

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Smithies.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the July meeting having been circulated to members, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop seconded by Cllr. Twidale
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Police Matters – The party at Philbeach House had limited attendance, and there were no problems. Clerk had contacted the Pembs. Triathlon Group, and had asked them to provide the Council with dates of future events at Broad Haven. The next date had been notified, and also a reminder that there will be the annual event in Dale at the end of September. The Group had also been asked to comment on the undertaking that had been evident in the last race. PCSO Nicholls had advised that they would be increasing their patrols in the coming weeks. There was no information as yet that an illegal rave was planned. See item below.
  - b) County Council – Highways.

Signs, Martins Haven – Work outstanding. Clerk will speak to County Cllr. Owens about these matters.

Hedge Cutting – The Council noted that hedge cutting had commenced in St. Brides on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, and then proceeded to cut in Marloes a few days later. The Clock Tower Lane has also been cut in recent weeks. Mrs. Champley who lives alongside the path had advised the Clerk that she will be arranging to have trees overhanging her garden cut down in the near future.

National Park has now strimmed out Frankies Lane, as the cut five weeks previously had been a light one to protect the spring flowers.

Pavement opposite Town Meadow development – One section of hedge overhanging the pavement had been cut back by the owner. The hedge behind 9, Church Close is owned by the County Council since the land was dedicated in 1966. Copies of papers confirming this have been passed to County Cllr. Owens to inform Highways.
  - c) Clock Tower/St Brides Castle – No visit from Mr. Barber as yet. Cllr. Richards to speak to the Manager shortly.
  - d) Burial Ground – The Vicar has authorised the digging of a trial grave as soon

as this can be arranged.

- e) Phone/Broadband Issues. To date the Vodafone network has not been installed on the St. Ishmaels mast. Cllr. Twidale advised that she has very recently arranged with BT to have super fast broadband provision to her property. She will liaise with Cllr. Burnett to check what procedure other community residents will need to adopt, and also establish whether residents in St. Brides can also make applications at present.
- f) Marloes Leaflet – Final draft being edited prior to being sent for translation.
- g) Children's Notice Board – Cllr. Beal will be arranging this work shortly.
- h) Independent Remuneration Panel – Clerk has e-mailed a nil return, and the Chairman will put this on the County Council website as required.
- i) One Voice Wales - Meeting of Area Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Clerk tendered an apology.
- j) Marker stones, Village Green – to be done shortly.
- k) Overnight Parking – Concerns on this matter have been passed to Marc Owen, PCC and Hayley Barrett, PCNPA. Cllr. Richards advised that the dive groups usually show respect for the area, and avoid inconveniencing others. There is still some overnight camping. A traffic order covers the area now, but it depends on enforcement action being taken when necessary. Noted that a firm from Cardigan are bringing groups down to undertake kayaking and coasteering.
- l) Runwayskiln – see planning item below.

### 3.Community Issues

b) Exception Site – Town Meadow. Clerk had spoken to Elin Brock (PH Housing Director) recently, and she had advised that the site is unlikely to be finished until late September. She would ask the officer dealing with the allocation procedure to let the Council know when the process starts.

Planning Condition - Hedge opposite Church. Members noted that a side section of the hedge on the left hand side facing the through road had been removed, and also the verge. Andrew Richards (PCNPA) considered this action met the planning condition, and he would ask W. B. Griffiths to apply for a discharge of the condition. Members were agreed that it would now require regular attention to ensure the greater visibility splay was maintained, and it was not clear who would undertake this work. There should be an opportunity to comment when the discharge is applied for by the developer.

c) Spontaneous Events – Reminder reference the 101 service if suspicious activity is seen was put in Peninsula papers. Cllr. Jessop confirmed that further work is needed to update the Emergency Contact list.

d) Clock Tower – Cllr. Smithies had provided a spec. for the proposed painting of the four louvres of the Clock Tower earlier today. Members were agreed that this was comprehensive, and agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Burnett that the Clerk ask Mr. David Howells to quote for the work, and to indicate when he thought the work could be undertaken. The Council had received an offer of assistance towards this work, but it was likely that further funds would need to be raised. Cllr. Twidale thought a one-off fund-raising event could be undertaken, and her fellow member supported this idea. Agreed that funding would be considered when the quote was received.

Clock Opening – The Council was pleased to note that Mr. & Mrs. Almond, of The Clock House had undertaken the daily opening and closing of the Tower when Mr. Scale was away for a weeks holiday. Agreed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks.

Birds Nesting – Mr. Scale had advised that the first brood was yet to leave the nest, but he expected that a second brood would be raised. It was suggested that for next year the Council put a bead curtain or similar in place to deter the birds entering.

## 5) Correspondence

### a) E-Mail Letters– See list below.

- 12/07/16 – OVW – Consultation on Draft Technical Advice note 24 – The Historic Environment
- 14/07/16 – OVW – Higher rates of tax on purchases of second homes – Have your say on Stamp duty. Survey to complete by 31/08/16.
- 15/07/16 – OVW – Draft Local Govt. (Wales) Bill – Report available.
- 18/07/16 – SLCC (Liz Dutch) – Code of Conduct amendment Order, and also Supporting Clerks in West Wales – Referred to Cllr. Burnett as Chairman – action may be required on Financial Regulations – wait for the outcome of the Audit.
- 18/07/16 – OVW – Conference 01/10/16.
- 18/07/16 – PCC – Sustainable Play – Posters to distribute. Noted that the Purple Routes Play Project was holding events at St. Brides Castle as last year.
- 18/07/16 – Planed (Roxanne Tracey) – Powering Pembs Event – 26/07/16.
- 20/07/16 – PAVS – South Hook LNG Community fund2016 – Deadlines for Funding applications 12/08/16 & 14/10/16. To pass to Cllr. SB.
- 21/07/16 – OVW – Planning Law in Wales - Scoping paper Summary to respond by 30/09/16 – Passed to Cllr. CJ to review for Council.
- 23/07/16 – Cllr. CJ – Drone Activity in Marloes
- 26/07/16 – PCC (Tom Moses) – Walking Groups Directory Pembs.
- 28/07/16 – OVW – Advice to Town & Community Councils on Working

with Young People.

02/08/16 – OVW – AGM Motions – Noted that Solva CC has asked about the “Power to Trade”. Also OVW is seeking to increase the level of Fees.

03/08/16 – NFU Cymru – Coastal Communities Fund – Cllr. Richard confirmed that this has been circulated to NFU members.

08/08/16 – OVW – The Ombudsman’s Casebook Issue 25.

08/08/16 – Future Generations Commissioner – Correspondence and information.

Most of the above was noted. Action on Drones in Marloes - it was agreed that Cllr. Jessop e-mail Philip Lees of the National Park to ask if PCNPA will cover this use - often illegal - in Coast to Coast 2017.

Other Correspondence – none received.

## 5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/12/0179 – Refurbishment of Barn, Square Farm, Marloes. No information received as yet from Cllr. Owens
- b) NP/15/0649/CLE – See comment above.
- c) NP/16/0255/FUL – Clerk apologised that she had missed the three day deadline to advise that a Council member would speak at the Development Committee. Cllr. Beal had not been available to attend as planned, but the necessary papers were passed to County Cllr. Owens for the meeting. He had intended asking for a deferment, but Cllr. Beal thought the application had been approved.
- d) Approval of Non-Material Amendment was received with reference to NP/16/0307/NMA – to change roof material. Noted.
- e) NP/16/0425/FUL - NP/16/0425/FUL - Runwayskiln (former Youth Hostel) - Conversion of Youth Hostel(Sui Generis) to Bunkhouse (Sui Generis), holiday let (C3), cafe (A3), managers accommodation (C3) and bed and breakfast (C1), residents car park, engineering operations to site underground LPG tank, new pedestrian passing place, landscaping and associated works. Members considered the plans included with this application, and the Design & Access Statement. In particular, members considered the statement by the National Trust agent with regard to Tan 23 – Economic Development paragraph 3.2.1. Members noted that the information on the Welsh Government website advised that an A3 classification can be changed by the operator to A1 (Retail) without recourse to a planning application as this is permitted development. Cllr. Jessop advised that the Council can ask that the National Park invokes an Article 4 directive which prohibits permitted

development. Members agreed that in this instance they should object to the proposed Cafe (A1) unless PCNPA undertakes this action. The reason for this action is to protect the only village shop which is offering an all year service, and now has the Post Office restored. Cllr. Jessop referred also to the lack of facilities for disabled vehicles near the cafe, and also that no use of renewable resources had been included in the plans. Members accepted that bed and breakfast provision was needed alongside the bunkhouse to ensure a viable enterprise. Cllr. Jessop will draft a letter for consideration by all members prior to the Chairman forwarding the Clerk the final version for submission to PCNPA – before the 25<sup>th</sup> August. Noted that Mr. Tuddenham (National Trust), is on leave until the 13<sup>th</sup> August – a copy of the letter will be e-mailed to him.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Clock Tower – Painting of the Louvres – see item above.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Banking Mandate. Cllr. Burnett has forwarded papers to the Bank to change the name of the Clock Tower Accounts.
- c) Age Concern – Financial Appeal noted.

## 7) Urgent Matters, if any –

- a) Hayley Barrett – Noted that Ms. Barrett will be leaving in the Autumn to undertake a Masters course at Cardiff. Her position will be replaced. It is yet to be decided if Apple Day can proceed in October as planned.
- b) Weaver Fish – Musselwick Sands – Cllr. Jessop reported three incidents recently.
- c) Cliff Climbing Incident – Noted that a youth had fallen at Marloes Sands last Friday, and after being recovered by the Cliff Rescue Team, he was taken by Welsh Air Ambulance from the Sands to Murrison Hospital.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.