

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

- County Cllr. R. Owens

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Johnson, Beal and Kimpton

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the November meeting having been circulated to members were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.
  
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Police Matters – No issues this month. Clerk has sent an e-mail to the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner as agreed last month.
  - b) County Council – Highways etc. Potholes caused by the heavy rain have been repaired. Cllr. Richards advised that surface water problems on the Fopston road have also been remedied. Cllr. Owens was advised that the open drain at the Mullock Bridge junction is blocked by gravel, and Cllr. Jessop advised that that there is a lot of gravel by the Frobisher junction. Flooding just past West Hook Farm entrance persists after heavy rain, but there is no obvious solution.
  - c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Phone line repaired apparently, but today advised that it is now the payphone causing a fault – so another repair ticket issued. Concern expressed about the mobile phone coverage in the area, as this is the alternative in the case of an emergency in and around the beach area. Agreed to do some coverage tests.
  - d) Moss Cottage – No response as yet.
  - e) St. Brides Historical Leaflet – Matter ongoing.
  - f) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November attended by County Cllrs. Reg Owens, and Phil Baker; Dr. Lizzie Wilberforce (Wildlife Trust); Steven Benger (PCC officer) Mr. Robert Thomas, West Hook and Mrs. Evans (Council Clerk). Cllr. Smithies apologised for his non-attendance. Clerk read out a summary of the meeting drawn up by Mr. Benger. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council support the proposals for appropriate signage, and also traffic calming in the first instance, as neither of these will need a traffic order. The Council would also support a collaborative approach on a possible “refuge zone” on the north side of the road, with the

National Trust involved as the main land owner. Cllr. Owens said he envisaged a step by step approach to this matter. Agreed that in the Season, that the Police are asked to attend a meeting on site so that they can observe the road safety issues. Agreed also, that any revisions of the ticketing system is for the Wildlife Trust to pursue. Clerk to respond to Mr. Bengier as above.

- g) Street Lights – Not known if any lights are not working.
- h) Clock Tower Lane – Clerk had sent an e-mail to Mr. Anthony Richards, and he has confirmed that responsibility for the Lane 62/11 was taken over by the National Park in 2015. Mr. Philip Lee has been asked to inspect the footpath with a view to improving the surface and drainage. Clerk to find out what the costs were for trimming out the Lane this year. Agreed, that this Council did not wish to consider grant applications at present.
- i) National Park Ranger – Noted that Mr. Wynn will be back from leave on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, and that the Clerk will be contacting him on various matters then.
- j) Beacon Fire - Clerk had thanked Mr. Walmsley by e-mail, and include their thanks in the Council report. He will provide the Clerk with confirmations of receipt of funds from the four beneficiaries.
- k) Remembrance Day Events – Noted the poppies had been removed from the Tower last Friday with the assistance of Andrew and Mark Howells, and are now drying out at Trehill Farm. The collection box had been emptied and the monies have been paid into the Community Council account ready for a cheque for £130.25p to be paid to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- l) Skomer Marine Conservation Zone – Clerk read out the e-mail letter written by Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society with regard to the letter to be sent by the Advisory Committee Chairman to NRW. It was agreed that several points had been included which this Council would support, particularly with regard to the research and monitoring work. This Council would also include reference to the importance of the Marine Zone and office staff to the local economy, and also the status of having an important Reserve within the wider Community area. Clerk to seek advice from the Reserve office on the best way to pass on their comments. Cllr. Smithies commented that he understood the Welsh Govt. minister appreciated the worth of the Reserve, but needs to have the endorsement of the Committee members. It is important that the Reserve is secure and resourced as necessary.

### 3) Community Issues

1. National Trust Matters – No information received on the outcome of the grant application. Noted that the car left in the Marloes Sands car park has now been removed. Cllr. Owens commented on the poor surface on this car park. He was advised that this was one of the areas to be improved as part of the grant application.

2. Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling – Noted that dog fouling issues continue in the Runwayskiln area. Clerk to ask again about having signs put on the litter bins to advise that dog litter can also be deposited.

Very few problems are being identified on the collection days, only the occasional bag causing issues. The Clerk drew attention to the change of collection days over the Christmas period. This information was received too late for the December issue of Peninsula Papers, but Mrs. Royle has notified her regular contacts, and has amended the information on the Marloes website. Posters were distributed. Individual households will receive a card with the changes detailed.

#### 4) Correspondence/E-Mails

##### a) Correspondence

- i. Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2018 – Issue 120. Mrs. Evans drew attention to the information included on Churchyards in Wales, and the Clerk/PAYE regulations.
- ii. Coastlands PTA – Noted that Cllrs Richards and Kimpton had agreed that this application is supported by the Council. Clerk to send a formal response to the PTA.
- iii. M&DPADS – Letter received from Hugh Bishop, Secretary received asking the Community Council to consider supporting the provision of two new Defibrillators in 2019 – one of these is based at the Marloes Village toilets. Agreed to consider this at the January meeting as part of the Precept review for 2019/20

##### E-Mails for attention:-

- 13/11/18 – OVW – IRPW Annual Return due for Council’s Allowances was due to be sent by the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk has now completed and sent off the Nil return for all six Councillors.
- 13/11/18 – OVW – Press Release from the Wales Audit Office - “Think and act differently” with regard to Council business. To circulate to members.
- 14/11/18 – PCC – Pembs. Bus Service Questionnaire – Clerk to complete one on behalf of the Council, and circulate the e-mail to Councillors for them to complete and pass on to anyone who may be interested in responding. Cllr. Jessop commented that any reductions of bus services would have a knock on effect on planning consents.
- 16/11/18 – OVW – Contact details for Chairman - to pass to Cllr. Smithies.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails noted, and these are not then included in the minutes.

## 5) Planning Matters

- (a) PCNPA – e-mail received with regard to a Review of the PCNP Management Plan (2015-19) in line with an “engagement strategy”. To refer to Cllr. Jessop.
- (b) NP/18/0666/FUL – Ty Gwyn, Marloes – Section 73A, Sub Division of host dwelling. Members were agreed that this application will regularise an existing use of this dwelling, in that there had been two units let for some time. It was noted that a residential permanent caravan is situated on the premises – sited on the area labelled “communal garden and amenity space”. The Council request that consideration is given to the future use of this facility as part of this application, and therefore whether its removal from site should be a planning condition.  
The Council is concerned about parking arrangements for what will be commercial premises. The plans indicate that there is a total of three bedrooms across the two units, but the accommodation is advertised to sleep 10/11. There are domestic dwellings on either side of Ty Gwyn, and the property on the right (Greenacre) shares access. The Council is aware from previous consents in the village, that over-spill parking, usually on-street, causes problems for neighbours and also road traffic and pedestrian issues. The Council will be grateful if this matter can be considered, and if possible included as one of the planning conditions. Clerk to agree with the Chairman the letter to be sent to National Park.
- (c) Planning Aid, Wales – Training – passed to Cllr. Jessop.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Jessop that the Clerk pay £139 plus VAT for the Audit when the invoice is received.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received.
- c) Ebico – Letter dated 19/11/18 advised the new electricity tariff will start on the 29/11/18. Details noted.
- d) Welsh Govt. - Letter dated 26/11/18 advised that the appropriate sum for the purposes of Section 137(4)(a) of the LG Act is £8.12 per elector.

7) Clock Tower

Painting Contract – Clerk had spoken to Mr. D. Howells, Contractor, and advised that if he can submit the invoice for the January meeting, then the Council can arrange payment in this financial year. It is then intended to close the two Clock Tower accounts, and in future put all income and expenditure through the two main accounts. Mrs. Evans had spoken to staff at Lloyds Bank who advised that there would be forms to complete when the two accounts were cleared.

8) Urgent Matters

- a) Skomer Wardens – Noted that Ed Stubbings and Bee Buche were leaving Skomer Island at the end of the season. The new appointments are Sylwia Zbijewska and Nathan Wilkie. The Clerk had passed on a message that they were welcome to attend a meeting of the Council if available.
- b) Marloes Sands
  - Signage – Council noted that sign is needed at the bottom of the Sandy Lane with regard to rubbish disposal.
  - Mathew Slade Path – Path has been damaged by erosion. Work neededBoth National Trust and PCNP may need to be contacted re above.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 when the draft minutes of the December 2018 meeting will be submitted for approval.