

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 14th October 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Reg Owens.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the September meeting had been circulated to members, and was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.

- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Police Matters – None to report this month.

Speed Check Training – No further response has been received from community residents to undergo this training. The Council could consider asking if a volunteer team from Milford Haven is asked to do a speed check as they would not know who was breaking the limits. To consider this in the New Year.

Speeding Problems – Cllr. Smithies provided the Clerk with some indication of the numbers parking at Martins Haven in the overspill area, and the Clerk will use these figures to enable the problems of the Skomer bound traffic to be recognised by the County Council rather than general summer traffic. The cost of speed detection warning equipment would also be requested.
 - b) County Council – Highways etc.

The Council was pleased to note that at last the dropped drain near the Lobster Pot had been raised. Cllr. Owens to be given a photograph of the damaged fencing at Gaylane Terrace to press for a new fence above the wall.

Traffic Sign – Cllr. Smithies advised a Pedestrian beware sign has been erected near Trehill Farm – not sure if this is the one planned for Martins Haven. Noted that pedestrian signs will also be needed at the Murchin junction.
 - c) St. Brides - Overnight Parking - The Clerk read out the e-mail sent by Mr. Parkin to Cllr. Owens. The parking problems are recognised at St. Brides and elsewhere in the Park. PCNP members will be asked on the 11th December 2019 to approve revised car parking and enforcement proposals. For St. Brides it is envisaged that this will involve erecting revised signage on-site, and paying an increased fee for localised enforcement to combat overnight parking. Agreed that the Clerk send letters from this Council to the relevant officers of both PCC and PCNP in support of this action. The Clerk is also to stress that

- this Council does not want car park charges introduced.
- d) Footpaths – Not known if the work on Frankies Lane has been finished.
 - e) Rural Wisdom Project – The Clerk and Rachel Evans met officers of the Health Authority (Clare George & Michelle Copemen) in Haverfordwest as planned. The general needs of the elderly were discussed, as well as those needing medical services, in hospital and/or recovering at home. Some services are provided from Milford even if your doctor's surgery is in Haverfordwest. There is a greater need to use Community Councils to pass on details of services available.
 - f) IRPW – Nil return sent at end of the month. One Voice Wales had provided a template for use if required.
 - g) Bus Services – Clerk to write letter as agreed.
 - h) Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant – The Clerk confirmed that the Local History Group application has been refused, as still needing further evidence of need for the St. Brides leaflet. Cllr. Jessop attended the official opening of the new Play area and Library at Coastlands School on the 23rd September.
 - i) Skokholm Back – No further report.
 - j) Moss Cottage - PCC officer not available to advise on progress on this matter.
 - k) Sea Grass in Dale Bay - Further e-mails received. New sites for planting to be agreed with consultations ongoing.
 - l) Gann Footbridge – No information on when this may be repaired.
 - m) Mobile Phone coverage – An item on rebates had been put in Peninsula Papers by Cllr. Beal. Noted that the EE service is now operational again.
 - n) Clerks & Councils Direct – The Clerk advised that in the September 2019/Issue 125 there was advice on the procedure for enacting local bye-laws if required.

3) Community Issues

a) National Trust Matters – see planning application below. Cllr. Smithies advised that the spoil from the car park will be used as needed on the Runwayskiln track.

b) Rubbish Collections/Dog Litter

Rubbish Collections - Noted that the Clerk had arranged for the Kerbside Collection Team to hold a briefing session at Marloes village Hall on the 9th October, following on from a meeting of the Welcome Club. Cllr. Jessop and later Mr. Malcolm Cullen had attended to provide assistance to the Team as necessary. Some people attended from neighbouring villages. Many questions were answered, and the new equipment to be used was on display.

Dog Fouling – Cllr. Smithies had spoken to Claire Pepperall, tenant of the Runwayskiln Cafe who confirmed that the new bin had meant that there had been far less dog litter this summer. Cllr. Owens had advised

that PCC would not consider putting extra bins on the other paths, and had suggested that National Park be approached. The Clerk had reminded PCC that it had been the National Trust who had provided the new bin. Agreed, that the Clerk put together a proposal for the Sandy Lane and Musselwick Paths that one of PCC/PCNP/NT seek grant funding for a pilot exercise similar to Runwayskilyn to provide a bin and funding for emptying them.

c) St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund. - Cllr. Richards will confirm next month any new arrangements for claiming from this Fund. The PCC officer had agreed that well-being as well as sickness would be an appropriate extension of the criteria.

4) Correspondence/E-Mail -

- a) One Voice Wales – Pembs. Area Committee – 08/10/19 – The Clerk had attended this meeting, and gave a verbal report. Jon Adams and Michelle Copeman of Hywel Dda UHB gave a presentation on the services provided in the community. They had agreed to provide more information to Town and Community Councils in future to cascade to the wider community. It was noted that the Democracy Act going through the Welsh Assembly at present will only include three of the recommendations of the I.R.P. There will be consultation on an Annual Report, Powers for Competence, and Mandatory Training for Councillors – it was important to respond to the consultation. The Charter agreed with the County Council will be circulated for review.
- b) St. Brides Beach - Letter from Mrs. A. Curtis, dated 14/09/19 with regard to horse-riding on St. Brides beach. The Clerk read out the letter from Mrs. Curtis, and also the response from the owner of the nearby riding stables, Mrs. L. Lewis. After discussion, the Council was agreed that the Clerk forward the response from Mrs. Lewis to Mrs. Curtis which includes a protocol which all riders from the stables are expected to observe. The positive response from Mrs. Lewis was welcomed, and future use of the beach can be monitored to check the protocol conditions are being observed.

E-Mails for attention:-

- 17/09/19 – PCC – Household Enquiry Form. There is a campaign to increase the number of residents entitled to vote. At present this area is at 70.89%. Agreed that the Clerk publicise the campaign in Peninsula Papers.
- 20/09/19 – NRW Engagement Workshops – No one able to attend the one at Pembroke Dock on 03/10/19.
- 20/09/19 – PCC – Synopsis of the applications for funding from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund. (Kevin Shales)

27/09/19 – OVW – Letter of apology from Lyn Cadwallador, Chief Executive for his absence from work for personal reasons.
29/09/19 – Cllr. Jessop – Noted that National Park had held an Apple Day in the St. Brides Walled garden for their volunteers only.
30/09/19 – Paul Davies AM – monthly Newsletter
03/10/19 – PCC (Huw Jones) – Learning Resource Centre, Milford Haven School – Outcome of consultation – passed to Cllr. Beal. Noted that there is likely to be a consultation now on the proposed closure of the 6th Form at Milford School.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails that have been noted only, and these are not then included in the minutes.

5) Planning Matters

- (a) Ty Gwyn, Marloes – Mrs. Evans advised that a further request for information had been received on the 20th September, and after consulting the Chairman a response had been delivered on 30/09/19. A response to the neighbour has yet to be sent. National Park had advise the Clerk that when they send out copies of letters to other parties, they redact any personal information in that letter.
- (b) NP/15/0604/FUL – Limenaraki – No further response from PCNP as yet.
- (c) Approval of Non-Material Amendment – NP/19/0410/NMA (National Trust) – Clerk advised the Council on the response from the National Park. It was noted that a series of amendments had been agreed without any further consultation. It was noted that a poly-tunnel had been approved which this Council had no knowledge of, and this could have implications if requested elsewhere in the Community. Agreed that the possibility of these amendments occurring would need to be taken into consideration in future applications.
- (d) Dev. Plans Team – Management Plan 2020-2024 – Consultation from 01/08/19 to 31/10/19. Agreed the Council would not respond.
- (e) LDP(2) – This matter was included in Peninsula Papers for October 2019.
- (f) LDP Hearing – Session 9 was attended by Cllr. Jessop on behalf of the Council. Cllr. Jessop advised that the main areas covered included Affordable Housing and Primary Residency regulations. The Inspector was not interested in the issue of the changes to the development boundaries and the map errors.
- (g) NP/19/0503/FUL – National Trust – Car Park & Associated Works.
Cllr. Smithies declared an interest as a tenant of the National Trust with land

adjacent to the application site. He vacated the chair for the item, and Cllr. Jessop, Vice Chairman took over.

The Council noted that the BOAT Ref. 62/63 is to be converted to a highway, and will run through the centre of the car park area and be an extension of U6001. They also noted that there will be further applications with regard to the car park hut which is to be relocated, and also for signage and interpretation. The Community Council welcomed their inclusion in the pre-planning discussions for this important development.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council supports the proposals for the upgrading of the existing car parking surfaces, and that with the planned ground-works should ensure that the present problems with potholes, surface water flooding in the winter and dusty conditions in summer will be largely eliminated. Council members consider it is important that the car park, and the associated equipment will fit into this sensitive rural location, while providing necessary services for local residents and visitors. It was noted for instance that the marking of bays is being done discreetly.

The Community Council considers it to be very important that their ongoing involvement with this project continues, and in particular, they request that they are informed in advance of any non-material amendments that may be considered as the project proceeds. It would be helpful if this request is incorporated into the planning conditions. The Community Council will be keeping local residents advised on the progress of this development over the coming months, and it is important that the information provided is as informed as possible.

6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – Notice displayed as required.
- b) Ebico – Further letter awaited.
- c) Bank Statement Lloyds Bank - £4,196.09 in the current account on the 29/08/19. This includes the second precept, but the payment of £40 to the ICO is yet to be deducted.
- d) Information Commissioners Office (ICO) – Letter received dated 13/09/19 acknowledging payment, and enclosing the certificate of registration.
- e) Annual Donations – Mrs. Evans advised that she will be bringing forward those organisations to receive an annual donation next month.

This will include the Royal British Legion for a payment to cover the cost of the Poppy Wreath.

- 7) Clock Tower – There have been problems again this month with the clock stopping – a recurring problem with pins breaking. Cllr. Smithies has been discussing the problem with Mr. Howells (Honorary Caretaker). Noted that the maintenance contract had been undertaken on the 18th October last year.

The Council was in agreement that as the building and the clock were listed, that this be treated as a specialist contract, and that the existing contract for maintenance with Smiths of Derby continue.

Agreed that the Clock Tower can be closed for the season after the Autumn school half term. Mr. Hill to be advised. Collection box to be emptied.

- 8) Urgent Matters
 - a) Enhancing Pembs Grant – Cllr. Jessop asked if this fund could be used to pursue the possibility of a disability access to the Beacon. Cllr. Jessop was advised to talk to the new landowners firstly. Solar Panels – Village Hall – Cllr. Jessop to pass details of the new scheme to the Village Hall Committee for them to consider making an application to this fund for that purpose.
 - b) Barclays Bank – Cllr. Richard drew attention to the recent decision of the Bank to not allow cash withdrawals for their customers from post offices. Agreed that a letter be written as a matter of urgency to Barclays, and to the local MP and AM. Cllr. Richards to liaise with the Clerk.
 - c) Pump House, St. Brides – Mrs. Evans reminded the meeting that the pump will be started up for the last public occasion this year on Sunday 27th October.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 11th November 2019 when the draft minutes of the October 2019 business meeting will be submitted for approval.