

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 14th March 2016 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- Community residents – Richard Titley, Peter Royle and Stephen Forrest.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. R. Owens.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Robert Phillips and Mr. Brian Klass, National Resources Wales (NRW) officers to the meeting. See the summary of their presentation under Agenda Item 3.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the February meeting having been circulated to members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – Cllr. Jessop advised that the visit with police dogs was in relation to a missing person. No other matters of concern recently
 - b) County Council – Highways.
 - Speed Limit/ Martins Haven – No response from Ben Blake as yet, but County Cllr. Owens has been advised that finance for the scheme is an issue.
 - Surface flooding – Members agreed that the repeated flooding near the Lobster Pot is to be reported to the County Council via Cllr. Owens – not acceptable in the middle of the village. Noted that the extreme rainfall recently caused the Winterton stream to overflow, and flooding resulted at Mullock Bridge, and at the junction.
 - c) Clock Tower/St Brides Castle – no visit by Mr. Baber as yet.
 - d) Burial Ground – meeting to be now held on Monday April 18th at Marloes Village Hall. Noted.
 - e) Phone Problems – Problems continue. Work being undertaken near Marloes Court this week – road to Marloes Sands closed for a few days. Cllr. Burnett advised that further information is being provided now on-line with regard to the introduction of the super fast broad band facility in the Marloes area.
 - f) Community Support – Clerk advised that meetings to prepare history leaflets were ongoing. Help would be appreciated with a short synopsis on agriculture in Marloes.

- g) W.G. Marine Consultation – to be discussed before the end of April.
- h) Beach Clean – See report in Peninsula Papers

3. Community Issues

a) Winterton Marsh Catchment Initiative – Mr. Phillips and Mr. Klass jointly presented on this matter. The background to the Initiative was explained, and a document titled “Water Framework Directive – River Catchment Summary” was handed out to members. It was explained that the area covered was from Winterton Marsh to HW-TL, near Pickleridge Lagoon. The main issue is that the testing at Mullock Bridge has shown a steady rise in the Nitrate reading which needs addressing. Testing will be carried out in other locations, and further investigations will be carried out on the Kensington Place Sewage system, and also the run-off from the Marloes system. Changes in agricultural practice in the catchment area will also be considered. If necessary farms will be visited to ensure that run-off to streams are minimised. NRW will be aiming to reach good ecological status by 2021. The effects of higher nitrate levels on the local ecology were also outlined. The ultimate sanction would be establishing a Nitrate Voluntary Zone which would restrict farming practice for a period. There was a general discussion on the issue and possible causes, and questions from all present were answered. The officers will keep the Council informed on the outcome of investigations. It was suggested that neighbouring Councils needed also to be informed as catchment from their areas also ran into this area. Attention was drawn to the powers under the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, and also the Environment Bill which would provide NRW with tools to act as required. The officers were thanked by the Chairman for their presentation. They left the meeting at 8.45pm. Mr. Royle and Mr. Forrest also withdrew.

b) National Trust Matters – The Clerk advised that nearly 50 parking permits had been issued, and it was not intended to issue any more beyond March. It will be about September before the National Trust will be issuing a proposal for the buildings at Runwayskiln. Interest had been shown on the display and ideas to date. Proposals for the third bird hide may have to be revised. An event will be held on Good Friday from 10.30 -3.30 at the buildings – see posters on display. A new National Trust leaflet has been issued this year, but may be altered for next year.

c) Exception Site – Work ongoing, with more earth being removed from the site. Clerk had e-mailed Pembrokeshire Housing. The Director of Housing – Elin Brock has proposed a meeting in May to discuss the allocation criteria. It was agreed that Monday 16th May be offered as on the 9th May there would be the AGM as well as the Business Meeting. Cllr. Burnett agreed to scan the

Roch Scheme document to circulate to members for information. Noted that the contractor is washing mud off the roadway regularly. Members agreed that the County Council will need to be asked to flush out the drains to prevent future blockages.

d) Marloes Post Office – Clerk advised that Mr. & Mrs. Lucas have been informed that the Post Office will not be completing their installation until late April.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters– See list below.

14/02/16 – Cllr. CJ – Guardian article – Marloes Sands - Top Beach.

15/02/16 – Cllr. RO – Road closure notification. Further notices were received during the month and circulated to members at the time.

15/02/16 – OVW – Local Govt. (Wales) Bill consultation

16/02/16 – Ombudsman (Communications) – Principles of Good Administrations & Record Management – Clerk to note.

17/02/16 – Cllr. RO – surface dressing schedule – none in M. & St. B.

18/02/16 – WG – IRPW – Annual Report noted.

19/02/16 – PCC – Monitoring Office is now Claire Jones. Noted.

22/02/16 – WG – Request for Clerk's contact details from Jason Plange.

23/02/16 – PCC – Renewable Energy SPG consultation – PCC area only.

01/03/16 – OVW – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

01/03/16 – OVW – Asset Transfers – not applicable to this Council.

01/03/16 – OVW – Cynnal Cymru Feb. Newsletter.

02/03/16 – PCC -3rd consultation on Secondary Reorganisation in Haverfordwest area.

02/03/16 – WG – Shared Purpose, Shared Future – Statutory guidance re Well Being legislation – passed to Cllr. Jessop to bring forward any relevant matters to a future meeting.

02/03/16 & 03/03/16 – OVW/WG – Local Govt. Ethical Framework – Council may have to take action on this – to circulate.

04/03/16 – Dyfed Powys Police – Newsletter February 2016.

07/03/16 – OVW – Great Fish & Chip Supper – Charity Fund-raiser Event.

09/03/16 & 14/03/16 – WG Contact details for Council to confirm.

09/03/16 – Play Wales – Passed to Mark Burton - also the hard copy.

10/03/16 – OVW – NRW Bulletin – circulated to members.

11/03/16 – PCC, Damien Golden – Consultation re Playgrounds – passed to Mark Burton for consideration.

Other Correspondence:

Tower Mint Ltd – Commemorative Medal for Schools & Councils – Noted.

22/02/16 – Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Almond requesting silencing of the

Clock chimes from 1st May to the 30th September 2016. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write advising that the council would approve silencing from the 15th May to the 15th September as in previous years.

Clerks & Council Direct - March 2016 – Issue 104 received.

5) Planning Matters

- a) Planning Matters – Clerk had provided Ms. Gibson with an update on the discussions at the January meeting.
- b) NP/05/062 – Passing Bays (Land by Anchor Cottage) – Members had received a copy of the e-mail from Ms. Gibson (PCNPA) to Steve Benger (PCC). Members were very disappointed with the conclusions reached by Ms. Gibson on this matter. Clerk to respond advising that this decision sets an unwelcome precedent in PCNPA not enforcing a planning condition. The Council considers that this calls into question the value of setting a planning condition when at a later date it is ruled that this is no longer required. It was noted that when the Exception site is occupied the vehicle use of the Glebe Lane may need to be re-assessed.
- c) Mobile Infrastructure Projects – (PEM 0270) – Draft letter approved. Noted that the scheme in St. Ishmaels is likely to be completed this month.
- d) NP/16/0022/FUL – Worthy Down, 8, Church Close, Marloes – noted that planning consent was issued on 24/02/16.
- e) NP/16/0027/PNA – Lower Hoaten Farm, St. Brides – Machinery/Implement Shed. Decision from PCNPA dated the 12th February 2016 advised that the proposal “does not require the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.”
- f) NP/16/0035/NMA – Exception Site, Town Meadow, Marloes – Approval of a “non-material amendment” was received on 11th February 2016. Noted.
- g) NP/15/0380/FUL – Conversion of Agricultural Buildings at Crabhall – Refusal of planning permission issued on the 15th February 2016. Buildings lie partially in Flood Zone 2 was one of the reasons listed. Clerk advised the refusal had been sent to Dale C. C. initially. She had advised Ms. Gibson as this error has happened previously.
- h) NP/15/0649/CLE – Slate Mill Lodge, St. Brides/St. Ishmaels – Refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use or Development was issued on the 9th February, in respect of “seasonal use as camping with car park”. An e-mail from Ms. Kate Atrill dated the 9th February 2016 had been circulated to all Members, together with copies of two e-mails from the Agent, J.C. E. Farr dated 02/02/16. After discussion it was agreed that the e-mails are noted at present, and PCNPA are asked to notify the Council if an appeal is lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.
- i) Planning Aid Wales – 08/03/16 – Workshops reference the LDP Plan Review – PCNPA. Members noted the proposed dates. Cllr. Burnett may be able to

attend on the 12th April.

- j) NP/12/0179 – Refurbishment of Barn, Square Farm, Marloes. Mr. Titley asked the Council to consider the elevation of the work recently undertaken. Members recollected that this point had been raised at the time. Clerk to write to Ms. Gibson on the matter of the elevation, enclosing a recent photograph of the building. Mr. Titley had telephoned the PCNPA office, but has received no response.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower Insurance – Clerk advised that the final payment requested by the NFU following their discussions with Cllr. Richards had been £175.95, and this had been paid.
- b) Clerk's Salary 2-015/16 – On the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Burnett the payment of £500 was approved.
- c) Applications for financial support were received from the YFC, Pembrokeshire and from Cruise Bereavement Care.
- d) Clock Tower – Painting of the Louvres. The Clerk advised that a regular visitor had contacted her to offer a donation towards this work. Members agreed that a specification for the work needed to be drawn up, in particular the paint to be used. Cllr. Smithies will obtain this information, and the Council can then invite quotations for the work. Details of the South Hook LNG Community Fund will also be obtained.
- e) Use of Village Hall – Clerk has recently completed a booking form at the request of the Hall Committee. Noted.
- f) External Audit – Clerk had received advice from Mr. Paul Egan (OVW) on this matter. External Audits are required in Wales. The Council will be required also this year to provide a copy of their budget forecast, and also a copy of their letter of engagement to the Internal Auditor. Noted.
- g) Queen's 90th Birthday Clean – Up. It was noted that work on the Children's Board was still to be undertaken.

7) Urgent Matters, if any

- a) Coastlands School Easter Bingo Fund-raiser – Cllr. Beal drew attention to this event to be held on the 18th March.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th April 2016.