

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 8th February 2016 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. S. Burnett (Vice-Chairman), together with Cllrs. C. Jessop, W. Richards, and S. Twidale.

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Beal and Smithies, and County Cllr. R. Owens.

It was noted that the funeral of a former member of the Council, Mr. Geoff Woods had taken place last Friday.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the January meeting having been circulated to members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – Members understood the police had visited the village with police dogs on a Saturday night recently. No issues had been referred to the Council.
 - b) County Council – Highways.

Speed Limit/ Martins Haven – Agreed that Cllr. Jessop send an e-mail to Mr. Ben Blake (PCC Highways) to urge that action on these matters is taken before April.

Road flooding – Main problems had been resolved. Noted that near West Hook Farm surface water does flood across the road, but it was noted there is no drain in this area.
 - c) Clock Tower/St Brides Castle – Cllr. Richards confirmed that Holiday Property Bond had received the letter from the Clerk. Mr. Geoffrey Baber will be visiting the Castle shortly, and he will contact the Council to discuss the points raised in their letter. The Manager, Mrs. Mandy Rees had volunteered to have a collection box in their reception in aid of the Clock Tower. Members welcomed this proposal.
 - d) Burial Ground – The Clerk advised that a meeting is planned for Monday March 7th in the Village Hall. Noted.
 - e) Phone Problems – Some repair work outstanding. Cllr. Smithies had been given a date in early March for the repair of his phone. Mrs. Evans (Clerk) advised that although her telephone line had been repaired last Friday, she did not yet have internet access. Noted that the road closed from Mullock junction to Mabas Gate for the installation of fibre optic cable had been opened again last Friday. The necessary diversion had caused a lot of problems. Cllr.

Burnett agreed to put an item in Peninsula Papers about the introduction of super fast broadband now expected in June 2016. Noted that not all households will benefit from this provision.

- f) Community Support – Clerk advised that the first meeting to plan for historical leaflets for the two communities had been well attended, and a lot of information had been provided. A further meeting is planned for Thursday 18th February, and all residents would be welcome. Noted also that the local Mothers Union were meeting tomorrow night, and they will be discussing enhancing the local Saints and Stones route to promote greater use of local churches for the benefit of the local community and for visitors.

3. Community Issues

- a) National Trust Matters – Meeting have been booked in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th March in the evening and also on Saturday morning, 12th March to issue the car parking registration permits for this year. Details will be in Peninsula Papers.
- b) Exception Site – Work ongoing. The Clerk advised that archaeological “finds” have been recovered from part of the site near the main road, including a knife sheath. Top soil has been removed from the site and taken to the site at Rudbaxton to be disposed of as controlled waste. Letters had been delivered in the local area from the contractor. The letter indicated that the scheme will be completed in August. Members agreed that the Clerk contact Pembrokeshire Housing to ask when the discussion on the allocation criteria would commence. It was hoped that work to improve the visibility splay to the main road will commence shortly.
- c) Marloes Post Office – Clerk advised that Mr. & Mrs. Lucas are expecting the Post Office to be installed before Easter

4) Correspondence

- a) E-Mail Letters– Clerk waiting for her internet to be connected so that the backlog of mail can be reviewed, and circulated to members as necessary.

Welsh Govt. Marine Consultation – Clerk advised that this has been sent out via e-mail. The closing date for a response is late April. Hopefully members will be able to consider the proposals at the next meeting. The Skomer Marine annual meeting will be held on the 19th April. If needed a response could be made after that date to take account of new information.

Other Correspondence:

- a) One Voice Wales – The Pembrokeshire Area Committee met on the 19th January – Clerk not able to attend.
- b) Natural Resources Wales – 03/02/16 - Proposed “Winterton Marsh Catchment Initiative”. Members agreed that the officers are invited to the next meeting on the 14th March to give their presentation on this matter.
- c) Glasdon Adverts – Information received on Street Furniture and Playground equipment sold by the company.
- d) What Convergence funding has done for Pembrokeshire? - Brochure passed to Cllr. Richards for consideration.

5) Planning Matters

- a) Planning Matters – Letter from Clerk to be sent to Ms Gibson as soon as her internet is restored. Ms. Gibson is aware of the problem.
- b) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – An e-mail has been sent on this matter, and this will be circulated to members for consideration at the next meeting. Ms. Gibson has contacted all the parties involved and does not think that any further action can be taken in light of the information received. Members were disappointed to hear this and agreed to review the information next month.
- c) Mobile Infrastructure Projects – (PEM 0270) – The Clerk referred to the reply that Cllr. Owens had received from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport which ruled out any extension to the funding for this project. No letter had been sent by this Council to date. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Jessop prepare a draft letter to be sent to Stephen Crabb, MP asking for his support, and also advice to follow up the other proposals for mobile coverage as outlined in the letter from Mr. Whittingdale. Draft letter to be circulated to all members for consideration.
- d) NP/15/0658/FUL – Orlandon Cottage – Single storey extension – Members noted that this application has been approved by PCNP - dated 26/01/16. Normal conditions apply to the application.
- e) NP/16/0022/FUL – Worthy Down, 8, Church Close, Marloes - demolish rear conservatory. Convert garage to bedroom, new kitchen extension, and front porch. After considering the planning application, members were agreed that the proposed changes would be a sympathetic conversion to the dwelling, and the removal of the flat roof would enhance the dwelling.
- f) NP/16/0027/PNA – Lower Hoaten Farm, St. Brides – Machinery/Implement Shed. Members noted that the demolition and rebuild would take place within the curtilage of the farm premises. The farm is situated adjacent to a minor road so there would be little impact on neighbours and any passing traffic.

- g) NP/16/0035/NMA – Exception Site, Town Meadow, Marloes – Variation of Condition No.2 of NP/14/0461. Clerk had requested further information by telephone, this had been e-mailed to Cllr. Jessop who had forwarded the details on to all members. It was noted that the proposals involved minor alterations to the three types of dwellings and were not “material” alterations. One example was for wooden windows to be replaced by UPVC, and another that the boilers were to be sited externally. Members agreed that they understood the reasons for the changes, and were happy with the proposed amendments.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Risk Assessments 2016/17 – Cllr. Burnett had entered the details onto a spreadsheet to enable amendments to be made easily in future. Members agreed that no changes were required at this stage, and therefore the Risk Assessment is approved for 2016/17.
- b) Clock Tower Insurance – The NFU have invoiced the Council at £205.86 for the year 2016/17. Cllr. Richards advised that he had secured a reduction in premium to £193.68, but intended contacting the NFU again to try and obtain a further reduction. After discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Jessop it was agreed that payment of a figure of up to £193.68 was approved. Cllr. Richards was thanked for his efforts on this matter.
- c) One Voice Wales – Membership 2016/17 – The Council on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Twidale approved the payment of £55.
- d) Teenage Cancer Trust – Financial Appeal 2016/17 noted.

7) Urgent Matters, if any

- a) Beach Clean, Marloes Sands – Next date notified for the 21st February 2016. Report in Peninsula Papers had advised that 60 bags had been removed on the last beach clean. The recent rough weather will probably mean more rubbish will be on all the beaches. Noted that goose barnacles have come ashore in great numbers – very smelly.

There being no other business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th March 2016.