

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 9th October 2017 at Marloes Village Hall

Present:- Cllr. P. Smithies (Chairman), together with Cllrs. Jessop, Johnson, &
Beal

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

- Mr. R. Titley & M. R. Morgan – Community Residents

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Richards & Kimpton, and also County Cllr. Reg Owens.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the September meeting having been circulated to members were approved, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Beal.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – No contact this month. Clerk to request copies of the booklets.
 - b) County Council – Highways etc.
Mullock Bridge Junction – Gully sucker was in the area last week, but did not clean the drain by the wall.
20mph - Reply awaited from Claire Williams.
St. Brides Beach Junction – Sign to be reported.
 - c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Reported to another B.T. officer, and now referred to an engineer. Clerk to purchase a pre-paid telephone card to check box from time to time. Defibrillator Group advised of action.
 - d) Members Declarations – Clerk to contact the County Council officer this month.
 - e) Skomer Visits – Clerk to send letters of thanks to the Wildlife Trust and to Dale Sailing this month.
 - f) St. Brides – Parking problems – Dan Wynn (PCNP Ranger) to be asked to attend the November meeting to discuss St. Brides issues and also footpath matters.
 - g) Electoral Consultation – Response to be made by the 22nd October 2017.
 - h) National Trust – Runwayskiln Lease. - Applicants have been interviewed, and it is understood a tenant has been selected. Work ongoing on the site.
 - i) Equipment at Musselwick Sands – Action to be taken on 12/10/17. Cllr. Jessop to check emergency phone at Marloes Sands car-park, and report if still out of order.

- j) NRW Consultation – Letter sent as agreed, and circulated to the MP, AM., One Voice Wales, and the NFU. Cllr. Richards attended an NFU arranged meeting at Planed offices, and provided a written report to the Clerk and fellow members. Clerk liaised with One Voice Wales who circulated all member Councils in Wales, and responded to the consultation. Chirk Town Council had e-mailed Clerk for information. Cllr. Owen provided details of the written responses by PCC and PCNPA. A positive response had been received from Paul Davies, AM.
- k) Frankies Lane – No trees have obviously been removed to date.
- l) Moss Cottage - Details of the last known address was passed to Cllr. Johnson to write informally to the family who own this dwelling.

3. Community Issues

- a) Village Green – Application under The Commons Act 2006.
Cllr. Smithies advised that earlier today he had hand delivered a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Groves advising that this matter would be discussed this evening, and they would be welcome to attend. He had been advised they were not able to attend the meeting. Later in the day, Mr. Groves had hand delivered to Cllr. Smithies a letter dated 9th October 2017. The Chairman read out the letter to the meeting. The letter indicated that in making this application, the applicant was following a legal process of action, enabled by both National and Welsh Government legislation. The letter indicated that following correspondence with Pembrokeshire County Council it was believed that in 1967 the then Marloes Parish Council had made a mistake in registering this parcel of land in that it was part of the curtilage of the dwelling, and should not therefore have been registered. Mistakes made at the time could not be corrected, but more recent legislation as detailed above had enabled the present owner of the property to make the current application. The letter also advised the Council that if they opposed the application, and it needed to be determined externally then any costs incurred in this process could be levelled on the Council. It was hoped that the Council would respect the application by Mrs. Groves.

This matter was then discussed by the Council and questions from Community residents were permitted by the Chairman. The meeting acknowledged that the Village Green had been identifiable as a distinct area on the Tithe Map of 16th July 1842. More recently in 1920/1921 the property concerned had been advertised for sale as part of the Kensington Estate and documents were in existence which detailed the property on the sale map, and also by description. The cottage was then tenanted by Mr. Warren Edwards. The cottage in 1921 fronted directly

onto the Village Green, and this area was not part of the sale. Up until the sale to Mr. & Mrs. Groves, the property had been in the ownership of the family of Mr. Hugh Edwards, son of Mr. Warren Edwards. It is known that over the years the area in front of the cottage had been enclosed, but the oldest resident present at the meeting did not recollect any application being made to regularise this enclosure.

The application in 1967 (registration of the Green) was made by the late Mr. Stan Truelove on behalf of the then Parish Council. Mr. Truelove was a respected member of the Community, who served as Headteacher of Dale School before his retirement.

After discussion, Members agreed that the Clerk make representation to the Commons Registration Officer as below:-

“At this stage, the Council do not accept that the then Marloes Parish Council and its then Clerk, Mr. Stan Truelove made a mistake in the registration process. The process would have been subject to a consultation process, with an opportunity for the then owner/occupier to make representations if the information was not correct.

The applicant claims that the land in question was part of the curtilage of the "The Green" at the time of registration in 1967, and under the Commons Act 1965, land covered by a building, or within the curtilage of a building, was not eligible to be registered as village green. The property's Curtilage in 1921 certainly did not include the land now indicated in this application, and the Council understands to add land to form part of a property's curtilage is a planning process. We have no record of any such application and note that it was not until 2010 that the land in question became the property of Mrs. Groves by adverse possession.

The Council request that if the applicant can provide evidence that in 1967 this parcel of land was part of the curtilage, including all relevant LPA documentation, of the property known as “The Green”, then that evidence should be made available to them and all other parties.”

Mrs. Evans to submit the representation by the 19th October

- b) Action Plan Review – See item at 2f above reference footpath. No other ideas for action at present.
- c) Rubbish Problems – Minor problems this month with household rubbish. One dog seen running loose recently, but owner quickly took

action to secure the stray. Clerk advised that she had noted contact details for the PCC Dog Section from The Havens newsletter, and will be putting those in Peninsula Papers.

c) National Trust Matters – see item above.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters– See list below.

- 15/09/17 – PCC LDP 4th Annual Monitoring Report. Noted.
- 19/09/17 – OVW – Letter from Jane Bryant,AM – Loneliness Report.
- 19/09/17 – Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue (MAWWFIRE) – Did you know survey? Completed by Cllr. Beal.
- 19/09/17 – OVW – Health Education & Improvement Wales.
- 19/09/17 – OVW – AGM Motions 2017.
- 19/09/17 – PCC (Rachel Gibby) – Launch Of Campaign to end Loneliness – Clerk to send e-mail to PCC asking for an update.
- 20/09/17 – Planed – Eluned Morgan, AM – 29/09/17 “Made in Rural Wales” - Economic Development Plan.
- 20/09/17 – OVW – Glastir & other Funding Schemes.
- 27/09/17 – MAWWFIRE – PCC fees & charges increases.
- 27/09/17 – OVW – Hywel Dda Community Health Council Annual Report.
- 28/09/17 – R. Royle – Badger found Dead Survey – 01970 612374 to report.
- 28/09/17 – OVW – Sept. 17 News Bulletin.
- 28/09/17 – Paul Davies,AM – e. Newsletter Sept 2017.
- 29/09/17 & 03/10/17 – OVW & Lgbc. - Guidance for Principal Councils – to respond by 21/12/17 – Clerk to circulate – may affect Community Councils.
- 03/10/17 – MAWWFIRE – Draft Corporate Plan 2018-2023. - Refer to Cllr. Beal.
- 03/10/17 – WG (Laurie Davies) – Review of the Community & Town Council Sector – to circulate.
- 04/10/17 – OVW – Draft Budget (Welsh Tax Policy Report) – Rates & Bands.
- 04/10/17 – OVW/WG – IRPW – Draft Annual Report – Section13 relates to Community & Town Councils – To circulate.
- 09/10/17 – PCC – Public Service Board – Draft Well-being Plan Consultation – up to 02/01/18.

E-mail items brought forward from August meeting:-

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Matters – Question Survey; Calon Tan (Service Magazine) & Well-being Plan Priorities– Referred to Cllr.Beal.

01/08/17 – Planed – Community Forum Network – Survey & Next Event on

02/11/17. Reminder of this event.
04/08/17 – PCC – Community Meetings on 09/10/17 (H.West) & 19/10/17
(Milford Haven). Reminder of these event dates.

(b) Other Correspondence

PCC – 26/10/17 – Proposed Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
Noted that the County Council will be streamlining the number of
Orders in one TRO.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/15/0649/CLE – Clerk to advise officer that they would wish to be informed if any action is proposed concerning this site.
- b) Car Parking - NP/16/0638/NMA – Limenaraki, Adjacent to the Village Green. Letter to National Park - letter yet to be written.
- c) NP/16/0594/FUL (As amended) – Crabhall Barn, Dale Road.
Members noted the information received from National Park, and agreed that this did not address the current policy with regard to the Affordable homes element of planning development. Agreed that the Clerk write again to ask for clarification.

6) Financial Matters

- a) 2016/17 Audit – The Clerk read out the qualified Audit Report received in mid-October. The auditor had a query in relation to PAYE for the Clerk. Former Cllr. Sandra Burnett has pursued this with HMRC, and is satisfied that no PAYE is required because of the low level of payment. Also referred to two points on the form that had not been completed correctly – Clerk had agreed the corrections after a telephone enquiry. Clerk to seek clarification on the requirement for Community Councils to maintain a register of Member's interests. Notice of completion of Audit to be displayed. Invoice for £141.75 plus VAT due.
- b) Tithe Map – Payment of £100 towards the picture frame approved to Marloes Village Hall.
- c) Lloyds Bank/Business accounts update – Bank Statements received.
- d) Smiths of Derby – No contact as yet reference the maintenance contract.

6) Clock Tower

Clock Chime – Cllr. Smithies advised that he has recently identified and corrected the problem affecting the chiming mechanism. He will monitor its operation over the next few days. Cllr. Jessop offered his assistance if required. Council members agreed that if necessary, Smiths of Derby be asked to carry out a maintenance check of the clock mechanism and also the night silencing facility. It had been previously agreed to have this done biannually from this year onwards.

Collection Box – Cllr. Smithies advised that he has emptied the box, and will advise the Clerk in due course of the amount raised over the summer.

7) Urgent Matters

- a) Fundraising Event – Cllr. Jessop reminded Council members of various events occurring locally.
- b) Churchyard – Cllr. Johnson raised the issue of problems with badgers in the churchyard. Agreed that this was a matter for the Church Parochial Council.
- c) Camera at Herbrandston - Noted that this was a Vehicle Recognition Camera to identify vehicles not covered by insurance or road tax.
- d) Ceramic Poppies – Cllr. Smithies advised that his request to the Royal British Legion to have poppies displayed around the Clock Tower was not possible.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting, The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th November 2017, when the draft minutes of the October meeting will be submitted for approval. The Clerk reminded members that on Sunday 12th November the Remembrance Service will be held at St. Peter's Church – a wreath to be laid by the Council Chairman on behalf of the Community.