

Minutes of the Meeting of Marloes & St. Brides Community Council held on
Monday 9th September 2013 at Marloes Village Hall.

Present:- Cllr. W. Richards together with Cllrs. L. Beal, C. Jessop, S. Twidale, S. Burnett & P. Smithies

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

Apology for absence was received from County Cllr. R. Owen

The Chairman welcomed Jonathan Hughes (General Manager) and Andrew Tuddenham (Senior Manager) of the National Trust(NT) to the meeting. The National Trust officers outlined the history and work of the organisation in Pembrokeshire, and the Marloes area in particular. They are aiming to keep a balance between the needs of the visitors and their work in protecting the special environment of the area. Council members expressed their concerns that local needs can be overlooked, also that more can be done for visitors in the information provided. There is a problem of perception, in that the drive for increased income by the NT outweighs what they are saying to the local community in their actions on car park charging.

A general discussion followed between members and NT officers, and the following summarised the points being made:-

- Charging policies for Car parking across the County is inconsistent because so many bodies control car parking. Noted that Mr. Malcolm Cullen had written to the Council recently on this point.
- Long and short stay charges vary, and both are not always offered.
- Walking along country roads is now very difficult because of the pressure of traffic, especially in the summer months. Because of safety concerns especially related to children, local residents are “forced” to drive to the Marloes Sands car park because of the traffic the Sands generates, and are then penalised by the parking charges.
- Few NT properties in Pembrokeshire mean it is not economic to take up membership to cover families. Need to agree a fair price for local residents.
- NT is to be applauded for the work they undertake across the UK, but as a large local landowner need to be seen to be doing more in the Community, and for the Community. This should apply to staff as well as the NT organisation.
- It is people in the local communities that shape how the Community operates

– provision of services, litter picking, and general assistance to visitors.

The Chairman, Cllr. Richards summarised by saying that the Council will formulate a proposal to put to the National Trust for consideration. This matter was covered in the Village Action Plan prepared in conjunction with Planed. A workable solution needed to be achieved to cover those residents who are permanently living in Marloes & St. Brides.

The Clerk drew their attention to the condition of the Celtic Cross in the wall at Martins Haven which may require remedial action/re-siting to avoid losing the incised Cross. The officers were thanked for their attendance, and the information they had provided on the work of the NT in Pembrokeshire.

The minutes of the August Business meeting were read, approved, and then signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Richards, proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Twidale.

2) Matters Arising

- a) St. Brides -National Park Matters – Spoken to Hayley Barrett, Ranger again about the kiosk, and asked for a contact at BT. The Traffic Order has been delayed (Alan Hare, PCC), so no action could be taken on overnight camping. Noted.
- b) Police Matters – Spoke to John Price, PCC to advise that it would be next May before it would be sensible to undertake a speed survey. Members felt that more local action needed to be taken in future to deter speeding through the village. Clerk advised that Sergeant Vaughan had contacted herself and two members to undertake a televised interview about working with the police reference raves, to be done in conjunction with local officers. She had been interviewed, but didn't think they had used the footage. No problems had occurred over the Bank Holiday.
- c) Recreation Area – Problems had occurred in the Recreation Area including damage to equipment, also damage to the anniversary tree, swearing in front of and to visitors, and consumption of alcohol. Further problems had occurred elsewhere in the village causing concern to residents – including by the Clock Tower. A small group of youngsters had been identified, and it was agreed that these names should be passed to the local Community Police Officer, and an officer requested to attend a meeting of the Recreation Area committee next week. Members were disappointed to hear that some of the youngsters concerned were from this village, with others from a neighbouring community. Mark Burton will attend the Council meeting to give a report next month.
- d) County Council – Highways. Agreed that next year pressure will be put on the County Council to cut the hedges earlier by way of repeated complaints, as this is the best way to ensure the community is listened to by highway officers. A Parking notice had been agreed, and the final version had been e-mailed to all council members for them to print off and use as necessary. No information from Cllr. Owen on bookings on the yellow lines. Clerk will contact Glenville

- Codd to ask about the Winterton Junction culvert and identify drains which need clearing.
- e) Clock Tower Footpath – No action to date.
 - f) South Hook -Proposed Combined Heat & Power Plant– On-Line Document had been completed in time, and details forwarded to all those circulated previously. Some responses had been received, and there had been press references to the proposal from this Council. Action noted.
 - g) Street Lights – Letter written as requested.
 - h) Website Meeting – No information from the County Council this month.
 - i) Rubbish, Near Slate Mill – No action taken.
 - j) Bus Services – No further issues this month.
 - k) Clock Tower Architect – Clerk had spoken to the architect who had thought he had signed off the project. He will check his paperwork.
 - l) PCC Covenant Grant Scheme – Checked by Cllr. Burnett – no action required.
 - m) Standing Orders – Clerk to scan document and circulate.
 - n) Marloes Beacon- Cllr. Jessop had contacted both the Ordnance Survey and National Park who had both agreed to take action. Signs for the Village may be useful at Musselwick Gate style and by footpath near Marloes Court and Philip Lees (NP) had been asked if they can also be provided.
 - o) Village Toilets – Village Warden had been spoken to by Cllr. Smithies and the Clerk. He had no problems he could not manage. Clerk had witnessed a visitor commending the Warden for the excellent condition of the toilets. Also noted his work on clearing beach rubbish. A Scout group had also undertaken a litter pick.

3.Community Issues

- a) Car Parks/National Trust Matters – see item above. Agreed that a draft response is prepared for members to consider, and then agree a final version at the October meeting.
- b) Affordable Housing – Exception Site. The Clerk read out a letter from the former Rural Housing Enabler which advised that Pembrokeshire Housing had reached agreement with the owner of the Town Meadow to purchase a portion of land for the exception site. The scheme proposed would be submitted for planning in due course and it was anticipated that work could start in 2015/16. Annual Report 2012/13 from Pembrokeshire Housing Group also received.
- c) Village Action Plan – No information this month.
- d) Marine Conservation Zones – Clerk had spoken to Mark Burton, Skomer Marine Reserve who had advised that nothing was happening at present, and no information on their re-designation. Cllr. Smithies advised that he was still

considering drafting a letter to be sent to the new minister which he would then circulate to members for consideration.

e) Dog Fouling – Notices for the Clock Tower footpath required.

f) Rubbish collection – No information from Cllr. Owen. Noted there had been problems at Beacon House, and visitors to the Old Schoolhouse had asked Cllr. Beal for advice on collection times.

4) Correspondence

a) E-Mail Letters – Clerk referred to some of the e-mails received.

09/08/13 – Clerk had reported the emergency phone at Martins Haven as out of order – this was acknowledged by Chris Payne, PCC. Cllr. Jessop will ask the Coastguard volunteers (NCI) if they will check the phone regularly.

12/08/13 – Police & Crime Commissioner – July Newsletter

21/08/13 – OVW – information from Older Persons Commissioner.

21/08/13 – appointments – Community Health Councils (CHC) & Health Watchdog.

27/08/13 – OVW – Response from Del Morgan re Marine Zones. Noted.

27/08/13 – SWWITCh questionnaire on Bus Services – Cllrs. Burnett & Jessop to check document and advise Clerk on response.

29/08/13 – Welsh Government (WG) – Consultation on Designated Persons from the Local Government Measure 2011 – Clerk had contacted Del Morgan (OVW) for advice on this matter.

31/08/13 – Youth Hostel Events – contact had been made via the Marloes web-site about an Open Day at youth hostels last Sunday. Clerk had prepared a poster, and had visited early afternoon. The “one volunteer” was aware of the event, but there were no special arrangements at Marloes. Cllr. Jessop had also called in while walking the paths.

03/09/13 – PCC (Susan Sanders) – Noted the public event reference the “Atlantic Array” proposal for the Bristol Channel on the 9th September.

04/09/13 – OVW – Experts Group on Local Diversity – Election survey.

04/09/13 – Rural Policing consultation – Noted.

05/09/13 – OVW – National Delivery Group appointee. Noted.

b) PCC – 05/09/13 - Noise Problems – South Hook LNG Terminal – Details of action taken, or to be taken reference individual ships. Noted.

c) Port of Milford Haven – Business Review 2012 received. Noted reference to Sue Davenport (Musselwick Farm) being a Board Member.

d) Roman Solution – 09/08/13 – Advertisement from Contractor. Noted.

e) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2013 – Issue 89 received. Article

on closure of public toilets in Pembrokeshire included.

5) Planning Matters

- a) Local Design Statement – Jane Gibson has contacted Clerk, and advised that such a statement would carry little weight in the planning process. Clerk has been given the name of the Welsh Government officer to contact to discuss the proposal. Agreed that the Clerk speak to her before any further action is taken.
- b) NP/13/0271 – Slate Mill, St. Brides – Clerk to contact National Park to ask what is happening.
- c) County Show – Clerk and members visited marquee, but not able to attend particular events notified.
- d) NP/13/0292 – Form D consent received in respect of works to be carried out at Greenacre, Marloes. Noted.
- e) NP/13/0338 – School House, Marloes – Shed to house pumping & filtering system for new water supply with space for a mower, shelving & potting. Cllr. Jessop declared an interest, and Cllr. Smithies abstained from voting on this application. After discussion it was agreed that although an unusual application the shed would be screened from the nearby Lane. Members were satisfied with the main purpose of the building, and that all other use would be ancillary, with the surrounding land being a hay meadow. No objections were raised.
- f) NP/13/0371 – St. Brides Castle - “Windows” - Listed Building. The Council was impressed by the quality and detail of the application. Members applauded the efforts of Holiday Property Bond(HPB) in seeking to achieve a practical, economic and sustainable solution to the upkeep of this property. It was recognised that HPB provides a valuable contribution to the holiday industry in this rural area, and the users of the Castle are very supportive of local businesses, charity events, regularly using local walks as well as visiting Skomer Island. It was agreed that the application is supported, and that they consider that the design proposals to be appropriate for the ongoing preservation and enhancement of this important building.
- g) PCNPA – July 2013 – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance:-
 - The Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines (NEW)
 - Seascape Character (NEW)
 - Update to Adopted Sustainability Design GuidanceAny comments to be returned by 5pm on the 1st November 2013
- h) PCC – 03/09/13 – Adopted Local Development Plan – Final documents received, and noted that they apply to all areas of Pembrokeshire, excluding the area of the National Park.
- i) Permitted Development Rights – The change in regulations from the Welsh Government advised by several e-mails was noted. Cllr. Jessop had

included a non-technical summary in Peninsula Papers on this matter.

6) Financial Matters

- a) BDO Audit - Awaiting return of papers for final actions.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Clock Tower statements received, also letter dated 01/0823 reference the company strategy.
- c) PCC - Remittance Advice received dated 23/08/13 – 3rd payment of Precept - £583.

7) Urgent Matters/Any other Business

- a) National Symposium – Cllr. Smithies advised that this will be held at Trehill Farm on Wednesday 11th September. Noted.
- b) Electricity Cut-Outs – Clerk advised that she had phoned the contact line on the 23rd August, and had been advised that the problems that day had occurred because the “auto-recloser” was not allowing the system to lock out as usually happens. Something touching the line on high voltage cables was probably the cause.
- c) Open Access – No information had been received on planned revisions to the Access Map.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 14th October at Marloes Village Hall.