

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Tuesday 12th June 2012 at Marloes Village Hall.

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

- Mrs. Y. Evans, Clerk to the Council
- County Cllr. Reg Owens
- Community Residents – Mr. R. Titley, Mr. R. Black, Mr. D. Scale, Mr. M. Cullen, Mrs. V. Krelle, Mrs. H. Champley, Mrs. T. Turner and Mrs. B. Scale

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Owens to the meeting, and congratulated him on winning the recent election. He also welcomed the members of the community who were in attendance.

1) The minutes of the May meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, on the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Beal.

2) Matters Arising

a) Police Matters – The Clerk advised that thankfully there had been no “rave” incidents over the Bank Holiday weekend. The police had dedicated two officers to keep an eye on the local area, and they had contacted local farms. It was reported that a rave had taken place on Dartmoor. No other police matters to report.

b) Recreation Area – Cllr. Burnett reported that the CRA Committee should hear about the County Council grant at the beginning of July. Mr. & Mrs. Keeble had donated £5000, and had been thanked by the Committee and the children. Donations over the Jubilee weekend had realised over £350. The Area had been well used during the Sunday festivities. Mrs. Evans advised that she had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Recreation Area. Mr. Burton had been re-elected as Chairman, and a new Committee appointed. A revised constitution and policy documents had been approved, and the meeting considered the various tender documents on the provision of new playground equipment, before selecting one scheme to be included in the PCC grant application.

c) County Council Matters – Clerk advised that she had spoken to Ben Blake today, and he had advised that a single yellow sign will be laid next week, and this would be in force until the end of September. He would be contacting Cllr. Owen about the new order, as he would have to authorise the request before it is advertised. This could then come into force ready for next year. Cllr. Owen confirmed he would support the Community Council. Further issues will be e-mailed to Cllr. Owen such as the need for warning notices and gully cleansing. Cllr. Owen advised that Disability Access have a notice which could be adapted. Cllr. Smithies felt that camper vans and similar vehicles needed to be encouraged to park in approved camp-sites rather than on verges etc. Mrs Evans had traced the planning application (NP/05/602) reference the passing bay in the Glebe Lane, and will refer the matter to National Park.

Jubilee Villas – No further problems to date.

St. Brides Car Park – Clerk had received an e-mail from Libby Taylor,(PCNPA Ranger Services Manager) who had advised that Mr. Ian Meopham would cover the St. Brides area

until a permanent appointment was made. He had telephoned the Clerk, and provided contact details in case of problems over the Bank Holiday. Ms Taylor had also advised that National Park intends St. Brides to be covered by an Off-Road Parking Order so that staff can issue fixed penalty notices for non compliance such as overnight parking. It would be the County Council who would issue this Order, and Ms Taylor had suggested that this Council ask the local County Councillor to progress the issue. Cllr. Owen confirmed that from tomorrow he will be a member of the National Park Authority. The meeting agreed that the Clerk forward the e-mail to Cllr. Owen, and also to Cllr. Smithies so that he could discuss a similar Order for National Trust car park areas.

Surface Dressing – Mrs. Krelle advised that holes had appeared in the road surface recently. The problems were particularly bad near the Hall, and opposite the Lobster Pot. Cllr. Owen agreed to refer this to County Highways. Cllr. Owen also advised that Mr. Glenville Codd, Highways would be willing to come out to look at problems in the area. Noted.

d) Clock Tower Matters – Cllr. Smithies confirmed that Mr. David Howells could provide scaffolding. Cllr. Smithies was suggesting that volunteers be sought to undertake the painting in the autumn. This was agreed by the meeting. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the Princes Trust, but they do not retain archive material earlier than five years, so had no idea which firm had been used to make the Children's Board. Cllr. Smithies said he would see if he had a contact number for the officer at that time.

e) Planed – Reminder of the Pembrokeshire Community Network Forum meeting on the 14th June received.

3) Community Issues

a) Village Action Plan - Planed had sent out draft versions of the transcripts of both meetings for comments prior to incorporation in the Action Plan. They had also asked if any further questionnaires could be submitted. Clerk will contact Mr. Jones to ask when it was intended to hold the next meeting.

b) Village Website – Invoice has been received – see item below. Mrs. Royle will be happy to discuss improvements to the web-site on her return from holiday. She was also planning so see if extra help could be found with Peninsula Papers from across the communities.

b) Jubilee Celebrations – The Chairman expressed thanks to the Jubilee Committee and to all those who had helped with the festivities. This was echoed by the Council who felt the community had done themselves proud. Plenty of food, good entertainment, marvellous bonfire – enjoyed by the community and visitors. Noted that Mr. Mark Burton had put pictures on the Marloes website. General discussion followed on the possibilities of an annual event, and also an evening in the Hall later on this year to view photographs, and perhaps record memories.

c) H.P.M.Z. Consultation – The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by Mr. Graham Warlow, a member of Milford Town Council who had expressed concern about this proposal, and its effect on local fishermen. She had also been contacted by a Ms. Katherine Birkin, a student of East Anglia University who was undertaking research on this topic, and wished to talk to local councillors to find out their views.

Cllr. Jessop reported on the fact finding sea trip he had attended organised by the Milford Haven Port Authority (MHPA), and Sue Burton, SAC Officer. The trip had been arranged for

the benefit of local regional A. M.s. The MHPA will be objecting to the Dale proposed area as it will affect the anchoring of small tankers. Valero Refinery will also be objecting to the Skomer proposal, as they have a concern about dredge disposal, and adverse reports coming from the Reserve about contamination by silt. Cllr. Jessop also advised that from computer research undertaken by Mrs. Royle that in England the proposed Zones were offshore and connected to fish breeding grounds.

It was agreed that this Council acquire as much information as possible by the next meeting. Cllr. Burnett volunteered to attend a meeting on the 25th June being organised by local fishermen. Cllr. Jessop planned to attend a public meeting being organised by the Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum on the 27th June. Members of the public present were updated on contact details for the consultation via the Marloes website. The Clerk would draft a possible response to the questions on page 79 of the document, and the Council could then add further comments. It was noted that run off from farm land may present a problem depending on the interpretation of the wording of the proposal. It is intended that there will be an objection to the inclusion of the Marloes Sands area in the proposed Skomer HPMZ. It was noted that Dale C. C. had met to discuss this matter yesterday, with a Welsh Government officer in attendance. This Council will need to make comments about the Dale proposal as it forms part of this Council's area. Clerk to contact Dale Clerk, Mr. Hugh Bishop.

Individual responses should also be made. Cllr. Owen will seek to establish the viewpoint of the PCNPA. Mr. Cullen commented that the Skomer Marine Reserve had been supported by this Council over the years. However he had been disappointed that the importance of traditional local fishing had not been respected. Agreed that Ms Birkin is advised by the Clerk that individual Councillors are not in a position at present to respond on this matter, but she is welcome to visit the village, and talk to local residents.

4) Correspondence

- a) One Voice Wales – Clerk will pass on the relevant passwords for Council members to access the Association's members section on the website. Noted that the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM will be held on the 13th October in Ceredigion.
- b) PCC – 08/06/12 – Meeting noted that Cllr. George Allingham, Cosheston Community Council had been nominated for the vacancy on the County Council Standards Committee.
- c) Pembrokeshire Citizen Advice Bureau - AGM on the 13th June noted.
- d) PACTO – Noted that the Transport Forum will be held at the Beggars Reach Hotel on the 20th June. Cllr. Jessop volunteered to attend.

5) Planning Matters

- a) NP/11/527 – 15Kw Wind Turbine, Pad & Cable – Philbeach Farm. Refusal of planning consent received dated 17th May. Noted that the applicant will be appealing this decision. Cllr. Smithies has previously declared an interest in this application.
- b) NP/12/0154 – 15Kw Wind Turbine – Pearson Farm, St. Brides. Form D consent received dated 25th May. Cllr. Owen was advised that this Council has a concern about the lack of consistency in decisions made by National Park officers. He was also advised that very few of the PCNPA Development Committee came out to a recent site-meeting.
- c) Welsh Government – Delivery of Planning Services in Statutory Designated Landscapes. Response sent off as notified last month.
- d) PCNPA – 31/05/12 – Community Council Survey. Noted that the letter from Jane

Gibson, Director of Park Direction & Planning was offering a training session by herself or by Vicki Hirst, Head of Development Management. Agreed that the Clerk accept this offer, a date to be arranged in the Autumn.

- e) Form D consent received reference NP/12/0179. Noted that one of the Council's comment had been accepted as a condition, but the point about the ridge height had been ignored.
- f) NP/12/0152 – Approval of a development by BT Openreach received dated 08/05/12. The Council's comments about under grounding cables had not been acknowledged.
- g) NP/11/467 – Listed Building consent had been received in respect of the works proposed for Musselwick Farm dated 3rd May 2012.
- h) NP/12/0290 – Single Story side extension & Two Storey rear extension, 2 Mullock Bridge. Members considered this planning application made by a family moving into the community. Noted that the side extension is almost a mirror of the one on the adjoining dwelling. The rear extension is replacing one already there, and is set against the backdrop of the hill, and is not readily visible from neighbouring properties. Clerk to ask if the caravan on site is to be used as living accommodation, ancillary to the main dwelling during renovation of the property.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Web Site Invoice – The meeting approved on the proposal of Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Jessop, the reimbursement of £29.88 to Mrs. R. Royle, for a payment made to Brownsmart. A payment of £241.20 to Smiths of Derby for the annual Clock Service was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies. Noted that the clock strike has been slowed slightly. Clerk to arrange the transfer of money between the Clock Tower accounts.
- b) BDO Audit – The Clerk circulated copies of Sections 1, 2 & 4 of the Annual Return to members for consideration. She advised that the Internal Auditor had not identified any issues for discussion by the Council. Cllr. Richards read through section 2, the Annual Governance Statement, and Points 1-9 were completed by members. He was authorised to sign the Annual Return, the Clerk to also sign and arrange for a copy to be forwarded to the external auditor BDO by the due date.
- c) Lloyds Bank – Change of signatories completed by Chairman & Cllr. Beal.

7) Urgent Matters/Any Other Business

- a) PADS – Cllr. Jessop advised that funding for a further system based initially at the Lobster Pot had been secured. It is also planned to provide one at St. Brides, but the poor provision of mobile phone coverage may present a problem there. Ideally the telephone box should be relocated to the beach, or the County Council provide an emergency phone as at Marloes Sands car park and at Martins Haven. Clerk advised that she is yet to contact National Trust about their support for a defibrillator in the Gower area. Cllr. Richards advised that he is waiting for further financial information from the PADS Committee before forwarding their application to the St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th July 2012, at Marloes Village Hall. The August meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th August.