

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 14th October 2013 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
 - Cllr. R. Owens
 - Community Residents – Mrs. V. Krelle, Mrs. H. Champley, & Mr. R. Titley
- 1) The minutes of the September Business meeting were read, and approved subject to Cllr. Owen being changed to Cllr. Owens, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.
- 2) Matters Arising
- a) St. Brides -National Park Matters – Hayley Barrett, NP Ranger has provided a contact e-mail for BT to advise the Council's concern about the state of the St. Brides telephone box. Ms. Barrett had also advised that on October 31st there will be an Apple Day in the Scout's Orchard, St. Brides. Noted.
 - b) Police Matters – Sgt. Vaughan had not attended as expected, but the Clerk advised she had not reminded him. He had attended the meeting of the Recreation Committee – see item below. Clerk advised that there had been a recent theft in the St. Ishmaels area. Noted.
 - c) County Council – Highways. Clerk had e-mailed Mr. Codd, PCC. He will return from holiday this week, and will then respond to her queries. Cllr. Owens confirmed that parking tickets had been issued for parking on the yellow lines, but no numbers had been given.
 - d) South Hook -Proposed Combined Heat & Power Plant– Letter received from the Planning Inspectorate dated the 26th September. This Council to advise by the 16th October if they will be sending someone to the Preliminary Meeting on the 23rd October. A further letter had been received today from RPS advising that for various reasons they could not proceed with the proposed solar panels. Agreed that Cllr. Jessop attend the meeting on the 23rd October. He will continue to seek community gain from the proposed development.
 - e) Website Meeting – E-mail & then a letter dated 8th October received detailing the County Council's proposal on the provision of websites for Town and Community Councils in Pembrokeshire. Clerk also advised that One Voice Wales also had a scheme proposed, and another private provider. Agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Burnett attend the proposed County Council meeting to

discuss the proposal. At least twenty-five Councils would need to take up the offer. Training would be included and a helpline, but no mention on how long the proposal would last without further payment being required.

- f) Standing Orders – Clerk has scanned document, still to be circulated.
- g) Marloes Beacon/Signs- Cllr. Jessop confirmed that OS will include the viewpoint in future maps. National Park will provide signpost for village and beach as requested in due course.
- h) Dog Signs – Clerk to request signs for Clock Tower path.
- i) SWWITCH – Clerk has responded to the questionnaire on the provision of bus services in the area.
- j) Welsh Government – Designated Persons. Del Morgan, OVW had advised that a response from themselves would be sufficient. Noted.

3. Community Issues

a) Recreation Area – The Chairman welcomed Mark Burton (Chairman, Recreation Committee) to the meeting. Mr. Burton advised that Sgt. Vaughan had treated their concerns seriously. The officer had advised that on receipt of the names the individuals concerned would be interviewed in school, and warned of the consequences of future incidents. Mrs. Evans confirmed that names had been passed to PC Terri Harrison. She had also spoken to PCSO Paul Mayhew – both officers had advised that future incidents should be reported via the 101 service. No incidents had occurred since the last meeting. The Jubilee tree was surviving, and another one had been offered if necessary.

Annual Inspection - Mr. Burton provided details of the Annual Inspection report which had condemned the old swings. He would be making a grant application to South Hook LNG to replace the toddler swings first. The work would be done over the winter months. Hayley Barrett, NP Ranger will bring a work party to lay the hedge fronting the Glebe Lane, and may burn the surplus material on site. Clock Tower Path -Mrs. Champley asked to speak reference the trees on the Clock Tower Lane hedge, which is the eastern boundary of the Recreation Area. She advised that she was going to check her deeds to see if the trees were in her ownership or not. It was agreed that they needed to be cut back as they overhang the path, and keep it damp. Cllr. Owens had been advised by Glenville Codd, PCC that he would improve the surface of this path. After discussion, Cllr. Owens offered to set up a joint meeting of officers, himself, Mrs. Champley and the Community Council to seek a solution to the matter. Members were pleased to accept this offer. The Chairman, thanked Mr. Burton for the work he and his committee were putting into keeping the Play area in a good condition.

b) Car Parks/National Trust Matters – Members noted that several e-mails had been circulated by individual Councillors since the last meeting. It was agreed that the e-mail by Cllr. Richards on the 13th September had best summarised the issue, with the issue of the reduced rate to be agreed. However on the 7th October an e-mail from Jonathan Hughes, NT had been received asking that the matter be deferred “for a month or two” while a discussion was had internally. After discussion it was agreed that the Council should respond expressing concern that a delay may prevent a scheme being in place for the next season, and being allowed for in the NT literature. Clerk to prepare a redraft of the Chairman's letter to include reference to either a scheme on a “pay as you go” basis, or that of a concession card – but no amounts to be specified. Clerk to also forward an extract of the minutes covering the meeting with the officers. Cllr. Smithies felt that they should seek to achieve a solution, particularly for families with young children who were disadvantaged by the present scheme. He thought that local residents who may visit almost daily should consider a NT membership.

c) Village Action Plan – Clerk and members reviewed the main points in the Action Plan. It was agreed that the proposals for renovation of the Hall cover a main section of the action points, and others may be met after the work has been completed. After discussion on improving the broadband service, including information from Cllr. Owens on the scheme being undertaken in Herbrandston, it was agreed that Cllr. Burnett contact a local provider to seek further advice. It was noted that there had been movement recently on the Exception Site for affordable Housing. Cllr. Jessop also advised members that PCC had very recently proposed an energy scheme similar to one adopted in the Cornwall area which sought to achieve energy savings for householders. Agreed that a further review of the Action Plan should be undertaken in the New Year.

d) Rubbish Collection – Clerk referred to a letter dated 10th September from the County Council reference the introduction of fortnightly collection of household rubbish (black bags) starting this week. It was noted that all domestic users had received a letter confirming the details. However concern was expressed about the likely problems with holiday homes/lets who may not be aware of the schedules, and who may not have arrangements in place for anyone to take in rubbish if uncollected. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk include this in her report to Peninsula Papers, and suggest to the Editor, Rosemary Royle that a calendar of dates is included in each issue if practical. Members and Clerk to advise relevant households verbally. Cllr. Owens to ask if a calendar has been produced by the County Council, and if so this would be placed on local notice boards. The problem is likely to be worse during the main holiday period, but the Council will review the position next month to assess what further action may be required. Ideally all of these household should have trade agreements in place. If necessary the Clerk will ask the County Council to

clear up any rubbish not collected, rather than have neighbours put to an inconvenience, as has happened over the last few months when rubbish has been put out either too early, or on the wrong day. Cllr. Owens will bring their concerns to the attention of Cllr. Hugh George, PCC Cabinet Member for the environment.

4) Correspondence

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

16/09/13 – OVW – Advised that a response from themselves on “Designated Persons” was sufficient.

17/09/13 & 19/09/13 – Electoral Review Programme 2014 – Noted.

17/09/13 – PCC Standards Committee agenda – 24/09/13 – Noted.

18/09/13 – OVW – CC Water – Annual Review Wales 2012/13.

19/19/13 - Consultation on Discretionary Powers for Local Authorities to increase Council Tax on Second Homes – noted.

25/09/13 – Mid & South Wales Fire & Rescue - “Have your Say.” Also 07/10/13 – Meeting to be held on 16/10/13.

07/10/13 – Welsh Government (WG) – Community & Town Councils Welsh Government News.

b) Endurancelife – 08/10/13 – Running Events to be held on 3rd May 2014.

Details noted. This is normally a well marshalled event.

c) Glasdon - Street furniture – Discount Offers noted.

5) Planning Matters

a) Local Design Statement – Clerk has e-mailed the Welsh Government officer, and is waiting her response.

b) NP/13/0271 – Slate Mill, St. Brides – Letter dated 11/10/13 from PCNPA advised this application has been withdrawn. Not clear what is happening with the “picket fence” -Clerk to ask National Park.

c) NP/13/0338 – School House, Marloes – Shed to house pumping & filtering system for new water supply with space for a mower, shelving & potting. National Park had advised that this plan would go before the Development Management Committee on the 16th October as their recommendation was contrary to the Community Council's views. Clerk had spoken to the applicants and their agent as ill health would prevent the family from attending the meeting. She understood that it was likely the application would be withdrawn. It was therefore not necessary now for this Council to attend on the 16th.

d) PCNPA – July 2013 – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance:- The Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines (NEW). Seascape Character (NEW), also as an Update to Adopted Sustainability Design Guidance.

Any comments to be returned by 5pm on the 1st November 2013. Agreed that Cllr. Jessop would consider the Wind Turbine SPG, and Cllr. Smithies the Seascape Character SPG, and forward any observations to the Clerk.

6) Financial Matters

a) BDO Audit - Mrs. Evans referred to the paperwork received dated the 9th September. On the proposal of Cllr. Beal, seconded by Cllr. Burnett, the meeting approved and accepted the Annual Return, and were pleased to note that there were no matters for the auditors to report separately on following the audit. The Clerk advised that the required notice was on display. The meeting approved the payment of £72 (VAT - £12) to BDO on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.

b) Donations/Payments

After discussion the meeting approved the following:-

Marloes Village Hall - £440

Churchyard – St. Peter's - £40

Churchyard – St. Brides - £40

Samaritans - £20

Peninsula Papers - £50

Paul Sartori - £10

Royal British Legion - £20

Clerk – Computer Inks (Set) - £37.52.

Proposed by Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Jessop. Agreed that the Clerk ask for a copy of the latest accounts for Peninsula Papers. Noted that no application had been received from the Frogs & Gulls Youth Group to date.

c) Swalec – Clock Tower Electricity. Agreed that the Clerk advise Swalec that the reading on the 11th October was “1989” and request a repayment of the balance owed to this Council - £193.40 owed following an estimated reading.

d) Smiths of Derby – Service Agreement proposal noted.

e) Lloyds Bank – Letter dated September 2013 confirmed the bank's new name.

f) Financial Appeals received from Llangollen International Music Festival, National Eisteddfod of Wales, and also Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Wales.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

a) Remembrance Sunday – 10th November 2011

b) School Buses/Winter Arrangements – Clerk confirmed that arrangements are in place to decide on school closures, and transport issues.

- c) Dale Camp Axis Road – Cllr. Smithies highlighted a road safety issue with this junction. Cllr. Owens to request an appropriate sign.
- d) Welsh Water – Problems were highlighted with connection times. Noted that problems should be referred to Ofwat.
- e) Children's Sign (Nr. Clock Tower) – Cllr. Smithies volunteered to make the sign safe. Noted that the paintwork requires refurbishing over the winter.
- f) Cyclists – Cllr. Owens asked if there was a code of conduct for Cyclists. Clerk had received a complaint from a local resident who had experienced problems overtaking a group of cyclists.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th November at Marloes Village Hall.