

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 9th July 2012 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Mrs. Y. Evans, Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens
- Community Residents – R. Titley, M. Cullen, Mrs. H. Champley, M. Burton

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Owens for attending the meeting.

- 1) The minutes of the June meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett
- 2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – The Clerk reported that she had recently completed a questionnaire received following up on her incident report on the joyriders. Members noted that NCI Coastwatch had reported individuals acting suspiciously in the Martins Haven Car Park last Saturday. Mr. Burton confirmed that a small group had had to be asked to leave the Marine Reserve Display area by the Car Park Attendant. The group consisted of Chinese/German individuals. Mr. Cullen advised this group had been noticed in the village, and may have been staying at the youth Hostel. Noted.

b) Recreation Area – Mr. Burton asked if the Community Council will be willing to send a letter to PAVS to confirm that they approve the proposed developments to the Play Area as the landowner, and to also confirm that the land will remain as a Recreation Area for at least five years. The meeting approved this request on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies. PAVS will then release their grant of £5000. Mr. Burton understands that the County Council will approve a grant of £10,000, but this money will not be paid until the end of the work. The final plans will be made this week with the contractor. It is intended to retain the toddlers swings and to put in another item of equipment. In response to a question from Cllr. Smithies, Mr. Burton advised that he envisaged annual running costs to be in the region of £500. The committee will have £5000 in reserve, and some of this could be used to defray annual expenditure. Cllr. Smithies suggested that in five years it may fall to the Community Council to precept for this expenditure, which would mean all Council Tax payers will contribute. Mr. Burton advised that he is targeting holiday homes/lets for contributions as these households may also benefit from an improved play area. Cllr. Beal thought the play area would be an added attraction for visitors with families. The equipment would be listed on an asset register for the Committee. The Clerk reminded the Council that in five years they may have to fully fund the annual running costs of the Clock Tower when the money on deposit is utilised. Cllr. Smithies felt that the Council needed to allow for the time when enthusiasm for fund raising fades, and he had no problem with the council tax payer contributing to these facilities. Mrs. Evans asked if a committee member would compile an account of the Jubilee Weekend for the Local History Group – to include details on events and people involved. Cllr. Burnett volunteered to produce this account.

c) County Council Matters – Cllr. Burnett confirmed the yellow line was in place. Mr. Blake had not contacted Cllr. Owen about the new Traffic order as yet. Cllr. Owen advised

that he would be providing the Clerk with the Disability Access notice which could be adapted to cover illegal parking.

Passing Bay, Glebe Lane - Mrs. Evans confirmed that she had written to Vicki Hirst, National Park on this matter, and was waiting a response.

St. Brides Car Park – An e-mail sent from Mr. Geoff Sutton, County Council Parking Manager to Cllr. Owen was read to the meeting. This advised that the County Council is waiting for National Park to provide information for a new Traffic Order. Cllr. Richards felt that if PCNPA proposed charging for use at St. Brides, then this would cause a problem. Agreed to wait for PCNPA to respond.

Surface Dressing – No action had been taken by County Council staff as yet. Cllr. Owen advised that Mr. Glenville Codd is planning to visit the village later this week, and would contact the Clerk to arrange a suitable time/date. Agreed that all outstanding issues be discussed with him. This list to include the issue of hedge cutting, as the main holiday season starts shortly, and there is a lot of cutting required. Visitors do not like pulling over to the hedges when they are overgrown.

d) Clock Tower Matters – See item under Item 6.

e) PADS- Clerk will contact the local Trust Warden to identify the right contact for a grant request. Cllr. Jessop confirmed that a PAD is now installed in the Lobster Pot, and the committee is hopeful of further funding for St. Brides. It will still be necessary to have an emergency phone near the beach. One training session has been completed, and it is intended to hold another one in the autumn.

3) Community Issues

a) Village Action Plan - Mrs. Evans advised that she had provided an Introduction to the Communities for PLANED, and work is ongoing on the next stage.

b) H.P.M.Z. Consultation – The Chairman invited fellow members to report on the meeting they had attended as part of the consultation process. Cllr. Burnett reported on the meeting for fishermen – about 35 present. This group feel targeted by the Welsh Government and will be presenting a petition. Noted that the Fisheries Authority will do the policing, and heavy fines would put fishermen out of business. A similar meeting in North Wales had been very acrimonious, and the Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum (PCF) were asked to arrange a second one which was more productive. Noted that the Welsh Government officer is not always saying the same responses at meetings.

Cllrs Jessop, Twidale and Beal reported on the PCF meeting they attended. Cllr. Jessop referred to the Soapbox Session at which he had tabled a brief summary of this Council's position after discussions with Cllr. Richards and the Clerk. It was agreed after discussion that PCF should include this in their submission to the consultation, as it had been discussed at an open meeting. Clerk to forward document to PCF. Members covered the control of commercial fishing, run off from the land which affects all areas, the use of Marloes Sands, partial zoning, and what the consensus of opinion is locally.

Mr. Malcolm Cullen was invited to report on his meeting with Paul Davies, A.M. Mr. Cullen had discussed the local fishing traditions which had spanned hundreds of years. Fishing can still supplement peoples' pensions, if not be their main occupation. Visitors enjoy the beaches, walking the cliffs, as well as fishing. Mr. Cullen had concerns about the democratic process of the consultation process, but had been advised by Paul Davies that he would oppose the proposals for Skomer. Mr. Cullen had advised him that he wanted Marloes Sands taken out of the proposal, and that the current controls in the Reserve to continue. It was important for people to write individual letters because, according to officials, the

response from the Community Council will be given no greater weight than the response from an individual. The Marine Conservation Society had lobbied strongly for the HMPZs but the effect on individual communities was not appreciated. County Councillors should be contacted. Cllr. Owen advised that the County Council was objecting to the Dale and Strumble proposals, and wanted the Skomer one modified. Mrs. Evans thought that the PCNPA had wanted Marloes Sands removed, but had then suggested that if a beach area was required that Musselwick Beach could be substituted. It was noted that at present the Special Area of Conservation status provided a buffer zone for the present Reserve, but other proposed areas may need buffer zones. A general discussion followed on all aspects of the proposal for Skomer.

Cllr. Smithies proposed that on behalf of the community that this Council objects to the proposed HPMZ, and that the status-quo be maintained, and that the present Reserve should continue as it is, and be managed as now. After further discussion Cllr. Smithies agreed that the response letter should clearly set out the elements of the status-quo which should continue. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Beal, and agreed by the Council. The Clerk and Chairman to prepare the letter, and if required add factual information to support present uses. All Community Councillors to notify "bullet points" they would like to see included. Dale/Gann HPMZ - It was noted that Dale C. C. had been very proactive in respect of this proposal, and had framed a detailed rebuttal to the proposed Zone. It was agreed that this Council support their stance, and write a letter of support, identifying key elements to echo their objections.

It was also agreed that each member of Council, assist if possible at least ten individual members of the Community who may wish to write their own letters of objection. Dale Yacht Club had circulated their members with information. There is information on the Marloes web-site, but this cannot be updated before the closing date for submissions. Mr. Mark Burton was thanked by the Chairman for the technical advice he provided to aid the discussion.

4) Correspondence

- a) Swansea Metropolitan University – Additional Community Governors – The Clerk advised that she had responded to the questionnaire from the All Wales Centre for Governor Training and Research – mainly negative responses, but this Council does have an opportunity to nominate to Coastlands School – Cllr. Hawkins from St. Ishmaels C. C. currently represents local Community Councils.
- b) One Voice Wales – 05/07/12 - Pembrokeshire Area Committee. AGM and next meeting to be held on the 17th July at County Hall. Agreed that if neither the Clerk or a Councillor can attend then an apology should be given.
- c) Ombudsman (Wales) – 21/06/12 – Annual Report 2011/12 received.
- d) Clerk & Councillors Direct – July 2012, Issue 82 received.
- e) Catalogue – J Parkes Wholesale Dutch Bulbs received.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/05/602 – Passing Bay, Glebe Lane – see Item 2c above.
- b) Slate Hill Lodge – Cllr. Jessop reported that he had received an enquiry about the recently erected fence on top of a Store-room, and whether this required planning consent. Cllr. Owen agreed to discuss this matter with the PCNPA enforcement officer. Mrs. Evans advised that she wasn't sure if this had been included in the recent application for a conservatory.

- c) Planning Regulation – Cllr. Jessop advised that Welsh planning policy has recently been amended re permitted development for domestic renewable energy installations. The most significant change: there is now permitted development for small wind turbines within a property’s curtilage. See The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2012 (SI 1346).

6) Financial Matters

a) Clock Tower – Children’s’ Board - Cllr. Smithies had advised the Clerk that he had contacted Kirsty who had put him in touch with the firm who made the original board. A quote for £197.00 plus VAT had been received from Monddi, and they can arrange almost immediate delivery. After discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett that Cllr. Smithies confirm the order, to pay £236.40, but to ask if a second coating of UV over-laminate could be provided up to a further £20 to prolong the life of the Board. Members also agreed that the wooden frame should be refurbished over winter and the surrounding hedge growth cut back to provide better viewing when the Board is replaced. Agreed that the payment come out of the Clock Tower accounts.

7) Urgent Matters/Any Other Business

- a) Conifer Trees, Near Clock Tower footpath – Cllr. Smithies asked whose land the trees are growing on, as they now require pruning/ removal to allow the path to dry out. Agreed that Mr. G. Codd is asked about this matter when he visits.
- b) Street Lights – Cllr. Twidale reported a light not working in the Glebe Lane, and was given the contact details to report to the County Council Contact Centre.
- c) Rubbish, Gaylane Terrace – Cllrs Burnett and Smithies advised that recently foxes are attacking rubbish put out overnight . Agreed that Cllr. Smithies will speak to the nearby householders and suggest they put the rubbish out on the morning.
- d) Skomer visits – Cllr. Beal referred to the daily “Tweets” by the Warden with regard to sailings, which has caused some visitors to cancel accommodation. Cllr. Twidale advised that this has been discussed with the Warden, and he is now more circumspect with his information. Cllr. Beal drew attention to the information on the Wildlife Trust Web site which is contradictory. Clerk to check details, and suggest amendments.
- e) Transport Panel – Cllr. Jessop apologised for not attending the meeting. He thought it may be possible to apply for a 20mph speed limit. Other members thought this limit would mean road humps, but apparently this is not the case in Lower Fishguard. Flashing warning signs may be helpful on occasions.
- f) Bore Hole – Mr. Titley asked what arrangements had been made for overspill water draining off the West End bungalow site. Cllr. Burnett agreed to make enquiries.
- g) Jubilee Celebrations – Cllr. Richards advised that the flowers placed at the start of the village by Dave Pomfret, Village Warden had been taken despite being locked to the sign post. Agreed that he should be thanked for his efforts, and the Chairman proposed that he should be nominated for the next County Council Community Awards. Noted that Mr. Pomfret intends replacing the flowers when he finds a suitable heavy container.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th August 2012 , at Marloes Village Hall.