

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th January 2014 at Marloes Village Hall.

Present:- Cllr. W. Richards together with Cllrs. L. Beal, C. Jessop, S. Burnett, P. Smithies and S. Twidale

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens
- Community Residents – Mr. M. Cullen, Mrs. C. Walmsley

- 1) The minutes of the December Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) St. Brides -Telephone box – Clerk advised that she is in contact with BT. The telephone number of this box has been confirmed, and information on the repair is awaited. Noted.
 - b) Police Matters – PCSO Paul Mayhew had contacted the Clerk to advise he had called to see the landlord of the Lobster Pot as this premise overlooks the PAD, as well as including this area in his routine visits. No problems notified recently, but there had been one incident in St. Brides when a vehicle was damaged after being taken without permission. Clerk advised that there had been a recent incident in St. Ishmaels when intruders were found on farm premises. The police had been notified. Cllr. Jessop advised that the garden areas of properties at St. Ann's Head had also been entered.
 - c) County Council – Highways. Clerk advised that an e-mail had been sent to Mr. Glanville Codd, PCC and copied to Cllr. Owens.

Milford Road - She had written separately with regard to the mud on the Milford road - Cllr. Richards advised that action had been taken by the farmer concerned. Cllr. Owens advised that he had received several complaints, and that the police had issued two warnings to the person concerned, and had advised him that the road should be cleared of mud as it happens not just at the end of the day.

Winterton Junction – Clerk advised that there had been flooding over three days recently. She had e-mailed, telephoned and finally used the emergency service to request action, and then the blockage was finally cleared.

Photographs supplied by Cllr. Smithies were forwarded to the officer concerned and to Cllr. Owens. Mr. Neil Martin had advised Cllr. Owens that a

survey would be undertaken, and it was noted that this may already have been done. The outcome will be advised to Cllr. Owens.

Overhanging Branches - Cllr Owens had received the e-mail from Cllr.

Smithies forwarded by the Clerk, and he had asked for action to be taken. The grid references had been useful.

Weekend Work – Cllr. Owens advised that he had noted staff working on the weekend, and he will check whether this is routine.

Clock Tower Footpath – Cllr. Owens to check with Mr. Codd when further work will be undertaken, with particular reference to the surface.

- d) Recreation Area – Noted that Hayley Barrett and her team had been back last week, and have completed the hedge laying. Clerk confirmed that she had sent a letter of thanks before Christmas for this work.
- e) Village Warden – Cllr. Richards had noted that the County Council had invited nominations for Awards from council employees and others recently, so perhaps next time this Council can nominate the Warden who is self employed. Cllr. Owens asked to clarify which team the Warden has to contact for grey bags for beach rubbish, as there has been a change of personnel recently.
- f) South Hook -Proposed Combined Heat & Power – Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to South Hook as they had requested. A copy will be sent to the relevant town and community councils and other persons now, as letters of support may be needed in due course. Cllr. Jessop advised that South Hook staff had thought that the National Park could have made community gain a Section 106 requirement. Noted that a further hearing and a site visit will be held shortly, but Cllr. Jessop had advised that he would not be attending.
- g) Website Meeting – Required number of interested Councils had been reached (25), and the Clerk is now waiting for details of the training to be provided
- h) Standing Orders – Clerk had received a further copy as a Word document which she has circulated to Council members today. She proposed that the Orders are considered ready for the next meeting, and the Clerk will cross reference with the present Standing Orders to see if any amendments are required.
- i) Dog Signs – Signs still to be requested from the County Council officer.
- j) Cyclists – National Park to be asked if they have a Code of Conduct.
- k) Marloes Beacon – Signs to be sited within ten days. Cllr. Jessop may ask Ordnance Survey whether PAD systems can be marked on maps.
- l) Gibby's Cottage – noted that the builder's debris is marked by cones.
- m) Beach Clean – 61 sacks of rubbish removed from the beach. Noted that the sacks had been removed by Cllr. Smithies' sons. Press release details passed to PCNPA and the National Trust for information.
- n) Church Services – Clerk advised that the Vicar will be signed off sick for another month. Chairman advised that three services at St. Brides had filled the church.
- o) Philippines Fund-raising - £410 raised!

3. Community Issues

- a) Recreation Area – See note above.
- b) Car Parks/National Trust Matters – Clerk advised that an e-mail received today from Jonathan Hughes (NT) had proposed further discussions in response to the Community Council letter. Council agreed that Cllrs Richards and Beal hold discussions with Andrew Tuddenham(NT) to achieve an agreement on this matter for the start of the season. Mr. Cullen advised Council members that he had visited the PCNPA offices to look at the file on the Marloes Sands Car-park as he had promised some months ago. He could find no reference to an undertaking at the time of sale from the James Family to the Park that local residents should not be charged. He had obtained a copy of the conveyance document for Council records, and a map showing the extent of the car park. He advised that it is understood that if the Castle Rag track within the car park is used for parking then clear passage is maintained for through traffic use. The Park officer who deals with Paths was not available that day. The Chairman thanked Mr. Cullen for providing this information, and for the trouble taken in visiting the Park offices in Pembroke Dock.
- c) Rubbish Collection – No problems after Christmas week – orange bag and food bin only, as few holiday homes were occupied. However there were problems the next week with black bags being put out on the wrong day and/or too late on the Friday. Mrs Walmsley outlined the problems at Skokholm Back, and the difficulties of identifying who has put the bags out. Cllr. Owens advised that fly tippers are not being prosecuted at present because of the cost. A list of holiday home owner addresses could be made, to write letters advising of the problems locally. The Clerk expressed caution in doing this as under data protection the Council could be at fault as they should not hold this information. She considered that the County Council who would hold the addresses for the Council Tax should write to householders. Ideally if a property is being run as a business then a trade waste agreement should be in place. After further discussion the meeting agreed that County Cllr. Owens invite Cllr. Hugh George (Cabinet Member – Environment) and an officer to the next meeting to discuss the problems. Clerk asked Mrs. Walmsley to phone if there were black bags left this Thursday, as she would report the matter to the County Council.
- d) Storm Damage/Electric Cuts – Noted that most of the damage occurred on Friday 3rd January when the picnic area at St. Brides was damaged and erosion of the banks near the Lime Kilns. PCNPA had inspected the area, and put up warning signs, and will decide on further action when the winter storms have

abated. Large amounts of rubbish have come ashore at Marloes Sands and the middle steps to the beach at Matthew Slade are damaged. Hayley Barrett, PCNPA is planning a beach clean, and asked for a local contact. Clerk to put her in contact with Cllr. Jessop, and also Jonathan Hughes (N. Trust) as he had offered to help. Mullock Bridge (old and new) had flooded on the Friday. Noted that there had been three electric cuts within a week, with varying times for the power to be restored. There had also been problems with the water supply, but not necessarily linked to the bad weather. Members were agreed that in comparison to Aberystwyth and many other places in England and Wales the problems locally were minimal. Further high tides are forecast for the coming months, but it was agreed that locally most people would be aware of the risks.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters – Clerk referred to some of the e-mails received.

11/12/13 – OVW – Buildings Management, Cardiff – Noted.

11/12/13 – Talking Books Wales - Appeal noted.

12/12/13 – OVW – Council Tax Reduction Scheme Review by Welsh Govt.

Responses to be made by the 05/03/14 noted.

12/12/13 – Port of Milford Haven – Christmas Greetings received.

13/12/13 – PCNPA – Christmas Greetings received.

19/12/13 - OVW – Memo of understanding with the WLGA – Noted.

20/12/13 – PCC – Town & C. C. Briefings – Next Meeting on the 5th

February, 7pm at County Hall. No one available to attend.

20/12/13 – Police & Crime Commissioner – Christmas Greetings received.

20/12/13 – Skomer Marine Reserve – Christmas Newsletter received, also minutes of last Advisory Meeting. Next meeting on 08/04/14. Noted.

23/12/13 – OVW – NRW Management Bulletin.

23/12/13 – OVW – Wales Remembers – Clerk to follow up.

02/01/14 – OVW – Pembrokeshire Area Committee meetings – to be held on 18th February, 15th April and 15th July this year.

10/01/14 – PALC – Meeting to be held on February 1st – Picton Centre, Haverfordwest.

Other correspondence :-

South Hook - 19/12/13 – Vessel Upgrade Programme.

Noted that all thirty two of the Qatargas fleet will be upgraded by the end of 2014. Ships will also be supplied by RasGas, and assurances have been given to Port Health that their vessels will also have been upgraded.

One Voice Wales – 18/12/13 – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties – Cllr.

Richards declined the offer to have his name as current Chairman nominated

for the ballot.

Western Power Distribution – 19/12/13 – Stake holder Workshops – Noted that the nearest Workshop would be at Newport (Celtic Manor) on the 12th February.

Paul Davies, AM – 18/12/13 – Advice Surgeries. Noted.

Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2014, Issue 91 received.

5) Planning Matters

a) NP/13/0271 – Slate Mill, St. Brides – Planning application waited.

b) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Clerk had spoken to Karen Boulden, PCNPA today as she has been passed the file on this matter. She is proposing to meet Steven Benger, PCC in the Glebe Lane, Marloes in week commencing 27th January. Members were pleased to hear that action has started with reference to the provision of a passing bay to the east of the Green Meadow Estate entrance. They asked that the Clerk speak to Ms. Boulden and request that representatives of the Council attend the proposed meeting.

c) NP/13/0371 - Form D consent has been received in respect of the windows. Noted.

d) NP/13/0552 – Noted that consent has been granted for the Agricultural Building at Winterton Farm.

6) Financial Matter

a) PCC – 06/01/14 – Council Tax Base 2014/15 – Mrs. Evans outlined the likely budget requirements for 2014/15 following on from the figures circulated to members for the last four years. After discussion it was resolved on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Twidale that the Council precept for £1750 as last year. It was anticipated that expenditure would be similar to last year, and it was prudent not to raise the precept in the present difficult economic conditions. There would be sufficient money received in the three precept payments to manage the cash flow through the year. A small amount was held in reserve in the main deposit account. There was sufficient money in the Clock Tower accounts to cover known expenditure for the coming year.

b) Lloyds Bank - monthly statement received

- c) PCC - 05/12/13 – 3rd Precept payment of £583 received via BACS.
- d) Financial Appeals received from Pembrokeshire YFC and from the Stroke Association for the Wales Christmas Appeal. Noted.
- e) Risk Assessment – After discussion, members agreed that no changes were required to the Risk Assessment, and the current statements can stand for 2014/15.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

National Trust Shed - 29/12/13 – Cllr. Jessop advised Matt Thompson (National Trust) by e-mail about the danger of their shed collapsing near Marloes Youth Hostel, and of loose material lying around the area. He had responded advising that he was taking action to secure the area. Noted.

PAD – Cllr. Jessop advised that the Management Committee cannot site a PAD at St. Ann's Head as intended. Another location is being sought in the area.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10th February 2014 at Marloes Village Hall.