

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Community Residents – R Titley, M. Cullen, R. Black, N. Skudder and S. Davenport

Apologies were received from Cllr. L. Beal and County Cllr. R. Owen

- Hayley Barrett, Ranger South West – National Park

The Chairman introduced Hayley Barrett to the meeting, as the newly appointed Ranger(South West) taking the place of Mr. Haydn Garlick who now works in the south of the County. Ms. Barrett outlined the area she will be covering, and some of the work she will be responsible for in the area. She will interface with the public, work with the volunteers, and liaise with Community Councils. She works full time at present, but may only work 4 days when another colleague returns to work in the New Year. The Clerk and members then discussed the National Park issues in the Community area that had been under discussion in recent months. Items included the proposed recycling bins; car parking matters including a traffic order; footpath issues, and Public Access Defibrillators (PADs). Ms Barrett confirmed that the sites team has been disbanded, and this is now part of the Rangers work, as is conservation. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance, and she then withdrew.

- 1) The minutes of the October meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, on the proposal of Cllr. C. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. S. Twidale.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Police Matters – Nothing to report
  - b) Recreation Area – The Chairman asked that a letter of thanks is sent to Mr. Burton to recognise the work he put in to achieving this project. Noted that a work party had planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs. No bonfire was held as the hedge had not been cut back, and advice from the Council Insurers had advised that seven days notice needed to be given to the police, and there were other requirements.
  - c) County Council Matters – Motorist Notice – the draft notice prepared by Cllr. Jessop was considered. After discussion it was agreed that this is

discussed again, as the wording did not deter overnight parking. Clerk to send copy of e-mail about the proposed traffic order to Cllr. Smithies, so he can discuss this with the National Trust. It is not clear whether existing bye-laws cover the issues. Highways Update – Clerk had sent an update to Mr. Glenville Codd asking about progress on outstanding matters – response waited. Problems in the Glebe Lane had been caused by surface water getting into the foul sewer – the cleaned out drains had worked okay. Clerk advised that Mr. T. Parrish, Mullock Bridge Farmhouse had drawn attention to a tree overhanging the highway. Mr. Parrish is already taking action on a nearby tree in his ownership. Agreed that the Clerk follow this up with the County Council. Cllr. Smithies advised that the new drain below Gaylane Terrace does not run through the hedge, so water recently was backing up and running down the road – Clerk to refer to the County Council. Cllr. Richards advised there were surface water problems near Orlandon to report as well. Noted.

Dog Fouling – Further complaints received

d) PADS- Mr. Payne, PCC Leisure Services Manager has now advised that it is very unlikely that the County Council will provide an emergency phone, and he had suggested approaching the National Trust – see item above. Clerk suggested that the only other possibility would be to have the telephone box moved nearer the toilets. Noted.

e) Wildlife Trust Website – Warden has advised he would be willing to attend in January or February. He has resigned as Island Warden, but agreed that a discussion on tweeting and the website would be useful to both the Wildlife Trust and the Marloes & St. Brides Community.

g) Health Consultation – Questionnaire completed.

h) Glebe Lane – Report in Peninsula Papers

i) Broadband Issues – A local group has been formed in St. Brides to apply for a grant to speed up the service. They are in contact with Mr. Bryn Nicholas of the County Council.

j) Joint Community Consultative Meeting – Cllr. Jessop had not attended

k) Recycling Units – Car Parks – Members had seen the e-mail from Kate Daly about the unit size, and noted that the one at Marloes Sands Car Park will be sited near the Emergency Phone – instead of the black bin. Agreed that any issues can be reviewed after the first season.

### 3) Community Issues

a) Village Action Plan - Cllr. Richards reported that attendance on the 7<sup>th</sup> November was poor, when it was intended to discuss setting up an Action Plan

Group. The meeting received a positive presentation from Mr. John Bramley on behalf of the Dale Forum. However Mrs. Ann Barkworth advised that the response in St. Ishmaels was poor, with very few responses to the Action Plan Update. After discussion it was agreed that no Forum is established in Marloes & St. Brides for the time being, as the same individuals involved in projects would form the forum membership. It was also agreed that the individual bodies consider what Action Points they can incorporate in their plans. The Community Council will consider any points left over to see how these can be progressed. It was also proposed that the Council invite local organisations to a future meeting to receive reports on progress to date. The meeting was very pleased to hear from the Planed officer that the local newsletter – Peninsula Papers, and the Marloes website were among the best in Pembrokeshire. Clerk had advised Mrs. Rosemary Royle who is responsible for the Marloes website, and also Copy Editor for the newsletter working alongside others in its production. The meeting was pleased to congratulate all concerned. Hard copies of the final document will be provided for ease of reference.

b) Puffin Buses/Local Service – Mr. Cullen advised that the problems experienced last year with the 10.15 bus service had occurred again this year. Clerk to speak to the officer concerned to discuss this issue.

c) Marine Conservation Zones – Members noted that the Welsh Government minister, John Griffiths has announced that a further period of consideration of all the evidence received will take place over the next few months. A Task and Finish Team and a new Stakeholder Focus Group will be established with a report to be made by the end of April 2013. This information was circulated by other agencies who also gave their initial responses to this proposal. Noted.

#### 4) Correspondence

a) Planed – Details received on an event “How to grab the Headlines” on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, and also an event organised by the Pembrokeshire Business Network on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Noted.

b) South Hook – 30/10/2012 – Community Liaison Group – Details given of a programme of upgrades to vessels to minimise disturbance. Noted.

c) One Voice Wales – Summer 2012 editions of The Voice received. Noted.

d) Local Govt. Boundary Commission for Wales – Directions noted for Review of County Council Electoral Boundaries in Pembrokeshire.

e) Boundary Commission for Wales – October 2012 – 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Noted.

f) Western Power Distribution – Stakeholder Workshops – Noted.

g) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2012, Issue 84 received.

#### 5) Planning Matters

- a) Slate Mill – No information from Cllr. Owens
- b) NP/12/0418 - East Hook Barn – The officer had advised that the proposed development would not constitute an over – development of the site.
- c) Welsh Govt. Planning – Meeting advised that the review of National Parks in Wales had recently been published. It was noted that recommendations will be included in the planned White Paper.
- d) Good Councillors Guide – Cllr. Jessop advised that Community Councils have the power to include their own sections as part of the Local Development Plan. It was agreed that this should be taken up with whichever PCNPA planning officer attends a Community Council meeting – see below.
- e) National Park Training Session – Clerk advised that she had not asked an officer to attend a Council meeting as yet. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk ask if an officer can attend the next meeting.

#### 6) Financial Matters

- a) BDO – 21/09/12 – Audit 2011/12. Clerk advised that the auditor was not prepared to reduce the invoice charge for this year, so the Council will have to pay £144 (includes £24 Vat which will be reclaimed.)
- b) Lloyds Bank – Bank Statements received.
- c) Local Donations/Charities – The Council were advised by the Clerk the current position of the main current and deposit accounts, and the income and expenditure expected before the end of the year. After discussion members approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr Smithies the following payments:-

BDO Audit - £144; Marloes Village Hall - £440; St. Brides & St. Peter's Churchyards - £40 each; Peninsula Papers - £50; The Samaritans - £10; Royal British Legion – £20 (for wreath laid by Chairman last Sunday and a small donation); Youth Club - £40. The Chairman advised that donations to the Village Hall had been increased a few years ago to offset the Insurance charge for the Hall. Members were agreed that the Clerk advise the Youth Club that the decision was made for this year only. The Council would expect that future fund-raising undertaken by Club members should be used to contribute to insurance costs.

It was also agreed that the £200 held in reserve for a number of years should be paid to the Community Recreation Area, as they had paid in excess of this amount for the seat and inscription in memory of the late Mrs. Jo Hannah. Agreed that this payment is made when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precept is received from the County Council. Cllr. Burnett will advise Mr. Burton of this approval. Payment to the Clerk will be due in the New Year.

d) Swalec – It was noted that this payment comes out of the main current account rather than the Clock Tower Account, but this is a revenue payment which will have to be met by the Community Council in future. Cllr. Smithies and the Clerk also advised that this agreement was a special one, and if the Council attempted to obtain a refund this may change the current arrangement.

7) Urgent Matters/Any Other Business

a) Playing Field – Cllr. Smithies was advised that the trees overhanging the Lane were on Mrs. Champley's property. Clerk to speak to Mr. Tilling, County Council on the problems they were causing to the footpath.

b) Musselwick Access – Cllr. Jessop advised that articulated lorries going to the Farm were cutting up the access to the North Lane. Mr. Skudder advised that the land would be reinstated in due course. Noted.

c) Milford Haven Port Authority – The Chairman congratulated Ms. Davenport on her recent appointment to the Board.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 , at Marloes Village Hall. It was also agreed that the meeting in January will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> , and the February meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> .