

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Wednesday 16th July 2014 at Moriah Chapel, Marloes

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

- Mrs. Y. C. Evans - Clerk to the Council
- R. Morgan, P. Twidale, and H. Champley - Community Residents

Apologies were received from Cllrs. W. Richards & P. Smithies; also County Cllr. R. Owens

1) The minutes of the July Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Beal, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Police Matters – No matters to report
- b) County Council – Highways.

Clock Tower Footpath – Report given on the site meeting on the 18th June. Attended by Cllrs. Jessop & Twidale, also Mrs. Champley. One tree to be removed no later than 31st October, and some overhanging branches lopped – all material to be put in the Recreation Area to be cleared locally. Mr. Champley to be advised who the contractor would be, so she could obtain a quote for other work.

Some work on the path undertaken today. Action to be taken on a nearby wooden fence. Public Convenience Sign requested to be mounted on toilet block wall facing the main road – to ask Ben Blake (PCC).

Other Issues – No work at Jubilee Villas – problem not obvious in dry weather, as now. Solution of Glebe Lane leak to be included in planning for the Affordable Housing scheme.

Speed Survey- Agreed that further work is required to interpret figures received. Clerk to request a graph from the County Council. Cllr. Burnett will analyse the results after her holiday.

Hedge Trimming – Some trimming has been undertaken. Cllr. Twidale advised that Mr. Cullen had expressed concern about the lateness of trimming locally.

Glebe Lane Closure- Noted that the County Council is planning a two day closure to undertake survey work on the drains which were put in place in 1963. Clerk to respond to change name of main road.

- Parking on Tower View pavement – Noted that vehicle is now parking on the highway – does slow through traffic down, but blocks visibility from estate.
- c) Recreation Area – Noted that the area had been inspected recently, and had passed all requirements. Agreed that the large gate needs to be secured to avoid obstructing the pavement.
 - d) Clock Tower Donations Box - Cllr. Smithies had advised that Rob Scourfield (PCNPA officer) had no problem with a collection box in the building, and one had been ordered.
 - e) National Park Matters/Cliff Falls – Clerk circulated the National Park leaflet for information. Warning sign back in place at Marloes Sands.
 - f) Standing Orders – No information from Mr. Bishop to date.
 - g) Skomer – No more tickets received. Letters of thanks to be sent.
 - h) Withybush Hospital Services – Letter received. Cllr Beal and Clerk to attend meeting on the 21st July.
 - i) Church Matters – Meeting advised that a consultation on a wider ministry area is ongoing, but the Marloes & St. Brides Parochial Church Council is pressing for a locally based paid minister.

3. Community Issues

- a) Branch Temporary Closure – Marloes Post Office.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Non Williams (Post Office) had advised that the local mobile van operator is not willing to provide a service on a temporary basis. Noted that Cllr. Burnett had circulated details from the Plunkett Foundation, and she advised that she was seeking further details about a share holding scheme. National Park had been asked for information on the A1 classification, and the Clerk had received a lot of detail, but no specific date/occasion as yet, and had asked again for further details. Cllr. Owens had been planning to arrange a meeting with the National Trust, and Sash Tusa (WT of S& WW) had been advised of future meeting dates. Clerk yet to ask the County Council about the Council tax levy on holiday homes. PAVS may need to be asked for advice.

After discussion there was an agreement in principle that the Council request a post office van, but that the Clerk asks that if the Community Council agrees to the start of the consultation process, are they then committed to having a van. Agreed that the other two Council members are canvassed on this proposal. Some thought would need to be given to the location of the Van. It may prove necessary to hold a Community meeting as part of the consultation process – to be considered at the August meeting.

- b) Rubbish Collection – No problems at present, but the start of the holiday period may result in rubbish being put out on the wrong day.

c) Village Action Plan – Village Hall. Furniture has been put into storage. Noted that render has been hacked off internally.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters– The Clerk reviewed the e-mails received since the last meeting, and the following were highlighted:-

10/06/14 – Friends of PCNPA – Event at St. Brides on 11/08/14

17/06/14 - National Trust – Andrew Tuddenham proposing an informal meeting with the Council - to be discussed again.

24/06/14 – Endurancelife – Advised by Dale C. C. that a further event will be held next year on the 2nd May 2015.

26/06/14 – OVW – Green Growth Wales.

01/07/14 – Birthday Honours 2015

02/07/14 – PCC – Standards Committee Vacancy.

03/07/14 – OVW – Conference on the 9th September

14/07/14 – Marloes Website – 12,000 hits to date.

15/07/14 – PCNPA/Cllr. Owens – St. Brides Water Quality – refer to Cllr. Richards.

b) OVW – Pembs. Area Committee – 03/07/14 – Next meeting on the 17th July.

c) PCC – June 2014 – The way people register to vote is changing. Noted.

d) Ombudsman - 19/06/14 – Annual Report 2013/14

e) Clerks & Council Direct – July 2014- Issue 94

f) Advert – J. Parker – Wholesale Catalogue – Flowers

5) Planning Matters

a) NP/05/062 – Land by Anchor Cottage – outstanding planning condition for passing bays. Advised by Karen Bolton that a passing bay will be established when future resurfacing is undertaken, “suitable areas will be included and maintained thereafter.” A possible site will be close to the bollards on the side opposite Green Meadow close, but members were agreed that one is required nearer to Ashdale. Members not satisfied that what is proposed meets the planning condition, and unhappy that the developer has not been asked to contribute to the work.

b) NP/14/0143 - Cllr. Beal and the Clerk had attended the PCNPA Development meeting on the 18th June. Mrs. Evans addressed the meeting, but the Committee voted to approve the application. Only concerned with the siting of the machine, not the principle of putting them in place. Form D consent has now been received. Members noted that a Byway sign has been erected, but it looks more like a footpath sign. Highways to be asked that the BOAT 62/23 is clearly

marked to avoid the through road being obstructed in busy times when the attendant is not present.

- c) NP/14/0288 – Erection of 1.5 storey rear extension with associated engineering works, decking, and bridge access to garden, 2 No. velux windows, and new dormer window – Smithy Cottage, Marloes. Form D consent received.
- d) E-mail from Jane Gibson dated the 23/06/14 received confirming that the Development Committee will move to a 6 week cycle, but there will be no change to the response time required from Community Councils to applications. Noted.
- e) NP/14/0296 – Kittiwake Cottage, Marloes – Change of use of land from A3 & C1 to C3. Cllr. Twidale declared an interest as an owner of this property. She left the room, and took no part in the debate. After discussion, members considered the calculation for revision of the car parking arrangements, and noted the reasons for the change. Also noted that there is no restaurant operating at the Clock House at present. Members understand that there will no perceived impact on near neighbours, and that the applicant has brought the planning application to their attention. Members were satisfied that provided the car park calculations agree with the National Park criteria then the Council would not oppose the application. Cllr. Twidale returned to the meeting.
- f) NP/14/0355 – Jack Sound House - Single Storey Porch, and replace glass door with window in North West elevation. Members considered that the proposed porch will be an improvement to the property, with the addition of a vernacular detail. They had no issues with the replacement of the glass door with a window. Noted that there should be no impact on the adjacent neighbour.
- g) PCNPA – 24/06/14 – Update on LDP Land Allocations and Larger Sites in the National Park – Noted the positions in neighbouring villages. Proposed affordable housing development in Marloes is not referred to because it is an exception site.
- h) Affordable housing – July 2014 - Frequently asked questions. Noted.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Audit 2013/14 – Waiting response from the Auditors
- b) Change of Signatories – Noted that Lloyds Bank have asked that the change is made using an on-line form printed off. This form to be completed by relevant Councillors and then returned to the Bank. Cllr. Burnett will return completed forms, and then advise the Clerk so that the two outstanding cheques can be paid.
- c) Lloyds Bank Statement received.
- d) Clock Tower – Noted that Smiths of Derby have not so far undertaken their annual maintenance of the clock mechanism. Painting of woodwork to be discussed again.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) Marker stones, Village Green – Cllr. Beal volunteered to repaint the stones with the assistance of her children.
- b) Bus Services – The problem of the two buses overlapping at Marloes toilets was raised, and the delay to the Milford bus caused by waiting for the bus from Martins Haven. Example given of a train being missed because of the delay. Clerk to contact Owen Roberts to check whether this was addressed in the review undertaken last winter.
- c) Vehicle Damage – Mr. Morgan reported that a fortnight ago he had found that the windows of a vehicle parked in a field near his property had been smashed. Advised to report incidents as they happen to the police via the 101 service.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on 11th August 2014, at Moriah Chapel.