

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. R. Owens

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. W. Richards, and from PCSO Leanne Nicholls 8139

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

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that she had received an e-mail from PS Ben Flather PC540 who had advised, that after interviewing a suspect for this fire had decided that the person was not proved present at the incident, and the case had now been closed. Members expressed their disappointment, as this was now the second occasion when a case had been closed although a witness had contacted the police. It was agreed that the Clerk pass details of both incidents to the Police Commissioner expressing their dissatisfaction with the way these incidents had been dealt with. It was felt that the police have a duty of care to the whole community, and that this did not seem to have been recognised over the last eighteen months.

b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower footpath – no action taken to date.

Speed Limit – No report from Mr. Blake to date – Clerk had sent an e-mail to Mr. Blake earlier in the day – reply awaited.

Road Improvements – Glebe Lane/Church junction – Clerk had sent an e-mail to PCNPA today asking if this work would be part of the required highway improvements for the Exception Site – response waited.

Jubilee Villas – No work undertaken to date.

Martins Haven – Cllr. Owens will take up with Highways the need for signage/ boxed area at the end of the County road opposite the Deer Park gate. Clerk to e-mail the National Trust to ask for a notice on their gate asking for the access to be kept clear for emergence vehicles.

Hedge Cutting – Clerk detailed the e-mails exchanged with Emrys Llewelyn (PCC) on this matter. The roads had not been cut until after the start of the Summer Holiday, and they had then started at the end of the Peninsula, and left

the hedges from the Mullock Bridge junction to Stembridge to the last.

Signs – These had not been reported by the Clerk.

Cllr. Owens took note of the matters outstanding so that he can follow up as necessary.

- c) Pembs. Housing – Clerk had circulated the latest e-mailed information today.
- d) Bait Digging – Signs now in place at the Pickleridge, and on the Gann Ridge – St. Ishmaels side. Clerk has a proforma for breaches of the Code - to send a copy to Cllr. Burnett.
- e) Notice Board(Children's) – Work yet to start.
- f) Skomer Visits – see below.
- g) Member's Interests – Further e-mail from the National Association of Local Councils seems to contradict previous information. Clerk to check again with One Voice Wales and PALC exactly what is required, and then discuss with Cllr. Burnett what action will be necessary to alter the website.
- h) Raves/Spontaneous Events – Broad Haven C. C. had been on alert for a Rave on the Beach after the exams, but nothing had occurred. Cllr. Jessop and the Clerk to up-date the present list. Members to be circulated to check omissions. To discuss with Dale C. C. as necessary.
- i) Port Authority – Cllr. Jessop had not been able to attend the Community meeting.
- j) Resource Efficient Wales – details to be put in Peninsula Papers.
- k) Shale Gas – Cllr. Jessop advised that no Welsh permits will be issued for the time being as this matter has yet to be devolved to the Welsh Government.
- l) Dale Half Marathon/10K – Clerk to ask Dale C. C. Clerk if this item will be in Peninsula Papers.
- m) Draft Older Persons Strategy - Rachel Gibby (PCC) has advised that she will receive submissions after the deadline, so Clerk can put an item in the next Peninsula Papers.
- n) Marloes Website – Rosemary Royle has advised that 10,000 hits have been received in the last year – 22,000 since the start. Cllr. Jessop also advised that Mrs. Royle has prepared cards (with details of the website)for visitors to take away in the local shop, and also will put some in the Lobster Pot. Members agreed that it would hopefully help to maintain and possibly increase visitor numbers.
- o) Wellington Bomber HX384 event – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Clerk gave details of this event to the Council. Cllr. Beal will represent them at the Church Service, to be followed by the Unveiling of the Bomber Propeller in Dale Hall, followed by refreshments. The RAF have offered to undertake a flypast over the old Airfield that day if weather and operational needs allow.
- p) Openreach Cabinet – Cllr. Richards had advised that Openreach have been working on the Cabinet at Pearson Crossroads, St. Brides. Staff had advised it would be October/November before the Box was enabled. Cllr. Burnett advised that on the relevant website – September is indicated for a start for Marloes.

### 3. Community Issues

- a) Skomer Visits – Clerk advised that sailing had been cancelled on the second Sunday. Exact numbers of take up on the other two days not known, but those that went had had an enjoyable experience.
- b) National Trust Matters – No information received.
- c) Exception Site – No information on the development.
- d) Hedge Cutting – See item above.
- e) Vandalism/Hedge Fire – see item above.

### 4) Correspondence

#### a) E-Mail Letters–

- B/F 06/07/15 – OVW – Survey on “How does climate change affect your organisation? - Cllr. Jessop and Clerk had responded to the survey.
- 14/07/15 – Cllr. Jessop – circulated contacts for Natural Burials and the Natural Death Centre reference Churchyard burials.
- 15/07/15 – OVW – Briefing from NALC – Refers to Sections 55-58 of the L.G. (Democracy) Wales Act 2013 – circulated.
- 16/07/15 – Cllr. Jessop – Zero Carbon Houses.
- 17/07/15 – OVW – Your Local High Street – Noted.
- 17/07/15 – PCC (Lisa Davies) – Individual Electoral Registration – agreed that the Clerk put details in the September issue of Peninsula Papers.
- 20/07/15 – Pembs CAB – Donation request noted.
- 21/07/15 – W Govt. - The Playing Fields, disposal of – Regulations.
- 24/07/15 – OVW – Recruitment of Chair for NRW - £28,000 plus reasonable expenses – 60 days per year. Noted.
- 24/07/15 – OVW – Independent Remuneration Panel Survey.
- 27/07/15 – PCC (Rosie Thomas) – Local Services Board (LSB) – Circulated.
- 04/08/15 – Dyfed Powys Police Commissioner – Newsletter – Noted.
- 05/08/15 – PCC (Rosie Thomas) – Time Banking Event – Fishguard  
14/10/15. Noted.
- 05/08/15 – OVW – VAT Courses. Noted.
- 07/08/15 – PCC (Sarah Worby) – Newgale Adaptation Plan – Noted.

## 5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Stephen Benger, PCC has passed this matter to the PCC Highways Asset Manager for consideration. Noted.
- b) Slate Mill – Certificate of Lawful Use has not yet been received by PCNPA from the owner's agent.
- c) PCC – 15/06/15- Planning Application Consultations & Decision Notices – a further letter dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> July has been received. Clerk has e-mailed to advise that this Council area is solely in PCNP, so the arrangement does not apply.
- d) PCNPA – 24/06/15 – National Park Procedures & Information – Letter circulated today. Clerk to include reference to the Pre-Planning free offer in Peninsula Papers.
- e) NP/15/0380/FUL - Crabhall – Conversion of traditional agricultural buildings to one dwelling with associated live-work office/workshop/garage.  
Letter sent to PCNPA as drafted, and an acknowledgement received. Clerk had followed up on a query from Cllr. Smithies which had identified that two documents had not been sent with the original papers. PCNP officer had apologised, and the two documents were e-mailed as attachments. Cllr. Owens advised that this application was not before the meeting on Wednesday.
- f) Mobile Infrastructure Projects – Clerk had circulated details received from Harlequin (PEM 0270) with regard to this project. Cllr. Owens had also forwarded details of a similar project in the St. Ishmaels C. C. area. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Owens approach the company and ask if they will attend a joint meeting of the three Community Councils in the area, to explain the project, and explain how the two masts would cover the not spots identified locally. This project could benefit both local residents as well as visitors.
- f) County Show – E-mail invitation received to a reception on Wednesday afternoon. Noted.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower window Repair – Invoice received from Mr. D. Howells for repair at £228 (includes £38 VAT which will be reclaimed). Payment was approved by the council on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett.
- b) Visitor Donation – The clerk gave details of the donation of £100 received from Mr. & Mrs. M. McRitchie – regular visitors to this area from Northern Ireland. The donation has been paid into the main deposit

account, and this has been acknowledged to Mr. McRitchie. The Council were delighted with this gesture, and agreed that a letter of thanks is sent. After discussion it was also agreed that the £100 should not cover revenue expenses, but be spent to benefit as many residents of the community as possible. Ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

- c) Clock Tower Maintenance – It was noted that the louvres need painting, and that with scaffolding, paint and labour is likely to cost up to £1000. Members discussed the possibilities of approaching Holiday Property Bond who own St. Brides Castle – former home of the Kensington Family. The Clock Tower was built in memory of the 4<sup>th</sup> Baron, Lord Kensington who rented St. Brides before the 5<sup>th</sup> Baron bought the estate. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the company to build up a relation with them, and ask if they would assist the Council with this project. It was noted that Children’s Play Days at St. Brides Castle have been advertised in Broad Haven, but not in this Council area.

#### 7) Urgent Matters, if any.

- a) Housing Allocations – Cllr. Owens was asked for advice on the possibilities of a local allocation of the next vacancy in the Marloes village. He agreed to provide advice to applicants as required.
- b) Martins Haven/National Trust/Wildlife Trust - It is not clear what benefit the Community has from the operators in this area. It is important that local businesses benefit as much as possible.
- c) Beacon Field – Cllr. Jessop advised that a couple with connections to this area have purchased the field. No changes are envisaged to the long standing community use of the field for major events, including a Beacon Fire if that was part of future celebrations.
- d) Black Bag Collections – Noted there had been problems recently with holiday properties, with rubbish put out on the wrong day being scavenged, and having to be cleared up by neighbours or the cleaner for the property. Cllr. Owens will ask if a standard letter can be sent/delivered to offending owners/properties, and to also ask if the rubbish can be cleared by County Council staff if necessary. Ideally the owner should arrange a trade waste agreement.
- e) Council Meetings – noted that Cllr. Jessop had suggested at the end of the last meeting that a monthly meeting could take place in St. Brides if issues required a more local presence.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Marloes Village Hall.