

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Marloes Village Hall

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

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

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr R. Owens and Cllr. Kimpton. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, with best wishes for the New Year.

- 1) Minutes - The minutes of the December meeting having been circulated to members were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.
  
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Police Matters – Members were concerned to note that a further “rave” had occurred on New Years Eve in the Dyfed Powys Police area. No response has been received as yet to the e-mail sent to the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in early December 2019. Agreed that the Clerk write again, and refer to the recent event. Mr. S. Crabb, MP has asked to be kept informed.
  - b) County Council – Highways etc. Potholes on road to the village reported and refilled, and some gravel removed. Cllr. Richards advised that surface water problems on the Fopston road around the manhole have not been remedied as he originally thought. Surface water flooding had caused problems in the village as well as at Mullock Bridge before Christmas – some remedial work undertaken. Pot holes now present in the Glebe Lane – safety issue particularly for pedestrians. Photographs to be taken to forward to Cllr. Owens. Signs damaged at the Mullock Junction, and also a T sign in St. Brides. Cllr. Richards drew attention to the recent flooding at Bushford - a bigger culvert is needed – he had arranged clearance the last time.
  - c) St. Brides Pay Phone – Phone line still out of order, checked recently and Cllr. Richards had also checked. Waiting a response from BT. Mr. Lister “MADPADS” had advised that the on-line comment on the mobile coverage in the area is “likely to have difficulties”.
  - d) Moss Cottage – Still no response.
  - e) St. Brides Historical Leaflet – Matter ongoing.
  - f) Lockley Lodge/Parking, Martins Haven – Clerk had sent an e-mail reply in December, but had been asked by Cllr. Owens to resend this recently, and he would follow up likely action by PCC.

- g) Street Lights – Check on lights out of order to be done.
- h) Clock Tower Lane – Clerk yet to find out what the costs were for trimming out the Lane this year. Not known if the Lane has been inspected by PCNP.
- i) National Park Ranger – Mr. Wynn was on sick leave after his holiday, so has only recently been back at work. Agreed that the Clerk invite him to attend the next meeting to discuss various footpath matters, sign issues and dog fouling. Noted that Mr. Malcolm Cullen had offered to undertake voluntary clearance work in Frankies Lane.
- j) Remembrance Day Events – Mr. A. Williams, Royal British Legion has acknowledged receipt of the cheque for £130.25p.
- k) Skomer Marine Conservation Zone – Clerk has responded to Mr. Newman SCZ with the Council's comments.
- l) Beach Clean – Carried out as planned – another one to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. See report in Peninsula Papers.
- m) Carol Singing – Well supported
- n) Christmas Lights – Worked okay, but will need to be refurbished for 2019.

### 3) Community Issues

1. National Trust Matters – The outcome of the grant application will be revealed next month. Clerk has asked if the arrangements for the Car park permits can be made earlier this year. Cllr. Smithies suggested that details are placed in Peninsula Papers as soon as possible.
2. Rubbish Collections & Dog Fouling – Dog fouling a problem in the North Lane. Dog fouling issues could be discussed with Dan Wynn, PCNP and possibly also the National Trust Warden. Clerk yet to ask about having signs put on the litter bins to advise that dog litter can also be deposited. No particular rubbish problems otherwise.

### 4) Correspondence/E-Mails

- a) Paul Davies, AM – Posters advertising his Advice Surgeries. Noted.
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2019, Issue 121 received.

### E-Mails for attention:-

- 04/12/18 – Skomer MCZ – Christmas Letter, next meeting on 02/04/19.
- 12/12/18 – OVW – 2019/20 – National Pay Agreement. Lowest rate per hour is set at £9.02.
- 12/12/18 – PCC/NRW – Press Release with regard to a pollution incident in Milford Haven Harbour. Boom placed at the Gann – oil had been removed from nearby beaches/mudflats – part in this community area.
- 14/12/18 – OVW – Mark Drayford now First Minister in Wales – some cabinet changes.

19/12/18 – Cllr. Jessop – Marloes Beacon Post missing – now replaced.  
20/12/18 – OVW – PAC Meeting on 08/01/19 – Apologised.  
20/12/18 – [Joan.Lockett@gov.wales](mailto:Joan.Lockett@gov.wales) – Community & Town Council update  
– to be circulated to members.  
06/01/19 – OVW – New Year Bulletin - to circulate to members.  
14/01/19 – Older Peoples Commissioner Newsletter – details to go into  
Peninsula Papers.

E-Mails received – Clerk holds a separate list for e-mails noted, and these are not then included in the minutes. Some Christmas greetings received.

## 5) Planning Matters

- (a) NP/18/0666/FUL – Ty Gwyn, Marloes – Section 73A, Sub Division of host dwelling. After the last meeting, members were advised that there was a boundary dispute. Letter to National Park included a reference to this.
- (b) NP/18/0531/FUL – Planning consent issued - Foxdale Guest House. - change of use of 15 tent pitches to motor home pitches. 15 tent pitches remain. Noted.
- (c) NP/18/0625/FUL – Planning consent received for addition of front porch - 9 Gay Lane, Marloes.
- (d) NP/18/0706/FUL – Goose Cottage, Marloes – Addition of dormer, single storey extension and terrace above. Council members noted that no changes are proposed to the front aspect of the cottage. The Council agreed that the proposed changes to the rear of the dwelling will not be visible from the road, and there would be very little visual impact otherwise as there are no near neighbours on either side. The proposed alterations are discrete, and will enable the owner to enjoy the location of the dwelling. Noted that similar alterations have been carried out elsewhere in the Community area.
- (e) NP/18/0754/FUL – Puffin Cottage (formerly Swn y Mor), Marloes – erection of detached garage with workshop at rear. Noted that this application had only just been received, and that to date no PCNP notice had been displayed on site. The proposed building on a large plot will be to the rear of the property. Members noted the ridge height of the proposed building. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk ask PCNP if they can comment after the February meeting, so that the matter will be included on the agenda for the meeting, and allow time for any comments from neighbours. If this request is declined, the Clerk to write a letter in conjunction with the Chair – ridge height to be mentioned.
- (f) Planning Policy Wales – Launch of Edition 10 – E-mail received from Welsh Govt. Clerk to request a hard copy of the document.

- (g) PCNPA – e-mails received reference the LDP and “Focused Changes” included. Clerk to request a hard copy of the latter.
- (h) PCNPA – Housing update received by e-mail.
- (i) PCNPA – Seasons Greeting received.
- (j) PCNPA – Planning 4 Communities – training offered on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Noted.

## 6) Financial Matters

- a) Council Audit – No invoice received as yet.
- b) Budget Review 2018/19 & Budget Planning/Precept Forecast 2019/20. Mrs. Evans (Clerk) presented the review of the expenditure to date in 2018/19, and the changes made since the budget was set in January 2018. This information was received and noted.

### Clock Tower

The Council then considered the budget for 2019/20 taking account of the notes prepared by Mrs. Evans. It was agreed that in the Clock Tower budget, income from the collection box needed to be included – averaging about £50 per annum over two years. It was also noted that the electricity monthly payment had reduced from £8 to £2 in November 2018. The budget for the Clock Tower to be £700 for the year, which allows a sum to be reserved for maintenance at the 10 year stage for painting, and major equipment repairs/replacements. Confirmed that when the invoice for painting is received that the Clerk close the two Clock Tower accounts, and all future payments are made from the main accounts.

### General Accounts

After discussion, it was agreed as follows:-

Election Expenses – That the Community Council aim to have a figure in the region of £3000 retained on deposit to utilise for an election and/or by-election as required over the next three years. The County Council no longer covers this expense.

Clerk’s Salary – It was noted that in the event of appointing a new Clerk in the future the Council could expect to pay considerably more than at present. Clerks may in future be required to undertake formal training (which will also be an expense to consider), and to attract candidates the Council may have to compete with other Councils for a suitable appointment. It was agreed, that in 2019/20 the Clerk’s salary is set at £600, and further consideration is made in January 2020 to plan for steady increases over the next few years.

Defibrillator Scheme – The letter from the Secretary of M&DPADS dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 had advised that the first defibrillator at the Marloes toilets will need to be replaced in 2019, along with one in the

Dale area. It was agreed that £100 be earmarked as a donation to this replacement. Clerk to ask if the Group will be making an application to the St. Brides Aid in Sickness Fund as well as other grant providers. Cllr. Richards is the nominated Councillor for the local fund. Precept 2019/20 – It was agreed that for this year the Council will request the sum of £2825 as last year.

The above was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr Richards.

- c) Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Statements received.
- d) PCC - 3<sup>rd</sup> payment of £942 received via BACS - Council precept for 2018/19

#### 7) Clock Tower

Painting Contract – Invoice yet to be received.

Clock Chiming 2019 – The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Mr. Kirk Trimby dated the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Mr. Trimby is asking that the Clock is silenced from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> October in 2019. Reference was made to complaints received from guests in 2018; that their son was disturbed by the clock chimes, and the letter also referred to previous correspondence/discussions about noise of the chimes when Mr. & Mrs. Twidale ran the business. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk put this matter on the agenda of the February meeting. Advice to be sought from the Town and Community Council association One Voice Wales if necessary.

#### 8) Urgent Matters

- a) Frankies' Lane – Noted that a caravan was sited at the end of the Lane opposite the Clock Tower tonight. The neighbouring property is changing hands at present. It is likely the caravan is going to be scrapped.
- b) Disability Access – St. Brides – Cllr. Richards asked if there had been any progress on this matter. Clerk to contact PCC Access Officer.
- c) Tankers, St. Brides Bay – Cllr. Richards had noted a strong smell of oil recently. Advised to contact Milford Port Authority if the problem re-occurred so they can investigate the ships moored in the Bay.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 when the draft minutes of the January 2019 meeting will be submitted for approval.