

Marloes & St. Brides Community Council

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides C. C. held on the 20th July 2012 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Mrs. Y. Evans (Clerk)
- Mrs. G. Smithies & Mr. R. Titley (Community residents)

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. P. Smithies.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and advised that there was only one item on the agenda. A planning application had been received from PCNPA – NP/12/0342- 15Kw. Wind Turbine at Philbeach Farm, Marloes. (Cllr. Smithies would have declared an interest in this application if present.)

The Clerk put the paperwork before members, and reminded the Council that they had previously considered a similar application - NP/11/527, and a letter had been sent to PCNPA on the 13th January supporting that application. It was noted that more households had received letters drawing attention to this application than with the previous one. Cllr. Richards advised that the main change in this application was that the site of the turbine and associated equipment had been moved across the field nearer to the hedge, and was now more directly behind the farm complex. All members present reviewed the new application in comparison to the previous one, as two new members had been elected in the meantime. It was noted that most of the documentation remained the same.

After discussion, the meeting noted that the applicant had made a considerable effort by moving the base site to address the concerns of the National Park on visibility from other areas. Members noted that a higher mast has recently been approved in St. Ishmaels community area. It was agreed that the comments that had been submitted previously were still relevant to this application, and that the Council therefore would recommend to National Park that the application is approved. No adverse comments had been received by the Council to date.

Mrs. Smithies advised the meeting that the application will be submitted to the Development Committee on the 22nd August with a recommendation to again refuse a turbine on this site. The Clerk advised that by the time of the next Community Council meeting on the 13th August, a letter should have been received inviting them to attend the meeting, and to make representations if they wished to do so. Cllr. Richards agreed that that discussion should be left to the next meeting. He closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance.