

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 8th July 2013 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Community Resident – R. Titley
- Clerk to the Council - Mrs. Y. Evans
- County Cllr. R. Owens

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Twidale

- 1) The minutes of the June Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) National Park Matters – Cllr. Richards reported that the St. Brides post box has been badly damaged recently, and the same vehicle has also damaged the telephone box. Clerk to speak to Hayley Barrett on this matter.
 - b) Police Matters – The Clerk advised that WPC Terri Harrison and Sergeant Vaughan had visited Marloes on the 19th June. An attempt was made to do a speed check with the police car parked on the Square opposite the Lister's house. However problems with the speed camera, also workmen who came along to work at the Lister's house, and an unsettled traffic pattern caused by the surfacing of the Milford road meant the attempt was aborted. The Sergeant felt that there is a perception that traffic is exceeding the speed limit. Advised that the County Council should be contacted on having a mobile speed unit. The police officers advised what had happened to the seized sound equipment - some returned to hire companies, and others items passed to the Torch Theatre. Auctions of seized equipment are advertised. Cllr. Burnett advised that damage to a garage door at the top end of the village had been reported to the police. Sergeant Vaughan is still planning to visit the Council. Clerk had contacted the County Council with regard to the Vehicle Actuated Signs, and had a response from Darren Thomas, and then John Price. Agreed that the Clerk speak to Mr. Price and report back to the Community Council.
 - c) Recreation Area – No report this month.
 - d) County Council – Highways. Clerk had been advised that hedge trimming would start on the 26th June, but nothing had been cut locally to date. Members expressed great concern to County Cllr. Owen about the late cutting in this area. He agreed to speak to the relevant officer. Cllr. Burnett had

obtained a copy of the warning notice about parking used near where she works. Some members felt that the County Council should police the yellow line areas, but there were problems with parking in other areas which needed to be addressed. Agreed that a redrafted notice is circulated.

- e) Clock Tower Footpath – Meeting to be arranged.
- f) South Hook -Proposed Combined Heat & Power Plant– E-mails sent to all contacts as agreed. Very few responses. Noted that South Hook has now submitted an application for the Plant. This Council will need to register as a consultee. Noted that Paul Davies AM had written offering assistance on this matter.
- g) Street Lights – Further problems with the Tower View lights – County Council to come out again. The light by the PAD in Marloes will not be switched on overnight, as this does not meet the criteria. St. Brides toilet lights will be checked.
- h) Parking Issues – Clerk advised that she has been identifying who at the National Trust and at the National Park she should contact, and she would then write as required.
- i) Website Meeting – Cllr. Burnett had looked at the One Voice Wales proposal, but there would be costs in subsequent years. Agreed to wait for the formal response from the County Council, but Cllr. Burnett will check out the details and cost of acquiring the domain name.
- j) Rubbish, Near Slate Mill – Further rubbish by way of old silage bales have been dumped – possibly on top of the sheeting - reported again to St. Ishmaels C. C. Clerk.
- k) Draft Guidance for Local Government Measures – Cllr. Burnett advised that no action was required by this Council, but she considered that the document was very wordy. Agreed that Cllr. Jessop take the document to his meeting with Paul Davies, AM. for information.
- l) Bus Services – Clerk read the e-mail received from Owen Roberts, Sustainable Transport Coordinator. He had apologised for not contacting this Council previously. They are aware of the problems, and have tried various measures to mitigate the problems. Later this year they will be re-tendering all public transport contracts, and this will provide an opportunity to review all routes. Routes 400 and 315 will be a priority for improvement.

3.Community Issues

- a) Village Action Plan – Review to be undertaken for the September meeting. Notices are displayed asking for letters of support for the Village Hall Grant applications. Cllr. Twidale had advised that the “last of the updated quotations are back in” and the Committee is planning to submit the application by the end of next week – up to six months for a response from the Heritage Lottery Fund

- b) Marine Conservation Zones – An e-mail had been received from Cllr. David McDermott advising that the new Welsh minister will be meeting the Stakeholder Focus Group on the 11th July. Clerk to forward the Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Strategic Action Plan to Cllr. Smithies. Cllr. Smithies yet to draft a letter to the Minister, but had been advised by Mr. Mark Burton that the Reserve staff are not expecting any changes in the near future.
- c) Dog Fouling – Item in Peninsula Papers as agreed.
- d) Rubbish collection – Noted that rubbish problems continue at various properties in the Village. Photographs have been taken as evidence if required. Agreed that this matter may have to be referred to the County Council, as some properties may pay a business rate. Furthermore, Cllr Owens was asked to get a formal County Council response re the problem of holiday homes and fortnightly collections. Clerk had spoken to the Village Warden about the problem by the village toilets. He had explained what the problem was, and how he had dealt with the matter. He does not consider that a holding bin is required at present. While talking to him, a visitor had commented on how well the toilets are cleaned. Agreed that if Pembrokeshire Radio holds another competition for Local Heroes then the Warden should be nominated.

4) Correspondence

- a) E-Mail Letters – Clerk referred to some of the e-mails received.
 - 11/06/13 – Bruce Sinclair – Launch of Pembrokeshire Herald.
 - 11/06/13 – Consultation on Draft Technical advice Note (TAN) 23 – Economic Development.
 - 13/06/13 – Advised that the County Council service the clock in Charles St. Milford Haven.
 - 14/06/13 – Public Service Commission – Calling for Evidence. Cllr. Burnett had printed off this e-mail, and thought that the details need to be passed to community residents. Clerk to review, and place an item in Peninsula Papers for September.
 - 17/06/13 – Launch of Police & Crime Plan on the 18th June – noted.
 - 18/06/13 – Commission on Devolution in Wales – Clerk had included reference to this item in the Summer issue of Peninsula Papers. Noted.
 - 24/06/13 – Community Covenant Grant Scheme in Pembrokeshire – Bids have been submitted – Agreed that Cllr. Burnett look at this e-mail.
 - 28/06/13 – Several e-mails from One Voice Wales reference the work of the Police and Crime Commissioners; the Final Work Programme evidence session, and also notice that the Sustainable Development Bill is now a

White Paper.

01/07/13 – Police & Crime Commissioners Annual Report.

03/07/13 – One Voice Wales – Larger Councils Conference – Clerk has requested Speakers notes if available. Mr. Peter Davies who visited this Council reference the proposed Highly Protected Marine Zones is one of the speakers.

05/07/13 – One Voice Wales – Welsh Language Communities Alliance – membership invite noted.

- b) One Voice Wales – Next meeting of the Area Committee will be on the 17th July. Clerk hopes to attend, but will apologise if not available. Also copies of The Voice received – Issue 23, summer 2013. Letter also reference The Welsh Memorial in Flanders Campaign – from Peter Jones – Co-ordinator. Noted.
- c) – Ombudsman – Annual Report 2012/13 – Received.

5) Planning Matters

- a) Slate Mill (Fenced Area) – Clerk had received an e-mail from Liam Jones advising what progress had been made to date. See planning application below.
- b) Local Design Statement – Clerk had contacted Ms Gibson by e-mail, and had been advised that she would be back in the office on the 10th July.
- c) Philbeach Wind Turbine appeal – Appeal decision had been received a week after the site inspection, and the Inspector had allowed the appeal in favour of the applicant. Members commented that the Inspector's observations had been in line with this Council's comments.
- d) NP/13/0271 – Slate Mill, St. Brides – New Slate Roof, slate hanging & timber balustrade around perimeter of existing flat roof & rear timber access stairs. After discussion members agreed that this proposal was better than the existing temporary “picket style” fence. However they objected to the new proposal as not being in the vernacular design in Pembrokeshire as reflected in the adjacent building. The Community Council favoured a complete roof on the road side, with the view maintained only to the rear of the building which would not then be overlooked.
- e) NP/13/0292 – Greenacre, Marloes – See application for specific proposal. Members were agreed that these proposals were more suitable to modern living, and would introduce more light in the dwelling. There would also be solar gain in the alterations.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Franz Nicholas, Architect to be contacted by Clerk about the Clock Tower.
- b) BDO Audit - All papers had been submitted on time. Noted.
- c) Brownsmart – Invoice #1900 – Small Hosting Fee of £29.88 had been paid

by Mrs. Rosemary Royle. No increase from last year. Members agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett that Mrs. Royle be repaid the amount.

d) Lloyds Bank Statement – Clock Tower accounts received.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

Paul Davies, AM – Cllr. Jessop advised that he was visiting Mr. Davies in a private capacity. Agreed that he raise relevant matters affecting this Council – see item above for instance.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held one week earlier on Monday 5th August at Marloes Village Hall.