – Conference 03/10/15 – Ceredigion.

06/07/15 – PCC (Rachel Kershaw) – Contaminated Land

06/07/15 – OVW – Survey on “How does climate change affect your organisation? - to refer to Cllr. Jessop for response by 14th July.

13/07/15 - OVW – Tax collection & Management Bill – to start April 2018.

13/07/15 – PCC (Rachel Gibby) – Draft older Person's Strategy 50plus.

14/07/15 – Coastlands School Newsletter – Clerk had circulated the latest newsletter of the term to council members so that they could read what has been achieved recently. The Council was pleased to note that the School had been appointed a World Wildlife Fund Green Ambassador School for this year, and as runners up had received a cheque for £2,500. Clerk to send a letter of congratulation to the School Headteacher.

Other Correspondence:-

- a) PCC – 10/07/15 – Spontaneous Events – Letter from Sarah Johns. Clerk had made copies of the enclosed notice to display locally. Agreed the council's Emergency List of contacts requires updating, and that this Council needs to cooperate with Dale C. C. Cllr. Jessop to check for updates – there is a need to have e-mail addresses as well if possible to pass information on quickly.
- b) Milford Haven Port Authority – Business Review and notice of meeting with the Community on the 24th July at Pill Social Centre, Milford Haven. Cllr. Jessop will attend if available. Noted that an LNG tanker has been moored in St. Brides Bay for some time.
- c) One Voice Wales – Pembrokeshire Area Meeting to be held on the 15th July – no one able to attend.
- d) Ombudsman – Annual Report 2014/15 – Noted.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2015 – Issue 100 received.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. E-mail noted – wait response from PCC officer.
- b) Slate Mill – Certificate of Lawful Use is still to be submitted by the owner's agent.
- c) NP/15/0210/FUL – Form D consent received. Letter dated the 8th May from PCC to PCNPA referred to the wrong location. Clerk advised she has contacted all parties to advise that it was a previous Shop/Post Office that also had petrol pumps not this property. Noted.
- d) PCC – 15/06/15- Planning Application Consultations & Decision Notices – Clerk advised that this procedure applies to County Council LDP areas only. Noted.
- e) PCNPA – 24/06/15 – National Park Procedures & Information – Clerk to

circulate to Councillors.

- f) NP/15/0380/FUL - Crabhall – Conversion of traditional agricultural buildings to one dwelling with associated live-work office/workshop/garage. Members considered the documents received with this application. It was noted that the now redundant farm buildings are to be re-used. Information in the detailed reports attached have considered most aspects concerning the re-use of the buildings. The Council noted the design proposals for the buildings and considered that these are appropriate for the buildings, and take full account of their position adjacent to the Gann SSSI. Council members were impressed with the quality of the documents submitted with this application. Members were concerned that much less attention has been spent on ensuring that there is an appropriate entrance and exit to the B4327 (Haverfordwest to Dale road) from both this development, and the existing premises, formerly Crabhall Farmhouse. It is envisaged that in time to come that the two premises are likely to be owned separately, and therefore the needs of two households would have to be accommodated. There is also reference in this application to a “live-work office/workshop/garage” which may in itself generate additional traffic, over and above the domestic dwelling attached. Council members considered that further design work is required to ensure a safe entrance/exit to and from the highway. The Council therefore objects to the current application, and would request that further work is done on this aspect, in cooperation with PCC Highways.

6) Financial Matters

- a) BDO Audit – Clerk advised she had agreed a delay of one week for the Audit Date to give herself more time to write the Statement of Variances.
- b) Clock Tower Donation – Clerk confirmed that the first annual payment had been paid into the account.

7) Urgent Matters, if any.

- a) Noted that Cllr Jessop helped by Mr. R. Titley had erected a panel under the Marloes Hall Notice Board detailing the Marloes Website address.
- b) Wellington Bomber Event – Confirmed that the Chairman, Cllr. Beal had received an invitation to the event on the 12th August.
- c) Marloes Sands – Noted that a Fin-Keeled yacht had grounded last Friday – Cllr. Jessop had recovered the life-raft – there were no one injured.

- d) School Event – Cllr. Beal drew attention to the School Fayre on 15th July which was open to visitors, not just parents.
- e) Burial Ground – Mr. Morgan drew attention to the problem of future new burials with the present Churchyard running out of spaces and it being no longer permissible to re-use old burial areas. Clerk advised it is intended to hold a meeting when all information is to hand.
- f) Noted the new Green Openreach cabinet in Marloes has not been enabled for the use of super fast broadband as yet.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10th August 2015 at Marloes Village Hall.