

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Marloes Village Hall

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. R. Owens
- Richard Titley (Community Resident)

1) Minutes - The minutes of the April meeting having been circulated to members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Twidale, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that PCSO Leanne Nicholls had delivered notices advising that they will be holding an Open Session at St. Ishmaels Nurseries on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 12pm to 1pm. Noted.

b) County Council – Highways.

20mph Speed Limit – Revised details from Mr. Blake (PCC) advise that the cost will be in the region of £2000, and this village is on the list to be completed in due course.

Signs, Martins Haven – Work still to be done

Surface flooding/Blocked Drains – Workmen seen in the village. Cllr. Owens will check whether this work was undertaken near the Lobster Pot and in the Glebe Lane. Clerk read out a memo sent to Cllr. Owens concerning the flooding at Mullock Bridge junction. Work will be undertaken in the field beyond the junction. Cllr. Owens was asked to arrange a site meeting with Mr. Lewis, as the Council considers there are more problems further up the stream.

Youth Hostel Sign – National Trust have been reminded about this.

c) Clock Tower/St Brides Castle – No visit to date.

d) Burial Ground – Clerk outlined the conclusions reached at the meeting on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a good attendance and a representative from the Bishop's office was in attendance. A Work Party has been arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> May in the morning to clear an area of the Churchyard of growth and surplus soil. It is planned to have that area surveyed to establish if it is clear of earlier unmarked burials. The Church to ask the Community Council to write to the County Council about the possibility of having a new Cemetery which could serve Marloes & St. Brides. No site has been identified as yet.

e) Phone/Broadband Issues. Cllr. Burnett advised that applications for the super

fast service should not be made yet. People can check on the progress of the provision on [www.superfast-cymru.com](http://www.superfast-cymru.com) and then add their post-code or telephone number.

- f) Marloes Leaflet – Further meeting to be held shortly
- g) Children's Notice Board. - no action as yet.
- h) Beach Clean – noted that Marloes Beach is very clean at present.
- i) Endurance Life – Event passed without any problems.
- j) Skomer Advisory Committee – Verbal reports given by the Clerk and Cllr. Jessop. Noted that as a subgroup of a quasi government body the Reserve Team cannot lobby for support. The Community Council may be able to promote the work of the staff in other ways – perhaps by talking to the local AM.

### 3. Community Issues

- a) Winterton Marsh Catchment Initiative – Noted that testing is ongoing at various locations. Further contact when the test results are known. A 65 page Nitrate Study had been received by e-mail.
- b) Marloes Post Office – Mr. & Mrs. Lucas - The Post Office is now fully operational. Noted that it had been almost two years since the service was closed. Clerk to check what services they can offer to local businesses.
- c) Exception Site – Town Meadow.  
Allocation procedure – Clerk advised that Ms. Brock will attend on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm to discuss the procedure for lettings. All members planning to attend. Cllr. Smithies drew attention to the dangerous corner opposite the Church leading into the Glebe Lane, where a motorist had to swerve to miss a vehicle coming out of the Lane. Clerk advised that this is due to be altered as part of the nearby development. Cllr. Owens will check if this was a planning condition, and if so when the work would be undertaken.
- d) Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – An event is being planned on the village green. Cllr. Twidale will speak to the Council Insurance Company to ensure the event would be covered.
- e) Spontaneous Events – Mrs Evans advised that she had received an e-mail from Dale Clerk advising that rumours suggested that the present occupier of Philbeach House proposed holding a party/fest at the end of July for approximately 250 people. Cllr. Smithies who farms nearby

advised that a similar party proposed for last year had not taken place because of bad weather. That had been for smaller numbers, and he had agreed to provide some parking. However he has told the occupier recently that he could not provide parking for such a large event, and farming requirements would be hindered if the party was held at that time. He felt that the Dale Clerk had assumed that as a neighbour he could prevent this occurring. Cllr. Smithies understands the property is owned by a Dale resident. He was aware the police had called at the house, as they had been made aware about the details put on Facebook. Members were agreed that an individual had the right to hold a party, but this should not cause a nuisance in the community. The Clerk will attend the next police session at St. Ishmaels Nurseries and express the concerns of the Council, particularly as the proposed event had been advertised on Facebook, and this may mean the numbers attending the event could be unmanageable for the site concerned.

#### 4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters– See list below.

14/04/16 – OVW – New “Model Financial Regulations” - a later email withdrew this as further work had to be done.

14/04/16 – OVW /SLCC – Joint event 22/06/16 - focus on Well-Being

14/04/16 – OVW – Motions for 2016 AGM.

21/04/16 – OVW – The Well-Being of Future Generations and what it means for your Audit.

26/04/16 – PCC – Education Consultation – Welsh Medium School - 3-16years.

28/04/16 – OVW – Older Commissioners Newsletter

28/04/16 – OVW – Smarter Energy future for Wales – Report to forward to Cllr. C. Jessop.

29/04/16 – OVW – Ombudsman's Casebook – Issue 24

29/04/16 – Opportunity at Consumer Council for Water – local consumer.

06/05/16 – Education Consultation – Consultation Report – Haverfordwest area.

#### Other Correspondence -

a) Rt. Hon. Stephen Crabb MP – Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April in response to a query about the mobile phone infrastructure. Advised he has written to Ed Vaisey, MP who is responsible for this matter, and will write again when he has further information. Noted that Mr. Crabb is now the Minister for Work and Pensions.

b) Rt. Hon. Stephen Crabb – 18/04/16 – BT Community update on 27/05/16 –A meeting has been arranged for Mr. Ed Hunt, Director of BT Superfast Cymru to give a briefing, and “for Community Council representatives to raise any particular aspect of their (BT) service and delivery in your area”. Cllr. Beal advised she may be able to attend.

- c) Hywel Dda University Health Board – April 2016 – Transforming Mental Health Services – Noted that a stakeholder feedback event will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- d) PCC – 2016/17 Coastal Bus Timetable Booklet received.
- e) PACTO – Lets Talk Transport – Forum to be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- f) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2016, Issue 105 received.
- g) Planed Newsletter and Invitation to the AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 received.

## 5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/16/0255/FUL – Erection of Pay & Display meter at Martins Haven Car Park for the National Trust. Members considered that this proposal is an unnecessary urbanization of this area of the National Park, and is in conflict with National Trust objectives. After discussion, the meeting agreed that in the interests of security, and to minimise vandalism problems that the car park should have an attendant present for the majority of the daily opening hours. It was noted that this area has proved an attraction for vandalism in the past being so remote from the main village. National Trust money collection points were vandalised so often that they were removed. Almost all the surrounding buildings have suffered break-ins or attempted break-ins over the years. The previous Car park attendants hut suffered an arson attack leading to the new building being erected. It was resolved that the Council do not support this proposal, as they consider that an attendant should be present to collect cash payments to avoid security issues at this isolated location. Clerk to advise Mr. Tuddenham (NT) that this is the response being submitted to PCNPA.
- b) NP/12/0179 – Refurbishment of Barn, Square Farm, Marloes. PCNPA have acknowledged the Council's letter. No details have been received from Caroline Bowen. Cllr. Owens will make enquiries.
- c) NP/15/0649/CLE - No further information of an appeal has been received.
- d) NP/16/0151/PNA – Agricultural Building – Windmill Park, St. Brides. Noted that this proposal does not require the prior approval of the Planning Authority. Cllr. Richard advised he would have declared an interest if the Council had been invited to comment on the proposal.
- e) LDP Consultation – The Council had received a hard copy of the document at the request of Cllr. Owens, and this had been passed to Cllr. Jessop. He had circulated a draft response to the document., which included references to shared ownership schemes, and Community Land Trusts. Agreed that any further comments are passed to the Chairman as soon as possible, so that the response can be made before the closing date.
- f) E-mail received from PCNPA on the 21<sup>st</sup> April reference Draft Candidate Sites - concerns the methodology, submission forms and guidance Notes. Consultation closes on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. E-mail to be circulated to all members.
- g) PCNPA Performance – Cllr. Owens advised that the National Park was in the top quartile for performance for planning authorities in Wales.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower – Painting of the Louvres. No information on the paintwork available, to enable an invitation to quote for the work to be drafted. Noted that it had been suggested by the HPB manager that a money collection box is provided for use at St. Brides Castle – Cllr. Jessop to ask a local craftsman if he could provide a suitable box.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Notice of change of conditions received.
- c) PCC – 1<sup>st</sup> Precept Payment of £775 received via BACS. Noted.
- d) Brownsmart – on the proposal of Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Jessop, the Council agreed that £29.88 is repaid to Mrs. Royle for the Hosting Fee for the website. Agreed that this figure is very reasonable.
- e) AON Council Insurance – On the proposal of Cllr. Beal, seconded by Cllr. Burnett it was agreed that £245.87 is paid for the Council insurance for 2016/17. This payment is in line with the premium last year, so no other quote will be sought. Clerk to arrange payment as soon as the signatories have been changed.
- f) Shelter Cymru – Details provided of the Cygnor 50+ Advice Service – including a poster and leaflets.

7) Urgent Matters, if any – none advised.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.