

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 13th June 2016 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Burnett, Richards and Beal, also from County Cllr. R. Owens

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the May meeting having been circulated to members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that she had attended an Open Session at St. Ishmaels Nurseries to talk to the officer about concerns about a large party planned for late June. The police were aware of the proposed event and would monitor the situation over the coming weeks. The Clerk had also been asked recently if they still had a current Emergency Contact List. Cllr. Jessop to check details and liaise as necessary with Mr. Nockells, Dale C. C. deputy Clerk on the farms in that area.
 - b) County Council – Highways.

Signs, Martins Haven – Work outstanding. Area too busy during the day for the work to be undertaken at present.

Surface flooding/Blocked Drains – Cllr. Owens advised the main problem is the pipe under the Play Area, and the County Council may try to divert the water to another area.

Mullock Bridge junction - Cllrs Smithies and Jessop with the Clerk met Mr. Tony Lewis on the 24th May. Mr. Lewis explained why he wished to have the landowner undertake work in the field below the road in the first instance. He was then shown other problems with the stream further up the road to Marloes. The main flooding problems occurred on 14/09/15 and 17/02/16. Mr. Lewis advised that he reads the Council reports in Peninsula Papers to keep informed about problems in the Community, and commended the newsletter as one of the best in Pembrokeshire.

Hedge Cutting – Clerk to press for the road to Marloes to be cut as soon as possible as visibility is already restricted. Clock Tower lane also to be trimmed.
 - c) Clock Tower/St Brides Castle – No visit from Mr. Barber as yet. Cllr. Richards to be asked to speak to the Manager on this matter.

- d) Burial Ground – Mrs. Evans reported on the work undertaken to date in the Churchyard. She also summarised her conversations with Mr. James Meek, of the Dyfed Archaeological Trust, and with Mr. James Allen, Superintendent Registrar, PCC. The church has been advised to undertake a trial dig in the uncovered area firstly. The number of burials is at a low level, and the County Council have limited funds for new cemeteries.
- e) Phone/Broadband Issues. Cllrs Jessop and Richards attended the recent meeting in Crundale arranged by Stephen Crabb MP. The meeting had been disappointed with the information received from Mr. Ed Hunt, Director of BT Superfast Cymru. The date for installation in this area has now been put back to July 2017. The NFU delegate had pressed Mr. Hunt over the difficulties faced by farms who are at a distance from the green boxes and who are required to make returns on-line. Meeting noted that follow up checks can be made via www.superfast-cymru.com and then by adding a post-code or telephone number.
- f) Marloes Leaflet – Further meeting to be held on the 16th June when a mock up of the leaflet will be available, and work will continue on editing the word content. Noted.
- g) Children's Notice Board - no action as yet.
- h) Beach Clean – Cllr. Jessop had reported an exposed spike possibly off a mine recently. Noted that Mr. Codd, PCC had reacted very quickly to this safety issue, and the National Park had also inspected the area. A joint Marloes & St. Brides Community Council/PCNPA/PCC effort saw the spike removed.
- i) Education Consultation – A letter from the PCC Leader, Jamie Adams dated the 10th June was received, and noted that it may be next March before a further round of consultations can be completed.

3.Community Issues

- a) Marloes Post Office – Letter dated the 24th May received belatedly from the Post Office advising that the service has resumed. Clerk yet to check about the business services available, as the shop is thankfully busy when she has visited.
- b) Exception Site – Town Meadow.

Allocation procedure – Clerk reported on the meeting with Ms. Brock held on the 16th May at 7pm to discuss the procedure for lettings. Members considered the draft document received, and agreed that the information should clearly indicate that the order of allocation should be altered to better reflect the proposal at the joint meeting;-

- i) Marloes and St. Brides
- ii) St Ishmaels and Dale
- iii) Herbrandston

A few other minor alterations were suggested, and the Clerk was to clarify if health issues could determine the number of bedrooms required. Literature will be distributed in the Marloes & St. Brides area first, and this would indicate the procedure for applications, and the regulations that would apply to applicants. Ms. Brock had also e-mailed to advise that greater priority would be taken with the allocation of other local properties in future, and she would discuss with the County Council officer that they also take a similar approach. Planning Condition - 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. Clerk will follow this matter up again, as the Council would not want this work to be left until the estate has been completed.

- c) Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – The celebration had been held as planned on Sunday 12th June. Cllr. Richards had asked the Clerk to pass on his congratulations to all those who had organised the event on the Village Green. The meeting agreed that thanks are extended to all who had contributed to the refreshments and helped in any way. Everyone who attended had enjoyed the event and the weather had been good after a rainy start to the day.
- d) Spontaneous Events – The meeting was advised that the proposed event at Philbeach House is now likely to be smaller than originally planned. See item above at 2a. It was noted that during May two spontaneous events had occurred in the Ceredigion area. It did not appear that the Dyfed Powys police had taken the same action as they had in Pembrokeshire. It would appear that surveillance had not anticipated the events, and the news did not advise if any arrests were made, and/or equipment seized. Reminder to be put in Peninsula Papers again to ask residents to report immediately any suspicious activity.
- e) Bird Nesting in Tower – Clerk had advised members by e-mail that a visitor had phoned with regard to swallows nesting in the Tower. Members agreed with the Clerk that because the Clock Tower is listed, and to satisfy insurance requirements it is not possible to leave the door open during night hours. The Council recorded their thanks to Mr. Scale for delaying closing the door in the evening until as late as possible. Cllr. Smithies advised he will be installing a money box in the Tower shortly

to receive donations toward the upkeep of the Tower. It was noted that the Manager at St. Brides Castle was willing to have a donation box on their reception desk if the Community Council would provide one.

- f) Drone Incident - Cllr. Jessop reported on an incident which had occurred recently on the Deer Park. The person concerned had made no allowances for the wildlife in the area, and was operating the drone in close proximity to people using the area. He had alerted the National Trust who advised they were working on a policy for use on their land. This use would not be permitted, and would contravene aviation regulations already in place. The Wildlife Trust already have a policy. Noted.

4) Correspondence

- a) E-Mail Letters– See list below.

13/05/16 – OVW – Gosafe News Bulletin – May.

16/05/16 – Play Wales, Evaluation Survey.

16/05/16 – OVW – Invitation from the Future Generations Commissioner to attend an event in South West Wales on the 30th June – Noted.

18/05/16 – OVW – Larger Councils Conference.

18/05/16 – OVW – Future Generations Growers Conference – 8/9th July.

23/05/16 – OVW – OVW – National Pay Agreement.

23/05/16 – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Clerk to ask Cllr. Burnett to submit a nil return reference payment to Councillors.

10/06/16 – Community Energy Wales Update – Awards 2016

Other Correspondence -

- a) Rt. Hon. Stephen Crabb MP – Further letter received dated the 9th June together with a copy of a letter from Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture and the Digital Economy. Noted. No specific information on this area.
- b) Paul Davies AM/AC – May 2016 – Noted that Mr. Davies had been re-elected to the Welsh Assembly at the elections held earlier in May. Copies of posters detailing his future Advice Surgeries received for local display.
- c) Centenary Fields - Correspondence received promoting the objective of securing recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of those who had lost their lives in conflict. Noted.
- d) HAGS/Glasdon - Advertisements received for play equipment and street furniture.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/12/0179 – Refurbishment of Barn, Square Farm, Marloes. No response received to date.
- b) NP/15/0649/CLE - No notice of an appeal has been received.
- c) LDP Consultation – Response sent and an acknowledgement received – LDP2/2897 to be used in any future correspondence.
- d) Draft Candidate Sites - concerns the methodology, submission forms and guidance notes. After discussion, it was agreed that the draft prepared by Cllr. Jessop should be submitted after reference to the Chairman. Sarah Middleton (PCNPA) had advised that at this stage comments were required on the contents only. Later in the summer applications will be invited for the inclusion of possible sites – three months will be allowed for the process.
- e) PCNPA/PCC – Consultation on LDP's and Joint SPG on Planning Obligations; also consultation on PCNPA - SPG on Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites. From 11/05/16 to 06/07/16. Cllr. Jessop will review the documents, and propose responses if required.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Audit 2015/16 – No issues had been raised by the Internal Auditor. Copies of the relevant pages were circulated to members. After discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies the meeting approved the Accounting Statement under Regulation 9 (3) Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulation 2005 (as amended) and the Annual Governance Statement. Section 3 was endorsed by the Vice Chairman and the Clerk as the RFO. The Clerk will now prepare the Statement of Variance – only Item 3 to be explained, and also copy all relevant papers to accompany the Return. The latter will be endorsed by the Chairman and Clerk as true copies of the original.
- b) Clock Tower – Painting of the Louvres. No information on the paintwork to date.
- c) Lloyds Bank – Statements received, also a letter with reference to the new mandate, dated 10/06/16
- d) AON Insurance – Policy renewed from the 1st June. Clerk has asked if the Council can be invoiced in April next year, to avoid clashing with a possible change of signatories.
- e) Shelter Cymru – 25/-05/16 – Financial Appeal noted.

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 13th July 2016.