

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Community Resident – R. Titley, M. Cullen and G. Phillips
- Clerk to the Council - Mrs. Y. Evans

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. Owen

Dyfed-Powys Police – WPC Terri Harrison & PCSO Paul Mayhew

The officers were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman, and an apology from Sergeant Martin Vaughan was noted. WPC Harrison confirmed that she had dealt with the recent incident near St. Brides Church. No one had been apprehended to date, but contact had been made with local scrap dealers. PCSO Mayhew had brought leaflets to distribute with relation to thefts from oil tanks. The officers confirmed that unmarked vehicles were patrolling at night looking out for suspect vehicles.

Rave Incidents – There will be targeted patrols in the weeks before the Bank Holiday. Suspicious vehicles will be checked out. A vehicle in the Dale area had been reported recently but had proved to be no problem. It was important for residents to use the 101 service to report any concerns, but if necessary use the 999 service. Cllr. Jessop asked if any of the equipment seized after the last Rave was available for local use. WPC Harrison said she would check on this. The officers were advised that the Council were updating their Emergency Contact List, and a copy will be e-mailed to them for information. Also noted that Sarah Oliver, PCC Licensing Officer had sent out a letter dated April 2013 reminding Communities on the action to be taken in case of spontaneous events. It was noted that the Police Marine Unit are based at the Thornton Depot.

WPC Harrison advised that they are undertaking foot patrols at times, and would like to hold a local surgery if that was practicable. The officers were thanked by the Chairman for their attendance, and they then withdrew before the AGM, followed by the May Business meeting proceeded.

- 1) The minutes of the April meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Skomer Warden – Details of meeting dates had been e-mailed to the Wardens.

- b) National Park Matters – Hayley Barrett(N.P. Ranger) had responded advising she would contact BT about refurbishing the Box. Clerk had offered to put notices near/in St. Brides Church advising where the telephone box was sited.
- c) Police Matters – See item above.
- d) Recreation Area – No report.
- e) County Council – Highways. Clerk had spoken to Glenville Codd (PCC), and a revised list had been e-mailed. Some matters will be referred to other departments for action. Members were concerned to hear that the County Council may only clean out the culvert at Winterton Junction as it was felt that this needed to be replaced, as PCC had promised in previous correspondence. Clerk had e-mailed County Cllr. Owen to ask if this Council can start using the revised warning notice to place on offending vehicles. It is not clear if the Ice-cream van (Marloes Sands Car Park) is off the road or not. Clerk had circulated a response from Ben Blake(PCC) about the Brown Signs at the Church junction, which would involve a contribution from this Council to new signs of over £600. Cllr. Jessop thought that this Council can erect their own signs, as stated in the Good Councillors Guide. Members agreed to consider this matter again at a future meeting.  
Hedge Cutting – Cllr. Smithies raised the question as to when the hedges will be cut. Some cutting had been undertaken on corners and around signs to date. Clerk to contact the County Council to request that priority is given to the narrow roads where visibility is poor, and which are used frequently by visitors who do not know the roads. It is also important that emergency vehicles can proceed without difficulty.
- f) Clock Tower Footpath – Advised that the County Council will carry out a further inspection of this path. Cllr. Burnett will contact Sustrans again.
- g) Glebe Lane – Clerk to provide Mr. Codd with Cllr. Burnett contact details.
- h) South Hook -Proposed Combined Heat & Power Plant– Agreed that the briefing note prepared by Cllr. Jessop after the letter had been sent should be widely circulated to relevant Community Councils, AM, MP, local newspapers, and Council Associations
- i) PCC – Rights of Way. Mr. Cullen had returned the maps to the Clerk with his responses. Clerk to forward to the County Council officer concerned.
- j) Street Lights – Clerk had provided details to the department, and all had been put back on in the evening, but now some are also on all night. Recently been advised that lights in Tower View were not on in the evening, and these had been reported. Clerk had spoken to an officer about the West End lights, and he had confirmed that if these lights are linked to the street lighting order then the 30mph will end with the last light. He will check this when he receives a request to turn them off. The lights would be removed entirely. E-mails had been received from Mr. D. Galliers and Mr. H. Bishop on this matter. Members agreed that this matter required further consideration. Not known if the St. Brides toilet light have been looked at, to stop them being on overnight.

- It was raised that to highlight the PAD at the Marloes toilets, that the nearby street light needed to be on all night. Clerk to inform the County Council.
- k) Parking Issues – Members also referred to the charging at Marloes Sands & Martins Haven car parks by the National Trust, which makes no allowance for local residents. Clerk had not received any responses to the item in Peninsula Papers about discretionary payments elsewhere. However Cllr. Richards advised that this matter had been put on the National Trust website. Agreed that the Clerk write to the National Trust again, and also to the National Park as owners of the land. It was also suggested that the previous owners may know if there was any local agreement at the time of sale to the National Park.
  - l) County Council Training – This was attended by Cllrs Twidale and Beal, and was provided by Mr. Lawrence Harding. He covered a lot of areas, including Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and the work of the Standards Committee, role of politicians, and the outcomes of the Local Democracy Bill. They were thanked for their report.
  - m) Website Meeting – Attended by the Clerk, and well attended by Community Councils. Larger Councils mostly have their own websites. Smaller Councils are mixed in that a few have websites, some like ourselves have community website which they contribute to about meetings including minutes, and others have nothing. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Harding will find out if a community council has to have its own website rather than be part of a community one. He will also find out if the County Council can formulate a generic website which each Council could access, and the £500 for each participating council could then be used to set this up and allow for training, and back-up IT assistance. Further contact will be made in due course, and it may be more relevant for a more technically aware representative to go from this Council to a future meeting. This Council would incur additional costs if it had its own web-site as well as supporting a Community web-site.
  - n) Rubbish, Near Slate Mill – Reported by St. Ishmaels C. C. Clerk, but the sheeting has not been removed as yet.

### 3. Community Issues

- a) Village Action Plan – Review not yet undertaken. Village Hall Committee has sent out questionnaires recently, with a response rate of over 50%.
- b) Marine Conservation Zones – Cllr. McDermott had contacted the Council to say that a final report has gone to the Welsh minister. Cllr. Smithies and the clerk reported on the meeting of the Skomer Marine Reserve – Annual Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the 18/04/13. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Smithies circulate a draft letter to be sent to the minister proposing that the existing Reserve has its current status confirmed, and its funding protected now it is part of Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The letter to also request that if there is to be

further consultation, then that should be directly with this Council, as it is the only community council in Wales who have a statutory reserve in its community area. The Council will then be in a better position to negotiate to protect local interests if changes are proposed.

- c) Dog Fouling – The Clerk had spoken to Stephen Morbey (PCC) on this matter. He explained what action the County Council is taking in some areas. He will draft a possible notice that could be circulated to households in the community. Special mention in the June Peninsula Papers to ask that all dog owners clean up dog litter.

#### 4) Correspondence

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

15/04/13 – Sustainability Communities Bill – Clerk read out the response from Cllr. Owens.

19/04/13 – Police & Crime Commissioner – Details received on the launch of the new plan for Dyfed-Powys.

23/04/13 – One Voice Wales had advised about the Ofwat consultation.

25/04/13 – National Park advised that consultation on new Traffic Order will be published shortly.

01/05/13 – Ombudsman Casebook No. 12 is available online. Noted.

- b) PCC – 11/04/13 – Governing Body, Coastlands School – After discussion it was agreed that as this Council had no one to nominate, they would support the nomination of Cllr. Hawkins of St. Ishmaels C. C. who was willing to stand for a further term.
- c) One Voice Wales – The Voice, Spring 2013 – Noted.
- d) Western Power Distribution – 03/04/13 – Power Cuts & improving the electricity network. Information noted.
- e) Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water – Private Pumping Stations – Members did not think there would be any locally. A member queried whether the local treatment works was working correctly.
- f) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2013, Issue 87. Noted.

#### 5) Planning Matters

- a) Slate Mill (Fenced Area) – National Park had e-mailed that that “The officer will visit the site shortly.”

- b) Local Design Statement – Clerk had contacted One Voice Wales (Del Morgan) who had advised that they had no information on any community council in Wales having undertaken a statement. Cllr. Jessop had found some examples of councils in England who had prepared

- statements. Clerk to contact Ms. Jane Gibson (NP).
- c) Form D consent dated the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 received in respect of Orlandon Cottage, St. Brides. Noted that work had commenced.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower - Noted that the Annual Maintenance Service had been carried out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, an invoice will be received shortly.
- b) BDO Audit - Clerk had agreed a revised timetable with the auditor. Members noted that the Clerk had completed Section 1 of the Accounting Statement, and will be passing the papers to the internal auditor shortly. The Council will have to complete the Annual Governance Statement at the next meeting.
- c) One Voice Wales – Payment acknowledged.
- d) PCC – First payment of the Precept received from the County Council by BACS - £584. Noted.
- e) On the proposal of Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Twidale the meeting approved the payment of £27 to PALC – Association membership.
- f) On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies the meeting approved a payment of up to £351.56 to AON for the Council Insurance. Cllr. Richards will obtain another quote to secure the best premium possible for the Council.
- g) Swalec – Credit owed of £66.21p – estimated bill. Noted.

## 7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

Rubbish Collections - Members of the public present, as well as Councillors raised problems occurring on collection day. Holiday homes are putting out rubbish too early. Foxes & badgers have learnt how to open food waste bins. This problem is particular bad at the top of the village. Other residents are having to clear up the resulting mess. Collection times vary on the day, and multiple collections in one area also can cause problems. After discussion it was agreed that if practical photographs should be taken of problem areas. Clerk to put a “strong” notice in Peninsula Papers, and to ask particularly ask that local residents do not feed foxes and badgers. If the problem continues then the County Council will have to be involved – some households may have to pay for commercial collections if a business is being operated (this applies to year round letting).

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Marloes Village Hall.