

Minutes of the October meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 held at Marloes Village Hall starting at 1930.

In attendance: Councillor Peter Smithies, Councillor Louise Beal, Councillor Brian Johnson, Councillor Christopher Jessop.

Apologies: Councillor William Richards, Cllr. James Kimpton, Yvonne Evans (Clerk).

Members of the public: none.

Adoption of the minutes of the September meeting, subject to the edits suggested by CJ, was proposed by CJ and seconded by PS; all in agreement.

### *Matters Arising*

Public Conveniences in Marloes Village: further to correspondence with the PCC following a recent incident, the PCC confirmed that they have not had a policy of locking these facilities at night. BJ has offered to lock them nightly, if the PCC will provide a key; however it has been agreed that for the moment we will leave things as they are, in the hope that the recent trouble was an isolated incident.

Marloes Sands car park: PS has had a recent discussion with Mark Underhill of the National Trust, raising the issues of littering and abuse of the disabled and electric vehicle parking bays, together with the general lack of parking discipline. PS emphasised that since restrictions were lifted this has been one of the busiest and longest visitor seasons that anyone can remember for a long time. MU acknowledged that the signage should have been addressed. The NT's immediate plan is to close off part of the car park to allow the grass to grow through; because of considerable upheaval in the organisation as a result of COVID 19, they might have to rethink the way the car park is managed: they might not now proceed with the attendants' hut. PS to report any developments.

### *Community Issues*

COVID 19: Agreed that everyone needs to keep doing the best they can, including for example this Community Council strictly observing the Welsh Government rules during its meetings.

### *Correspondence*

Clerk had not forwarded any correspondence for urgent attention at this meeting.

### *Planning*

No formal correspondence received this month.

### *Financial*

#### Speed Warning Sign

PS reported on the meeting with Clare Williams of PCC regarding sign location; CJ reported on subsequent correspondence and the revised price breakdown. After discussion, it was agreed to opt for the sign with Bluetooth data downloading, as follows -

£3655 exc VAT Westcotec solar powered sign. Includes 6 year warranty.

£350 exc VAT Optional Bluetooth download data capture.

£670 exc VAT PCC supply & install suitable post at agreed location.

£250 exc VAT Westcotec deliver sign and install on post by others, then commission.

£156 exc VAT PCC add sign to their street furniture register (one-off payment).

£0 (Effect on our insurance premium)

TOTAL £5081 (PCC pay 90%; Marloes & St Brides Community Council has to pay 10% or £508).

Proposed by LB; seconded by BJ; all approved.

#### Draft Financial Regulations

Clerk advises she has not started work on this yet.

#### Annual Donations Round

PS advised that the donations last year were as follows: Marloes Village Hall £570; Burial Grounds £40 each; Peninsula Papers £50; Samaritans £20; Paul Sartori £10; Royal British Legion (wreath) £30. Total: £760.

Proposed by CJ that donations this year should be the same; seconded by LB; all approved.

## Clock Tower

PS advised that British Gas who have taken over our previous supplier are proposing a tariff with a punitive standing charge.

Action: CJ to investigate alternative suppliers offering a units-only electricity tariff.

## Bank Statements

PS read out the Clerk's report; noted.

## Urgent Matters

BJ had reported a failed streetlight outside White Cottage, number 804/1203: so far, there had been no action.

Dog fouling in the village: BJ advised that someone local with a large dog is apparently never clearing up, whether actually within the village or in the nearby lanes; he proposes to keep asking around in the hope of identifying the culprit.

Dog fouling, Marloes Sands car park and beach accesses: despite the provision of bins at the car park mouth there is still a considerable problem because more and more people are visiting Marloes Sands and a greater proportion of them than ever before are dog owners, many of whom do not behave responsibly. As the situation would be a lot worse on the shorter route to the beach if it were not for the bin beyond Runwayskiln, members resolved to investigate the possibility of having another waste bin installed at the top of Sandy Lane.

Midwinter Beach Clean: CJ advised that the tides would allow us to keep with tradition and have a beach clean (subject to WG regulations) on New Year's Eve, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1330-1530. This should allow for clear-up and hauling out of rubbish before sunset. Agreed by all; CJ will publicise through the usual channels.

The South Wales Industrial Cluster (SWIC).

Further to the article in the October/November Peninsula Papers, CJ advised that as an individual and not as a community councillor he has been researching this project which at present proposes a very large pipeline carrying hazardous gas (carbon dioxide) across the Peninsula. In conjunction with two Pembrokeshire colleagues he has written an open letter expressing certain concerns, which has been circulated to various individuals and authorities who were not aware of the proposals. He is very glad to keep a watching brief, and report to this Community Council whenever necessary.

Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting by wishing the Clerk a swift recovery and reminding everyone that the Remembrance Service will be conducted outdoors on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November - subject to WG regulations.