

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 12th 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

- Community Resident - Mr. Malcolm Cullen

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Kimpton (annual leave), and
from County Cllr. Owens

1) Minutes - The minutes of the July meeting had been circulated to members, and
was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards.

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Spontaneous Events - copies of Information Leaflet available
to put up locally. The Council noted that an incident had occurred on the 12th
July when a visitor had caused problems in the vicinity of the Clock Tower.
Police had attended and advice given to nearby residents/visitors while the
incident was ongoing.

Speed Check Training – The meeting agreed that the Clerk includes a request
in the Community Council report for volunteers to undergo speed check
training. A minimum of three is required to carry out checks.

Community Link - July 2019 received, also the Annual Report for 2018-19 –
“Safeguarding our Communities Together”.

Speeding Problems – Reply received from Clare Williams, PCC - Assistant
Transport Planner. Her response advised, that if the use of Speed Detection
Warning Signs was approved by the County Council, the Community Council
would have to purchase/install them, and arrange cover for the necessary
licence and insurance. No further speed monitoring is planned. Stated there are
sufficient 20mph signs in place. Agreed that the Clerk ask what is the
equipment/installation costs.

b) County Council – Highways etc.

Clerk to provide Cllr. Owens with an update on outstanding matters. Cllr.
Smithies advised that the sink hole (St. Brides) had to be revisited by the
County Council when the first repair failed. Noted that the Council had cut
back the hedge behind the pavement in the Glebe Lane – private hedges are the
responsibility of the property owner. Fence at Gaylane Terrace still to be
repaired.

- c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking - Mr. Parkin (PCNP - Director of Countryside, Community & Visitor Services) had visited the site, as had Cllr. Owens - neither visited at a weekend. Mr. Parkin had offered to meet with the Council to discuss issues.
- d) Footpaths – Publicity and photograph in The Mercury noted, reference the Frog/Gull path. St. Ishmaels Clerk, Mike Cottam and Sandy Morrell had walked the possible Gull/Mouse path with Cllr. Jessop. PCNP are producing a Web walk draft for consideration.
- e) Rural Wisdom Project – Clerk advised that Rachel Evans is visiting the communities. She has discussed the bus services with the County Council officer. A visit to the Health Authority is being arranged to identify issues affecting local communities. Details of other initiatives are being circulated.
- f) IRPW – Cllr. Kimpton to sign form.
- g) Bus Services – Clerk has been advised of further changes in the Coastal Bus services timetable for 2019-20. Noted that the summer service to St. David’s will cease on the 8th September this year - two weeks early-with only one service now on a Wednesday through the winter. Visitors are complaining about the cutbacks.
- h) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – Noted that the Community Council had sent a letter to support Coastlands School to meet the conditions of their grant. The meeting agreed that a letter of support be written for the Local History Group who are applying for funding for the St. Brides History Leaflet - £1000. Cllr. Owens had forwarded an e-mail advising Councils of the revised criteria for grant applications.
- i) Skokholm Back – Some planting undertaken – more to do.
- j) Lobster Pots, Musselwick – four more pots removed by persons unknown.
- k) Mr. Bobby Morgan – Noted that Mr. Morgan was back in hospital at present.
- l) Moss Cottage - Noted that a County Council officer had visited on the 5th August, and had met the owner of the adjoining property. An actual nuisance has to be confirmed, otherwise it may be a planning Section 215 matter. Clerk is not sure if the Empty Homes Policy would apply.
- m) Nuisance Issues – None advised.
- n) Pems. Eco Champions - This does not have to be a Councillor – Clerk to include in the Council report.
- o) Marquee – Meeting advised that this information was not correct.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters

Stakeholder meeting - Tuesday 9th July - Marloes Hall – Cllr. Beal and the Clerk had attended the meeting, and also the site meeting at the Car Park. They reported back on the main items for discussion. Drainage will be one issue – some changes noted with ditches in the area. Advised

it was proposed to convert the Castle Rag BOAT to a highway, and that this would run down the middle of the car park. A converted shipping container may be the new hut, and be resited. Retail is an issue, with Cllr. Jessop advising that they consider a restricted categorisation of A1. Pre-Application Report – The Council has been asked to comment on this document. Cllr. Jessop will prepare a response based on the discussion this evening, as Mr. Underwood may be meeting PCNP officers later tomorrow. The Community Council is to receive more details after the National Trust has met with PCNP to discuss the pre-planning matters.

b) Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling – The Runwayskiln Dog Litter Bin is in place, and being used for general and dog litter. Dog fouling issues on the Musselwick path noted.

c) Road Closures - Milford/Dale road – BT/Openreach ducting/chamber work. Clerk outlined the problems with the closure on the 22nd July, followed by an unofficial closure on the 25th July, when only one road was used for diversions. A further closure is proposed for Monday 2nd September. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of objection, and a request for a site meeting with all affected Community Councils to discuss the need for the work, better signage, and alternative routes to minimise disturbance of householders and road users.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) Freedom of Information Request (E-mail) - Owner of Ty Gwyn, Marloes - Clerk read out the letter detailing the information required covering a period from 2003 to date. The Clerk advised that this will take some time to process. Council members to assist as practical.
- b) Boundary Comm. For Wales – Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County of Pembrokeshire – Final Recommendations. Noted that the County Council area will be much larger in future – to include Tiers Cross and Thornton. Name to be Llanisan yn Rhos in Welsh, and St. Ishmaels in English.
- c) PCC – New Disposal Nappy & Incontinence Waste Collection - to start on the 2nd September. Clerk had spoken to an officer at the County Show on this matter. It is proposed to use Purple Bags. She felt that incontinence users may not wish to have their use identified by a special collection, and would probably prefer to continue using the black bags.

E-Mails for attention:-

- 16/07/19 – PCC – Communications Survey. Noted.
- 18/07/19 – OVW – July 2019 Bulletin
- 19/07/19 – OVW – National Strategy for Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales - Consultation for 12 weeks from 24/06/19 – passed to Cllr. Jessop.
- 26/07/19 – Visit to Runwayskiln by Deputy Minister planned – subsequently cancelled.
- 31/07/19 – Paul Davies, AM Newsletter.
- 01/08/19 – OVW – Financial Assistance to Churches – refer to as necessary.
- 04/08/19 – Reminder from the Pembs. Triathlon Club that the Dale 10k and Half Marathon will be held on 29/09/19 - the latter passes through Marloes.
- 05/08/19 – OPCC – Community Link – Bimonthly Newsletter.
- 05/08/19 – OVW – Wales Audit office – Good Practice Exchange Programme 2019/20.
- 07/08/19 – OVW – Long Forest Project – Free Ap for Community Councils to survey Hedgerows – passed to Cllr. Jessop.
- 08/08/19 – OVW – New Governance & Accountability - A Practitioners Guide Wales 2019 – First Document (178 pages).

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) Ty Gwyn, Marloes – See item above at 4a.
- (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. Mr. Cullen was advised in response to a question, that the Council did not object to the change of gates, only the proposal to enlarge the hedge bank opening to 8 metres.
- (c) PCNP - LDP – Hearings – One more hearing to be convened later in the year.
- (d) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – The Clerk had to send a reminder to Ms. Gandy to receive the necessary response. Holiday lets and domestic dwellings are all classed under C3. Clerk had been advised by the email that PCNP was investigating the issue concerning off-street parking. Clerk advised that she had left a note on one foreign registered vehicle parked on the Village Green, and had asked another visitor to the Lobster Pot to move their vehicle off the Green, and to park alongside the Chapel wall.

- (e) Planning consents have been received in respect of :-
NP/19/0303/FUL – Replacement Side Extension – Glebe Cottage, Marloes.
PCNP had not responded to the inquiry on permitted development.
NP/18/0666/FUL – Section 73A - Subdivision of dwelling – Ty Gwyn,
Marloes
- (f) PCNP County Show Reception – Apology had been sent in response to this invitation.
- (g) Ms. Nicola Gandy has replaced Ms. Jane Gibson as the Planning Director.
- (h) PCNP – Pembs. Landscape Assessment – Details 29 distinctive characteristics.
Consultation up to 5pm on 16/09/19. Pass to Cllr. Jessop.
- (i) Dev. Plans Team – Management Plan 2020-2024 – Consultation from 01/08/19 to 31/10/19. Clerk to circulate.
- (j) Planning Officers Society for Wales – Summary Survey results passed to Cllrs Smithies and Jessop.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – Clerk had responded to the various questions arising out of the Audit submission.
 - b) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund – Action to be taken in September.
 - c) Ebico – Clerk had submitted a reading. Revised statement expected.
 - d) Bank Statement received – The possible closure of the Lloyds Bank Branch in Haverfordwest has been rumoured in recent weeks. Noted.
 - e) Information Commissioners Office – Clerk had telephoned the Office and they had confirmed that this Council would be required to pay £40 per year – paperwork to be received shortly. On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Johnson the meeting approved the payment.
- 7) Clock Tower – Noted that Mr. Howells had had to replace a pin on the clock mechanism recently.

8) Urgent Matters

- a) Badger Helpline – Clerk provided members with the number to report dead badgers. If removed quickly they will be tested for TB, otherwise PCC will be asked to remove the remains.
- b) Community Council – Cllr. Jessop asked if there was process to close a Community Council. His fellow members felt that this thought was premature at present.
- c) St. Brides Beach – Cllr. Richards advised that in recent days the water had been coloured green – but water quality had not shown contamination – more of a natural occurrence.
- d) Community Resident – No issues to raise.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 9th September 2019 when the draft minutes of the August 2019 business meeting will be submitted for approval. Cllr. Richards gave his apologies for this meeting.