

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 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
- Community Residents – Mr. R. Titley, Mr. R. Black, Mr. D. Scale & Mr. M. Cullen

The Clerk advised that Mr. Reg Owens was now the County Councillor for this area. She would be contacting him to invite him to attend the next meeting. Members agreed that they would be pleased if Cllr. Owen attended their meetings regularly to keep in touch with local issues. She had sent a letter of thanks to former Councillor Heather Griffin who had stood down at the recent election, and had missed her last meeting.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office/Code of Conduct – All members signed a Declaration at the start of the meeting, with Cllr. Beal signing on her arrival. The Clerk advised that she had forwarded by e-mail the Code of Conduct to Councillors, and had hard copies available if required.

1) The minutes of the April meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – Clerk advised that a small group of joyriders had had been in the area on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. She had reported this to the police using 101, and an Incident number was registered. A message was left with Cllr. Jessop, and she also contacted Dale Chairman, Cllr. Morgan. He followed them around Dale village, to Kete, and then back to the Mullock Junction. One vehicle number was passed to the police who came out but did not see the vehicles. Cllr. Jessop advised that the metal car park hut had been broken into recently at Martins Haven, and a gas fire taken. Nearby landowners had been alerted to the break-in.
- b) Recreation Area – The Chairman invited Mr. Mark Burton to report on the Recreation Area. Mr. Burton gave details of the application he would be submitting to the County Council for grant funding for the play area. He was expecting a grant of £5000 from Awards For All, and of £2500 from PAVS. Local residents, Mr. & Mrs. Keeble had offered a donation of £3000 to the play area. In conjunction with Planed, a meeting had been set up with local children to discuss what equipment they would like, and quotes had been invited based on their suggestions. Mark Burton was proposing to hold the AGM of the Recreation Area next week to approve a revised constitution, and various policy documents, elect officers, and to agree the tender details for the grant application to the County Council. A letter will be required from the Community Council to support the application, also details of the Community Council Insurance Policy. Mr. Burton responded to questions from Council members. An area to play football will also be provided, and it is intended to provide seating for the use of parents, local residents and visitors. A date for the AGM was agreed for the 21<sup>st</sup> May. It was agreed that the wording “every resident over 18 is a member

of the Community Recreation Association” is not included in the revised Constitution, as this may cause confusion. Mr. Burton was thanked by the Council for the tremendous efforts he had put into this project, and was offered the Council’s support to his endeavours.

c) County Council Matters – It was agreed that the new County Councillor will need to be brought up to date with the outstanding matters. Clerk to contact Highway officers on various matters. Noted that the resurfacing work has been delayed, with the work starting today and hopefully finishing on Friday. It is not clear whether traffic will be diverted to minimise delays for through traffic. Clerk to remind Ben Blake (Highways) about the need for a warning notice for vehicles parking in passing areas etc. Yellow lines will have to be repainted after the resurfacing which may cause problems on the Marloes Sands roadway in the meantime. Noted that an Ice Cream vehicle is parking in a gateway, and that the hedge bank had been damaged to allow it to park off the road. This vehicle will be affected by the proposed double yellow lines.

▲ Jubilee Villas – Members noted that the surface water problem had returned in front of these houses, following heavy rain. Clerk had contacted Highways (10<sup>th</sup> May), and an officer had been out to inspect, and they would be returning to fill in the pothole which hopefully will minimise the water on the surface.

▲ St. Brides Car Park – Noted that the new Ranger may only be part time in this area.

d) Marine Conservation Zones – Cllr. Smithies and the Clerk reported on the meeting of the Skomer Advisory Committee they had attended on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. The morning session had covered the reports for 2012. Mrs Evans had asked if the proposed merger of the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW), Forestry Commission and Environment Agency Wales was going ahead, and had been advised that this was the case. It was not clear yet how the staff of the Reserve would be affected by the merger, and whether their roles would continue as now. The afternoon meeting had focused on the consultation on the Highly Protected Marine Zones (HPMZ), and in particular the nomination of Skomer Marine Reserve for this status. Council members were advised that it was now proposed to include Marloes Sands into the area with a slight reduction of area around Skomer Island. A separate area around Dale Bay and the Gann had also been nominated as a possible site, and this Council may also need to comment on that proposal, as their boundary bordered this area. It was noted that Dale Community Council were taking a lead on this proposal which would assist any response this Council may wish to make.

The Chairman invited Mr. Mark Burton to address the meeting on this matter as a staff member of the Marine Reserve. He confirmed that “no extraction, no deposition” is one of the main principles of the proposal for HPMZs. There would be no new moorings, and there would be a big effect on the commercial and recreational fishermen. Marloes Sands had been added in as a result of a computer desk top exercise which identified the area as an additional habitat to those already in the existing Reserve. Sand castles could be built, but no shore fishing, and no harvesting of seaweed for larva bread would be permitted. If Skomer did not become a HPMZ then it would remain a Marine Conservation Zone, but the management would be different. Cllr. Smithies felt that the Council should be seeking an assurance that no Skomer MNR jobs would be lost, and that there was a commitment to interpretation and education. Mr. Burton advised that the whole nature conservation programme in Wales is being rewritten at present. Members discussed the need to make a definite response, and debated how the consultation process will be publicised locally, and agreed that if possible the local website should be used to provide links to the consultation documents. This will be on the agenda of the June meeting, and members can then decide how the process should be handled. The Chairman thanked Mr. Burton, Cllr. Smithies and the Clerk for their contribution on this matter.

h) Clock Tower matters – Clerk advised that the annual inspection of the clock mechanism was taking place tomorrow 15<sup>th</sup> May, and she had e-mailed David Howells to advise him, and had suggested he could discuss painting the woodwork with Cllr. Smithies at the same time. Clerk to contact Princes Trust reference the Youth Board this month.

I) All Wales Coastal Path – Cllr. Jessop advised he had cleared Mill Haven, St. Brides prior to the launch of the Path on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### 3) Community Issues

a) Village Action Plan - Both meetings had been positive, with more attending the second meeting. The Council was grateful to Mr. Malcolm Cullen for assisting the distribution of material. The draft Action Plan would now be produced which would need to be more realistic, rather than a wish list of ideas.

b) Village Website – No invoice received as yet. Clerk to provide copies of the last authorised minutes. Cllr. Burnett will talk to Rosemary Royle about developing the web - site further.

b) Jubilee Celebrations – Cllr. Twidale reported on the recent meetings of the Jubilee Committee. They had needed to take out the special insurance for this event to cover the lighting of the Beacon - £164. Mugs were costing £270, with any spares being sold. To date about £491 had been committed, and it would be helpful if the Community Council would commit their £100 to offset this cost. On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies the meeting approved the payment of £100 to Mrs. Twidale ( Jubilee Committee Chairman), as their contribution to the Jubilee celebrations. It was noted that the tree will be sited in the Recreation area. Further information on the weekend will be included in Peninsula Papers.

### 4) Correspondence

a) One Voice Wales – 08/05/12 – Details of Membership Services received.

b) Planed – Details of the Pembrokeshire Community Network Forum meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> June received. Also Experience Pembrokeshire Programme of Events for May/June 2012 noted.

c) Clerks & Council Direct – Issue 81, May 2012 passed to Cllrs Twidale/Burnett.

d) Notts Sports – MUGA - Passed to Mr. Mark Burton.

### 5) Planning Matters

a) Annual Monitoring Report – Consultation period ends on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. No comments provided to pass to National Park.

b) NP/11/527 – 15Kw Wind Turbine, Pad & Cable – Philbeach Farm. Cllr. Smithies had previously declared an interest in this application. Clerk advised that this Council cannot make representations to the Development Committee again on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr. Smithies advised that he is also not able to speak, as the matter was deemed adjourned from the first meeting to allow for a site meeting, and discussion would resume on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Noted.

c) NP/12/0154 – 15Kw Wind Turbine – Pearson Farm, St. Brides. Clerk had not received any notice that this was going to Committee.

d) Form D consent received for NP/12/0091 – Conservatory, Slate Mill, St. Brides.

e) Welsh Government – Delivery of Planning Services in Statutory Designated Landscapes. Clerk & Cllr. Jessop will complete this questionnaire this week. Noted.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) BDO Audit – Clerk will contact the Internal auditor to agree when she can see the paperwork. The Annual Statement will then be presented to the June Council meeting for their consideration prior to submission to the Auditor in early July. Details of the audit timetable will be displayed shortly.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Change of signatories to be completed as soon as possible.

## 7) Urgent Matters/Any Other business

- a) St. Brides Beach – Members were advised that a JCB had been used recently to widen the access to the beach. It is not known who had authorised this work.
- b) PADS – Cllr. Jessop asked if the Clerk could write a letter to the National Trust asking if they would be willing to provide financial support to the provision of a Public Access Defibrillator in Marloes, as the Trust assist with one at Rhossili , on the Gower Peninsula. Members had no objection to this request.
- c) Beach Clean – Noted the Marine Conservation Society supported by Marks & Spencer had organised a clean on the seal pupping beaches recently. Martins Haven had also been cleaned.
- d) E-Mail contact – Agreed that this should continue as now. Cllr. Burnett offered to assist if there are any problems.
- e) Drain cleaning – Mr. Cullen asked if the County Council could be requested to put the gully sweeper through the village to clean out the drains after the winter. Noted that the drain in the Recreation Area had overflowed recently, as the pipes were blocked, and this would need particular attention. Clerk to put this request to County Highways.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 , at Marloes Village Hall.