

Minutes of the meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council held at Marloes Village Hall, starting at 1930 on Monday 13th June 2021.

In attendance: Councillor Peter Smithies (Chairman), together with Councillors Christopher Jessop and William Richards.

Apologies – Cllr. James Kimpton, Cllr. Louise Beal and Cllr. Brian Johnson. Also County Cllr. Reg Owens

Mrs. Yvonne Evans – Council Clerk

1. The minutes of the May 2021 meeting having been circulated beforehand were approved by the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop and seconded by Cllr. Richards, subject on Page 1 to the name “Mr. Owens” being amended to “Mr. Owen Morgan”.
2. Matters Arising

NT Car Park Permits – The Clerk advised that the registration session on Wednesday 19th May at Marloes Village Hall had been well attended. Kate Mellor, National Trust was present with the Clerk, and Cllr. Jessop acted as a steward for most of the session. Mrs. Evans undertook the Track and Trace procedure, and checked eligibility. Hall Covid regulations were observed.

The Clerk and Cllr. Jessop discussed other National Trust matters with Kate Mellor, including the problem in the Runwayskiln toilets identified by a friend of Cllr. Beal.

The Clerk has received some applications since the main session, and permits have been delivered by Kate Mellor as she visits Marloes weekly.

Highway Matters – Fopston site visit is yet to be arranged, but the road surface has been brushed.

Marloes Sands Road - After several e-mails, today Robert Evans, PCC has agreed that yellow lines were not re-instated at the entrance to the Marloes Sands car park. The work will be undertaken by the in-house team as a matter of urgency. Clerk has reminded Mr. Evans about having hatch lines inside the yellow line.

Slate Mill Issues – Mr. Cullen has marked the possible collapsed/blocked drain on the right hand side of the road. The Clerk will write on this matter and about

the badly damaged edge of the road on the bend – a road safety issue, as vehicles are trying to avoid the problem.

Speed Warning Sign – The Clerk has been advised that PCC are waiting delivery of the post to take the Speed sign that has been ordered. The one in Marloes will be the first of 13 to be erected in the County.

Signage - Noted that the “No Overnight Camping” signs are yet to be replaced at St. Brides.

Emergency Phones – Phone at Marloes Sands reported out of order this week.

Bus Timetables – Clerk has asked Mr. Owens, PCC to e-mail copies of the timetables to put on the website.

Skomer Marine Conservation Zone – The Advisory meeting on the 26th May was attended by Cllr. Jessop and the Clerk, who both reported on the meeting. A further social meeting is to be planned to recognise the retirement of Dr. Crump as Chairman, and also the retirement of Mr. Phil Newman this Autumn.

Pembs Area Committee (OVW) – Clerk not able to attend the on-line meeting.

Fold Footpath Gates – National Park had rehung the metal gate which accesses the School Lane. Vicky Sewell, Ranger and Mr. Phil Lees, both of PCNP had separately visited Mr. & Mrs. Rees. The latter had advised that all the gates were owned by Mr. & Mrs. Rees, and any maintenance/replacement should be undertaken by themselves. This had been the policy since 1981. Mr. Rees had advised the Clerk that he will arrange for a new gate to take the place of the wooden kissing gate. Noted.

Affordable Housing – The Clerk read out an e-mail from Cllr. Michelle Bateman, PCC Cabinet Member for Housing. The meeting noted that PCC intended to produce an affordable housing strategy, and a working group has been set up. Cllr. Bateman has asked officers to provide this Council with waiting list figures, and numbers of holiday homes. A PCC consultation review has begun on second and long term empty homes, and it was agreed that this Council will respond by the 26th July deadline. It was noted that currently there are two two-bedroomed Council bungalows empty.

3. Community Issues

COVID 19 – Noted that cases had risen again, with the Indian Delta variant driving the increase across the UK, including Wales. Lifting of many regulations have been delayed for another four weeks in England and Wales.

Solar Pavilion Grant Project – Cllr. Jessop gave an update on the progress of the initial consultations. The Clerk has sent e-mail letters to organisations in Marloes & St. Brides, and to Coastlands School and DADS. Support has been received from the Village Hall, and the Recreation Area. Further information to be provided to one consultee. Cllr. Jessop to establish if a pedestrian access from the pavement into the Recreation Area will need a planning consent. The Project to be considered further at the July meeting.

4. Correspondence

April 2021 – Wales for Europe(Edmund Sides) – Information with regard to the EU Settlement Scheme – Residency Cards will expire on the 30th June. Noted that the Council is not aware of anyone locally who may qualify.

Hywel Dda University Health Board – Consultation documents received with regard to “Building a healthier future after Covid – 19: have your say; and on the “Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2021.

The following e-mails were received by the Council:-

27/05/21 – Paul Davies, MS – Newsletter -Noted that he had been re-elected in the May election.

03/06/21 – OVW – Public Health Wales – National Survey of Volunteers – passed to Mrs. G. Smithies to respond reference local volunteers.

04/06/21 – OVW – Covid Response by Community Councils – Clerk had replied as response time was short.

07/06/21 & 10/06/21 – OVW/Dyfed Powys Police – Notice of a Whats App Scam & Mobile Phone upgrade Scam received – passed to Mrs. Royle for the website. Noted that if there was a local Facebook facility that this information could be passed around more quickly.

30/05/21& 07/06/21 – Noted that an access problem at Mathewslade had been referred by Cllr. Jessop to PCNP. The new Ranger, Vicky Sewell had advised a site meeting is planned shortly.

10/06/21 – OVW/Play Wales – Play Wales document passed to Mr. Mark Burton & Cllr. Louise Beal.

10/06/21 – PCC – Kelly John appointed to promote play activities for children – passed to Mr. Burton & Cllr. Beal.

12/06/21 – G. Smithies/Bruno Peak – Platinum Jubilee 02/06/2022 – Clerk to ask Karolyn Truelove & Mike Turner if they would agree to a Beacon on their field.

12/06/21 – PCC (Rebecca James) – Traffic & Highways Community Works Fund - The meeting agreed, that they would explore whether the possibility of the Clock Tower path being upgraded to an all-weather & wheelchair friendly facility would be a suitable project for this Fund. Noted that this Council would have to contribute 10% towards the cost.

14/06/21 – OVW – News Bulletin – advice on indoor meetings; also details reference the Local Places for Nature Grant.

Other e-mails received were noted separately by the Clerk – no action required.

5. Planning

- a) NP/21/0177/FUL – 7, Green Meadow Close – Noted that the applicant has amended the description of the proposal and submitted a revised Site Plan & proposed side elevation drawing. PCNP has advised that this application will now go to the July meeting of the Development Committee. Cllr. Jessop has advised PCNP that he will attend the on-line meeting on behalf of the Community Council. It was agreed that the Council will continue their opposition citing loss of amenity for residents as well as parking implications for neighbours and the estate. The Clerk provided details of further correspondence from Mr. J. Arden (neighbour).

Cllr. Richards declared an interest in this application, and did not take part in the debate.

- b) NP/21/0206/FUL – Installation of 2 x New Interpretation Panels – The Gann, Dale/Marloes /St. Ishmaels.

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Mr. Chris Lawrence (NRW) who are providing the signs. It is likely that the first sign on the Dale side will be sited in this community area. The second sign will not proceed until land ownership is resolved in the St. Ishmaels area. It was agreed that there was no objections to the wording on the panel.

- c) NP/21/0342/FUL – Demolish & Replace Asbestos Outbuilding, Gibbys, Marloes - It was noted that the original asbestos building had already been demolished, and that there is on site a prefabricated shell of the proposed outbuilding. The Council propose that this building should be styled as detached annex accommodation, and insist that permission is conditional on it only being used as ancillary to the cottage. Noted there is very limited off street parking to service this dwelling. The Council also propose that solar PV on the roof should be provided as a planning condition, as this is normally proposed for new buildings in this Community Council's area if practical. Cllr. Jessop to confirm the status of the proposed building and advise the Clerk prior to her sending comments to PCNP.
- d) Notification of Planning Consents – PCNP has advised that because of the ongoing Covid Emergency staff are mainly working from home. Notification of Planning Consents or Refusals are no longer sent out to Community Councils, but can be accessed from the lists sent out weekly. Mrs. Evans advised that she had now checked back on recent lists and had identified the following as completed.
- e) NP/21/0123/FUL – Seascape – Approval determined on the 15th April 2021. See Condition 3 on the status of the Garage extension.
- f) NP/20/0599/FUL – Annexe at Orlandon House – Approval determined on the 13th May 2021 – See Condition 3 on the use of the Annexe.
- g) NP/21/0097/FUL – Lower Hoaten Farmhouse – Approval determined on the 24th May 2021.
- h) Consultation on “The Future of the National Park”. E-mail receive on the 10th June. Cllr. Jessop advised that the Vision Document is only one sheet of A4. Closing date for responses is by the 16th July, and on the 13th July,

4.30pm a Virtual Seminar will be held to discuss the Strategy and other matters. Councils will need to register to attend.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Audit 2020/2021 – The meeting was advised that Ms. Fussell, the Internal Auditor had no issues to raise and had signed her section of the document. The Clerk took Council members through the Accounting Statements on Page 2/3, and the Annual Governance Statements on Page 4 which were agreed without qualification. On the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Richards the meeting approved the Clerk/Financial Officer and the Chairman signing the Council approval and certification on Page 5.
- b) Ezee Web Hosting Fee - £39 – On the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Jessop the meeting approved the payment of £39 to Mrs. Royle to cover this payment. Mrs. Royle had advised that she is still working on a revamp of the website, and may then be engaging with a new provider. Clerk to ask if it would be possible to change the domain name to www.marloes.wales.
- c) Lloyds Bank – Bank Statement for May not yet received. Noted.
- d) BHIB Insurance – Clerk had been advised by BHIB that War Memorials are included in the general cover for Community Councils, and if not relevant to a Council, there would be no change to the cover of that section. Clerk had advised Cllr. Richards, and would now as Church Warden check the insurance cover of St. Peter’s Church as the War Memorial is in the adjoining churchyard.

7. Clock Tower – No matters to raise.

8. Urgent Matters

- a) Parking on Village Green – Noted that an e-mail letter of complaint had been received from Mr. M. Cullen, and the Clerk advised she had received a further verbal complaint. It was agreed that the Clerk draft a letter to be sent to all households fronting the Green advising this is an offence. Clerk to also include this in the Council report in Peninsula Papers.
- b) Hedge Cutting – Noted that the County Council will commence hedge cutting in due course. The Council agreed that the Clerk remind private

households that they should cut back growth overhanging pavements and also along roadways where people walk regularly.

- c) PCNP – Noted that Mr. Arwel Evans has been appointed by the National Park as a Farm Liaison Officer with a wide ranging brief.
- d) Beach cleaning – Noted that Mr. Dave Pomfrey, and volunteers are working hard to keep Marloes Sands free of rubbish. Cllr. Jessop advised that rubbish is coming ashore from far away places. Also a dead seal pup, still with a white coat.
- e) Musselwick - New Farm Access. Mr. Nick Skudder advised the meeting that he wishes to open a new access to the right of the Musselwick Beach path to accommodate the contractor who is growing vegetables in the nearby fields. It is intended to upkeep to a tarmac drive, the main access by Musselwick Cottage for the benefit of the Farm House and the tourist accommodation now open on the site. He was thanked by the Chairman for coming to discuss this proposal before making a planning application. It was felt that as the area across the road is used for parking for Musselwick beach then large lorries turning would have a considerable impact on the area. A great number of vehicles park at this location. Mud on the road may also be a factor as the verge is limited in width. It was suggested that Mr. Skudder seek further advice – perhaps speak to the new PCNP Liaison Officer, and also the Highways Department of the County Council. Mr. Skudder was asked why a wheel wash could not be deployed, as happens elsewhere.
- f) Musselwick Footpath – Mr. Skudder advised that at present there are two 4 inch pipes across the path. Noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting, advising that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th July 2021, when the draft minutes of this meeting will be submitted for approval. It is likely that this meeting will be held in the Village Hall with regulations as previously.