

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. L. Beal (Chairman), together with Cllrs. C. Jessop, S. Twidale,
S. Burnett, P. Smithies & W. Richards
- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. S. Twidale

NB – The meeting planned for the 14th September had been cancelled when heavy rain over the day had caused flooding at Mullock Bridge, and also on the Marloes road.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the August meeting having been circulated to members were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that she had contacted Sgt. Martin Vaughan initially as the Council had previously had a good relationship with him over the rave issues. He had advised that WPC Terri Harrison is now the acting Sgt. for this areas Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), and the Inspector at Milford Haven is Alan Millichip. The Clerk outlined the conversation she had had with Sgt. Harrison over recent issues, and in particular the two recorded incidents. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk ensure that the e-mail received from PS Ben Flather was sent to Sgt. Harrison as it was felt that the two versions of what had occurred did not agree. It was noted that if the Council considered in future that an impasse had been reached then an appointment with the local Inspector should be made in the first instance.
 - b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower footpath – Tree stump has been cut off at the base, and some trimming undertaken. Noted.

Speed Limit – No response from Mr. Blake. Clerk to e-mail again.

Road Improvements – Glebe Lane/Church junction – National Park had confirmed that this was part of site condition 14. Noted.

Jubilee Villas – No work undertaken to date with the longstanding surface water issue. Clerk read out a letter from Mrs. S. Davies reference the recent flooding on the 14th September, and a previous incident when a reservoir broke behind Jubilee Villas. She advised the culvert under the road is full of debris which has added to the flooding problems. Clerk to discuss this with Cllr. Owens, and advise Mrs. Davies to take photographs to send to PCC – Tony Lewis.

Martins Haven – E-mail from Andrew Tuddenham had expressed concern over

the introduction of “urban street markings and signs to this area”. Clerk to speak to Cllr. Owens to ask about the response from PCC.

Stembridge – Noted the heavy rain had broken up a small section of the road near Stembridge – Traffic is having to pass on the wrong side of the road as on-coming traffic comes from Marloes – to refer to Cllr. Owens.

Road Closure – St. Ishmaels/Marloes roads. Noted that this work will start on the 20th October between 9.30am to 3.30pm for approximately 20 days to facilitate cabling works. Noted that there will be alternative routes signposted. Part of this time includes the school half term – Clerk to advise the Acting Headteacher at Coastlands as part time attendees will be affected by the closures. Otherwise it was agreed that the sooner the work was done the better as this work will lead to the start up of super fast broadband now scheduled for December. E-mail responses from Dale C. C. about the closure were noted. A PCC Streetcare officer will be appointed to liaise with the contractor.

- c) Bait Digging – A further e-mail has been received from Chris Lawrence, NRW about reporting misuse of the area. Clerk to ask Dale C. C. Clerk if he is including this in his report to Peninsula Papers.
- d) Notice Board(Children’s) – Later in the meeting it was agreed that Mark Burton and others would be asked to coordinate action to refurbish the Board.
- e) Member's Interests – Action still to be taken.
- f) Raves/Spontaneous Events – Cllr. Jessop and the Clerk had updated the contact list, with Cllr. Jessop phoning almost every one on the list. Thankfully no incidents had occurred over the Bank Holiday. Clerk read out an e-mail letter from Dale. C. C. Cllr. Jessop will check through the information again, and then the Clerk will send out an e-mail asking all contacts if they are agreeable to having their details listed. Mrs. Evans advised that she envisaged on some occasions being given information from the police to pass on - perhaps details of a missing person, or suspicious visits relating to farm theft or similar. She would blind copy the e-mail, so other addresses would not be obvious. Occasionally it may be one of the Group listed who may initiate contact. In an definite emergency then the Clerk would telephone contacts. Cllr. Jessop advised he hoped that it may be possible to arrange a group text. Members felt this was sometime in the future.
- g) Dale Half Marathon/10K – This event will take place next Sunday 26th September – signage will be in place.
- h) Electoral Registration – This item will be in the October Peninsula Papers.
- i) Clock Tower – Letter to Holiday Property Bond still to be drafted. Cllr. Richards confirmed that he will take the letter to the Castle to discuss with the Office Manger in the first instance. The Chairman advised on the advertised play days that had taken place at the Castle, and she had attended with her children on one day. Purple Play Activities ran the day, and they are funded by the Welsh Government. Cllr. Richards will look at the web site before he visits.

- j) Housing Allocation – Confirmed that Cllr. Owens had given advice to a local family. Clerk advised the vacancy had been put on-line today, with a closing date next Monday. Cllr. Richards thought another property in St. Brides may become vacant shortly.

3. Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – Runwayskiln/Marloes Sands. Andrew Tuddenham has advised that the NT intend offering a new contract this winter, and hopes to attend a meeting of the Council before Christmas to provide an update. Noted that the chitting shed and all debris has been removed. Information to be received on the proposed siting of the new Bird Hide.

Martins Haven - Reference the unregulated parking – see above – he has suggested a meeting of all interested parties to explore the options. He also advised that Catherine Orchard is the Commercial Manager who covers the car park huts, and he is satisfied that the use of the buildings is in line with the planning brief. He had heard that Marloes Village Shop has new owners, but only the NT Warden has called in as yet. Clerk to advise meeting dates to Mr. Tuddenham. Noted that Lockley Lodge closed on the 15th September, but Skomer Island is open until the 30th September. There have been some issues with competing interests in the area.

b) Exception Site – See planning application below.

c) Rubbish – Apart from one property identified by Cllr. Jessop no other problems had been notified with the rubbish collections over the recent Bank Holiday. It was noted from the e-mails from Cllr. Owens, that the County Council will be issuing letters to properties run as commercial enterprises to advise that a trade waste licence should be in place. Noted that less recycling takes place with such properties. Agreed to wait the issue of the letters. The orange skip by Marloes Village toilets is believed to be there for the beach rubbish to be collected.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters–

12/08/15 – OVW – Care Home Review Statement – Older Persons Comm.

12/08/15 – OVW – 2016 NRW Competitive Grant

12/08/15 – OVW – Legal Topic Notes – Contracts.

13/08/15 – OVW – Future of Parks & their positive impact on well-being.

17/08/15 – OVW – Finance Comm. Consultation on Tax Collection & Management (Wales) Bill.

17/08/15 – OVW – Public Appointment – RCAHMW
 17/08/15 – PCC – Consultation – Events at Milford Haven (06/10/15) & Haverfordwest(12/10/15)for public to attend – see posters.
 17/08/15 – OVW – BBC Charter Review Consultation.
 (17/08/15 & 19/08/15 – Letter from the Minister for Public Services.)
 17/08/15 – OVW – Humanitarian Assistance & Community Resilience Conference – 15/10/15 – Police HQ, Carmarthen.
 21/08/15 – Cllr. CJ – LNG spill in Barcelona from the LNG carrier - “Furwairit” - passed to Cllr. Owens for information.
 21/08/15 – OVW – Protecting Community Assets Consultation.
 21/08/15 – OVW – Conference & AGM.
 25/08/15 – OVW – Wales Audit Office – Clerk to note.
 07/09/15 – OVW – Draft guidance – Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
 08/09/15 – OVW – Changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 & Tech. Advice Note 4 - Retail Centre Development.
 10/09/15 – Arts Council for Wales – Night Out Scheme – passed to Cllr. Burnett for the Hall Committee.
 10/09/15 – OVW – Consumer Council Water Events 22/09/15 – Cardiff.
 11/09/15 – OVW – Public Sector Waste & Resource Efficiency Plan.
 11/09/15 – OVW – Public Appointment – Sports Council & Regulatory Boards.
 15/09/15 – PCNPA – Apple Day, St. Brides on 18/10/15 – Clerk advised that the local Churches have been invited to serve refreshments as a fund-raiser. Third event to be held. See posters.
 16/09/15 – OVW – Statement by W.G. Minister re Landfill Tax etc.

Other correspondence includes:-

PCC – 10/08/15 – Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation Review.
 PCC – 10/08/15 – Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation Review.
 Unison – 10/08/15 – Pembrokeshire Ethical Care Charter Campaign
 PCC – 20/08/15 – Play Area Grant 2015/16 – Relevant papers have been passed to Mark Burton.
 Play Wales – passed to Cllr. Burnett for the Recreation Committee.
 Shelter Cymru – 50+ Project Pembrokeshire - Launch on the 15th October.
 OVW – 11/08/15 – AGM – Conference Motions; also notice of Pembrokeshire Area Committee meeting on the 29th September – noted.
 Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2015, Issue 101 – Legal Matters covers Freedom of Information in this issue.
 Mind, Pembrokeshire – Sept. 2015 - “Mind Information Poster” received.
 Western Mail Press Article – Members congratulated Cllr. Peter Smithies & Mrs Smithies on receiving from the National Trust, the Fine Farm Produce Award Producer of the Decade.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. No response as yet from PCC Highways Asset Manager.
- b) Slate Mill – Certificate of Lawful Use is still outstanding.
- c) Mobile Infrastructure Projects – (PEM 0270) – Further correspondence has shown that this would be sited in Dale C. C. area. Cllr. S. Burnett will make enquiries about the Welsh Govt project. Cllr. Owens to be advised that a meeting with the company/agent is not required at present.
- d) Planning Aid – No one was available to attend the seminar in Haverfordwest on the 9th September.
- e) PCNP – 07/09/15 -LDP Review – Community Facilities to be re-assessed. Clerk will ask the officer to confirm full list of facilities before responding.
- f) NP/15/0457/FUL – First Floor Balcony, Walkway & Access steps to Bedroom. Members felt that this proposal was not in keeping, and destroys the vernacular nature of the buildings at Slate Mill – a former farmhouse. An access to the bedroom was provided for in NP/14/0011, and members could not see why a further external access was required. Previously the agent had stated that it was “essential to retain a harmonious approach”, and it was felt that this proposal contradicted that wish. The building is close to the B4327, and the walkway will be very visible to passing traffic.
- g) NP/15/0428/FUL & 0429/LBA – St. Brides Castle – single storey extension to one apartment. It was considered that the proposed extension has been designed in a sympathetic manner which will enhance what is an attractive building. Noted that the Castle is a Listed Building.
- h) NP/15/467/DOC – Discharge conditions 5,6, 7 7 8 reference NP/14/0461 – Exception Site, Town Meadow, Marloes. Cllr. Burnett declared an interest in Condition 5 - disposal of foul and surface water. Clerk had received guidance from Mr. Liam Jones, Head of Development Management, PCNP which she relayed to the Council. It is not usual that Discharge of Conditions is referred to a Community Council, but he appreciated that this application had a particular interest for the Council. Members reviewed the various papers, and agreed that they request a copy of the Welsh Water report in relation to Condition 5, otherwise they had no other comments to make.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Visitor Donation – Cllr. Richards suggested that an Interpretation Panel would be an asset for the community. It was agreed that this would be a useful item, but likely to cost well in excess of the £100. Cllr. Jessop will follow up the idea of a electronic photo frame to operate on display in the village shop if possible – showing local views etc.. Clerk to advise Mr. & Mrs. M. McRitchie.
- c) Clock Tower Maintenance – See item above – letter to be written to Holiday Property Bond at St. Brides Castle.
- d) 20/08/15 - BDO Audit – It was noted that no matters had arisen in respect of the annual Audit. On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Smithies the meeting formally approved and accepted the Annual Return. On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Jessop the meeting approved the payment of £96 for the Audit Fee (includes VAT of £16). Clerk has displayed notice of conclusion of Audit for the required period.
- e) Electricity Payment – Clerk advised that no invoice has been received to date since the change of supplier. Cllr. Burnett will contact the firm. Noted that LED bulbs may be purchased for the Clock Tower external lighting.
- f) Lloyds Bank statements received, also the Half Year update.
- g) Shelter Cymru – Financial Appeal. Noted.

7) Urgent Matters, if any – None

Village Shop – Mrs Evans advised members that Mr. & Mrs. Lucas had been in contact with the Post Office recently

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12th October 2015 at Marloes Village Hall.