

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 5th August 2013 at Marloes Village Hall.

Present:- Cllr. W. Richards together with Cllrs. C. Jessop, S. Twidale & P. Smithies

- Clerk to the Council - Mrs. Y. Evans
- County Cllr. R. Owens

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs. Beal and Burnett

- 1) The minutes of the July Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) National Park Matters – Noted that the St Brides Post Box has been replaced, however the nearby telephone box is still in a bad state of repair. Clerk has spoken to Hayley Barrett (NP) on this matter, and she will be contacting British Telecom. Clerk advised that she had seen one person with his head through one of the broken windows with his companion taking a picture. Noted that there has been overnight parking at St. Brides recently. It is not clear whether the proposed traffic order has been advertised. Clerk to contact the relevant NP officer.
 - b) Police Matters – Noted that the Community Officers had attended the recent fête at St. Brides. Warnings about being alert reference raves over the Bank Holiday have been in the Western Telegraph recently. Action had been taken about a possible suspicious vehicle recently. Clerk still to speak to John Price, PCC.
 - c) Recreation Area – No report this month.
 - d) County Council – Highways. Hedge cutting has now been completed, but some areas have only recently been done. Members discussed the redrafted parking notice, and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk review the draft taking account of members views. Agreed that this notice will be primarily for vehicles parking where they may cause an obstruction particularly for emergency vehicles. Other vehicles are parking off road e.g. opposite Musselwick style to avoid camping fees. It is not known how many vehicles may have been booked on the Marloes Sands roadway – Cllr. Owen will make enquiries with Marc Owen. Agreed that the latter should be dealt with by County Council officers or perhaps the police. Clerk to follow up other highway issues by next month.
 - e) Clock Tower Footpath – Clerk had spoken to Sean Tilling, PCC who advised that she should speak to Matt Cloud, PCC about the footpath registration, and

- then to Glenville Codd, PCC about the surface. Cllr. Owen advised that he has spoken to Mr. Codd who has agreed to improve the surface. Members suggested that if the path could take a motorised mobility vehicle similar to the one used by Cllr. Owen then the surface would also suit pushchairs.
- f) South Hook -Proposed Combined Heat & Power Plant– Cllr. Jessop advised that Paul Davies would support the Council's proposal. Members agreed the draft representation prepared by Cllr. Jessop, and noted that he will assist the Clerk to make an on-line registration before the deadline on the 16th August.
 - g) Street Lights – Tower View lights are now working correctly. Cllr. Owen has spoken to an officer about the overnight light required for the Marloes Toilet PAD, and asked that the committee write to the relevant officer directly.
 - h) Parking Issues – Members had noted the information provided by Gary Meopham, NP. A letter from Mr. Malcolm Cullen on this matter was received. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk clarify the ownership of the portion of Castle Rag BOAT that lies in the car park with National Park, and also ask Mr. Jonathan Hughes, National Trust which N.T. Council member they could contact on this matter. Problems with the nearby access track to the Youth Hostel were noted. Agreed that people visiting the Hostel should complain directly to the YHA about the track surface. However, it is thought that National Park has responsibilities for the track. A few years ago, the path was upgraded for disability users to link to the Youth Hostel public toilets and an access path to the coastal path. Cllr. Owen agreed to discuss this matter with the relevant NP officer.
 - i) Website Meeting – To consider next month.
 - j) Rubbish, Near Slate Mill – Situation still as last month.
 - k) Draft Guidance for Local Government Measures – Paul Davies, AM. has agreed that the document is not people friendly.
 - l) Bus Services – No further issues this month.
 - m) Public Service Governance – Clerk had put details in Peninsula Papers.
 - n) One Voice Wales – Clerk had apologised for not being able to attend the recent meeting.
 - o) Welsh Language – Clerk advised that to date no response has been received to their letter dated the 27th November 2008. Noted.
 - p) Clock Tower Architect – Clerk to contact Mr. Franz Nichols.
 - q) Paul Davies – Cllr. Jessop gave a verbal report on his meeting with the AM on matters affecting the Council. Mr. Davies favoured community councils having direct representation on the National Park Development Committee. Cllr. Owen advised that this is not likely to happen in the near future.

3. Community Issues

a) Village Action Plan – Cllr. Twidale confirmed that the application to HLF was submitted last Saturday. Noted.

b) Marine Conservation Zones – The Clerk had circulated the press statement (18/07/13) issued by the minister advising that he had withdrawn all proposed HPMCZ sites and would be taking a different approach on this matter. Cllr. Owen will obtain a full copy of the minister's response to the consultation. E-mails from Mark Burton, Skomer Marine Reserve on the 25th July were noted. Clerk to re-read both e-mails to confirm what action is now required by this Council. It is still not clear what future the Reserve and staff have in the long term, and it may still be necessary to write to the Minister in the near future. Noted that a letter had been received from Stephen Crabb, MP on this matter. Meeting advised that there had been a marked increase in potting activity recently when one regular boatman was thought to be finishing, and another boat owner tried to take his place only for the first one to return. Mr. Aldred (local boatman) is still fishing out of St. Brides but at a low level of activity in the Reserve.

c) Dog Fouling – No problems reported recently.

d) Rubbish collection – Noted that rubbish problems still continue, with rubbish by the village pump at Skokholm Back a particular concern recently. The owner of the holiday let has been advised of the nuisance. Cllr. Owen will check what the collection arrangements are for holiday lets, plus how this issue will be addressed if the county council plans for fortnightly black bag collections proceed as planned.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters – Clerk referred to some of the e-mails received.

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. Brought forward for action.

24/06/13 – Community Covenant Grant Scheme in Pembrokeshire – Bids have been submitted – Agreed that Cllr. Burnett look at this e-mail. Carry over to the next meeting.

09/07/13 – Natural Resources Wales – July/August External Funding Newsletter.

- 18/07/13 – OVW – The Voice can now be downloaded. Noted.
- 19/07/13 – OVW – Essential Skills in the Workplace
- 23/07/13 – OVW – National Final Salary Award – Clerks
- 24/07/13 – OVW – “Scams & Swindles” Campaign – Age Cymru
- 25/07/13 – OVW – Energy Efficiency Interest Free Loans
- 31/07/13 – Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum (PCF) – Renewal of Membership and Future Direction of the PCF. Agreed that the Council continue its membership provided there is no cost.
- 31/07/13 – OVW, Del Morgan – confirmation that the quorum for this Council was three, or one third of the total membership. Clerk will amend the Standing Orders, and then circulate to members.
- 31/07/13 – PCF – CIC E-News July 2013 to circulated to all council members.
- 01/08/13 – Ombudsman Casebook – Issue 13 received.
- 05/08/13 – Cllr. Jessop – Link to the Environment Network, Pembrokeshire reference the Sustainability Bill.
- b) Boundary Commission for Wales – 22/07/13 – Review of Electoral Arrangements (County Council wards). Members noted that it was proposed to add Walwyn's Castle to the existing ward. A portion of this area may be outside the National Park, but would still be rural in nature. Agreed to support the proposal, and to suggest the name be changed to Coastlands & Walwyn's Castle.
- c) PCC – dated April 2013 – Painting Competition for 7-25 years old reference “Older People”- posters to display.
- d) Play for Wales – To be passed to Mr. Mark Burton.

5) Planning Matters

- a) Local Design Statement – Contact from Ms. Jane Gibson waited
- b) NP/13/0271 – Slate Mill, St. Brides – A member advised that this application has been withdrawn. Picket fence still in place.
- c) E-Mails received as follows -
 - 23/07/13 – County Show Reception – Tuesday 13th at 3pm. Cllr. Smithies planning to attend.
 - 05/08/13 – Pembrokeshire Wildfire Group launch on the 14th August at 3pm – no advance notice required. Cllr. Jessop will advise volunteers of NCI (Wooltack Lookout) who may be interested.
- d) NP/13/0329 – 3, West End, Marloes – Rear first floor bedroom extension & repositioning of oil tank and boiler and erection of garden shed. Cllr. Jessop declared an interest in this application as an immediate neighbour, and withdrew from the Hall when members discussed their comments. After considering the details, members agreed that the applicant had shown sympathy to neighbours in that no windows were in the sides overlooking

their dwellings, and that they were prepared to recommend approval to National Park.

6) Financial Matters

a) BDO Audit - The Clerk provided the Council with the response from the Auditor in a letter dated the 29th July. No issues had arisen, and the Auditors would be issuing an unqualified certificate and report and there were no other matters that they wish to draw to the attention of the Council. The Council therefore confirmed that they were pleased to approve the Annual Return, and authorised the Chairman to sign and date Section 3. Clerk to arrange for the document to be forwarded by the 15th August. The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on her efficiency and competency, and this was supported by all Council members.

c) Lloyds Bank Statement – Clock Tower accounts received.

d) Shelter Cymru – Documents received.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) Marloes Beacon – Cllr. Jessop advised that the Ordnance Survey map does not include an appropriate symbol for the Beacon, and there is also not one on the Footpath sign, so visitors do not realise it is a viewing point. Agreed that he should advise Philip Lees, NP and Ordnance Survey.
- b) Marloes Toilets – Cllr. Twidale had been advised by Mr. Brian Johnson that children are taking advantage of the toilets being open in the evening to enter the building. Members and/or Clerk to speak to the Village Warden on this matter to ensure no damage is being done, and to check what time the toilets close, and when the catch will be repaired.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th September at Marloes Village Hall.