

Minutes of the meeting of Marloes & St Brides Community Council held at Marloes Village Hall, starting at 1930 on Monday 8th November 2021.

In attendance: Councillor Peter Smithies (Chairman), together with Cllrs. Christopher Jessop, Brian Johnson and Louise Beal

Mrs. Yvonne Evans – Council Clerk.

Community Resident - Mr. Malcolm Cullen.

County Councillor - Cllr. Reg Owens

Apologies – Cllrs W. Richards & J. Kimpton.

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Bobby Morgan, whose funeral had taken place the previous Saturday. Bobby had been a long serving member of the Community Council. His recall of past events, and village history had been of great interest and fellow members had benefited from this knowledge. A Marloes Man who always had community interests at heart. He had conveyed the Clock Tower and surrounding ground to the Community Council in 2000, and this purchase was then registered at the Land Registry. His contribution to life in the community for over 80 years was acknowledged by all present.

- 1) Declarations of Interest – None.
- 2) The minutes of the October meeting having been circulated beforehand were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.
- 3) Matters Arising

Highway Matters

Fopston Road, St. Brides – Clerk to follow this up with PCC Highways

Slate Mill Issues – Clerk to follow up as above.

Speed Warning Sign – Waiting to hear from Mr. Phil Leggett, PCC when Westcotec will return. Noted.

Tavernputt Junction - Clerk to follow up as above.

Hedge – Recreation Area. Members of the Community Council to take action as agreed.

Other Matters Arising

Emergency Phones – Clerk has e-mailed Myrddin Dennis(PCC) to ask why the Marloes Sands phone has not been repaired by BT.

Bus Timetables – Details received from Cllr. Johnson and included in Peninsula Papers. Reply from Owen Roberts awaited as to whether a Q code is available in Bus Shelters, which would enable people with Smart Phones to access the timetables.

Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Further updates received. Communities are asked to consider planting 7 trees to mark the occasion. Cllr. Owens advised that PCNP are making grants available for such purposes. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Sewerage Section of Welsh Water to see if trees could be planted to screen that facility.

Wedding Reception – Outdoor Venue - Clerk will circulate the information received to date to Councillors. Cllr. Smithies advised that he understood that one reception had been booked for 2022

One Voice Wales – Pembs Area Committee –28/10/21 – The Clerk gave a verbal report on this on-line meeting, and on the presentation from the Community Health Council. Noted.

Skomer MCZ – Special Meeting on 09/11/2021 – Clerk and Cllr. Jessop to attend.

4. Community Issues

COVID 19 – The meeting noted that at present Wales Regulations remain at Level Zero. Cases in Pembrokeshire are still very high, and although there was some improvement elsewhere in Wales the situation is still of concern. Wearing of masks continues to be compulsory in retail outlets in Wales, and also in care provision across England and Wales. People attending night clubs and large outdoor venues will now be required to provide proof of Covid Tests., and this has been extended recently to other venues. All organisations continue to undertake risk assessments, and to then regulate as necessary.

Solar Pavilion Grant Project – Cllr. Jessop outlined the work undertaken since the last meeting. He is having to obtain quotes for the shelter itself and the solar panels array separately. This is taking time as the firms are

behind with work. Members then discussed various aspects of the proposal, and whether there was room for changes as the Scheme proceeded. After discussion, it was agreed that if the County Council will commit to safeguarding the money allocated to the Community then Cllr. Jessop will delay making a grant application to the next round in 2022. This will provide more time to evaluate submissions received.

Future Projects – Members agreed that the Clerk provide a response to Mr. Cullen as drafted.

Marloes Village - Main Road nameplate sign. Jennifer Aston, PCC has provided the Clerk with details of what is required to pursue this sign. Two thirds of the affected households would need to agree, and this would be about 40 households. These households would then be given a new postcode. After discussion, it was agreed that the perceived benefit was outweighed by the procedure to be followed, and this proposal be abandoned.

Village Green/Parking issues - Cllr. Owens advised that he is planning that Cllr. Bateman visit the village to consider the parking issues. Noted.

Footpath & Beach matters, if any – The meeting noted that Cllr. Jessop had e-mailed the Clerk to advise that a bike had been left chained to the fence alongside the Musselwick footpath for some days. This had been reported to the police and PCNP by the Clerk, and the local coastguard also advised. No missing person had been reported in the local area, so the person concerned may be walking the Coastal Path. Agreed that appropriate action had been taken.

National Trust Matters /Car Parks– Notes from the meeting with the National Trust held on the 28th October had been received. Cllrs. Smithies and Jessop also reported verbally on the meeting. National Trust priority is to replace the Brown YH signs with ones that show the NT Logo, Parking and the Cafe. Noted that parked vehicles at the Church junction hide the signage at times.

At the Car Park, temporary signs need replacing, new signs need to be put in with regard to “No Overnight Parking” and other information, and the Emergency Phone post needs to be replaced. Clerk advised she has been

in touch with PCC about the phone itself. Disability parking and access also covered. Issues at the Martins Haven Car Park were also addressed. The Council was pleased to note that the £1.50 “locals charge” will be in place in 2022.

5. Correspondence

The following were among some of the e-mails received by the Council:-

13/10/21 – Planed – Youth Engagement.

13/10/21 & 03/11/21 - Paul Davies, SM – Updates

15/10/21 – OVW – Model Informal Resolution Protocol(amended)

21/10/21 – Dan Shaw, PCC – VIP Opening Event on 12/11/21 – Noted.

26/10/21 – PCC – Street light problems acknowledged.

29/10/21 – OVW – Pembs Town & Community Councils Project Officer -
to be appointed.

29/10/21 – OVW – Queens Jubilee – Proposal that 7 trees be planted to
recognise the 7 decades. See item above.

02/11/21 – PCC, Dan Shaw – Next seminar on the 22nd November.

02/11/21 – OPCC (Office of Police & Crime Comm.) - Bulletin.

03/11/21 – Multi Location Meetings – Section 47 refers of Local Govt. Act
– Clerk responded.

05/11/21 – County Cllr. Reg Owens – Advised that for the elections next
year the Community Council will pay the cost of printing ballot
papers plus some other costs. Clerk advised that she had asked Cllr.
Owens to provide an indication of the likely cost to assist with
budget planning. Invoiced after the election with time to pay.

07/11/21 – OVW -Welsh Govt. 2nd Home Consultation - Closing date for
submissions – 14/01/2022.

08/11/21 – Boundary Commission - Public Hearings – Noted.

Other e-mails received were noted separately by the Clerk.

6. Planning

- a) NP/21/0177/FUL – 7, Green Meadow Close – Revised proposal, Site Plan & proposed side elevation drawing. a Decision Notice. Letter to PCNP has been sent. Not clear if the letter will be dealt with initially by the Monitoring Officer or Nicola Gandy.
- b) Ty Gwyn – Notification of Appeal by the Applicant. Freedom of Information request received from the applicant. Clerk forwarded the relevant letter, when advised by the Inspectorate that the letter from the Community Council had been received. A change of Inspectorate e-mail address on the final day of submission had caused confusion.
- c) NP/21/0633/FUL – The Green, Marloes – Reconstruction of outhouses containing utility room, WC and shower room. Construction of lightweight open canopy to connect the house into the utility room. The application was considered by members who agreed that the Clerk write that they note that this work will be to the rear of the property and that the changes will not be visible. Noted that it should have minimal impact on the store area of the adjacent property. The improvements should complement the work already undertaken on the main dwelling.

It is noted that a parking area is included within the curtilage of the property. The Council welcome this, as it is important that respect is shown to the surrounding village green by the avoidance of parking. Noted also that the property owner has already shown support to the Council's efforts to stop parking on the Green.

The planning notice had been erected on a post at a distance from the property. Cllr. Owens asked to find out who is responsible for putting up such notices at present

- d) NP/21/0704/LBA – Martins Haven, Marloes – Listed Building Application for erection of visitor signage. The Clerk advised that this had been received too late to include on the agenda for this meeting. After discussion, it was noted that this is an application from the National Trust for a notice to be placed on the boundary wall of the Deer Park which is listed. The notice concerns Biosecurity for Skomer Island. Members were

agreed that the information to be provided was important for the Islands, and the notice fixed to the wall correctly should not cause a problem.

- e) Weekly Planning Application lists and Determination lists received regularly by the Clerk, and checked for properties in this area.

7. Financial Matters

- a) Audit Update – At present, no information has been received from the Wales Audit Office as to when the audit process will be completed.
- b) Lloyds Bank – Treasurer’s Account – Closing Balance of £ 4531.96 on the 8th October 2021.
- c) Annual Donations

Village Hall – After discussion, the Council approved the payment of £570. Noted that Insurance had increased by £40 because of the two Tesla batteries installed. The Hall Committee is using the Covid Recovery money received to improve the Hall facilities. Scaffolding has been purchased to assist with redecoration of the Hall. Proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Johnson.

Churchyards - £40 donation for each Yard was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Beal.

Peninsula Papers - £50 donation was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.

The following were all agreed:-

The Samaritans – £20 Proposed Cllr. Smithies, seconded by Cllr. Jessop.

Paul Sartori – £10 Proposed by Cllr. Jessop, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.

Royal British Legion - £30 – Proposed by Cllr. Beal, seconded by Cllr. Smithies.

Noted that the Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 14th November when the Council Chairman will lay the wreath on behalf of the Community of Marloes & St. Brides.

Financial appeals for the Welsh Sheepdog Trials 2022 and the Welsh Air Ambulance noted.

8. Clock Tower

Maintenance/Repair - Noted that Smith of Derby had visited last week and undertaken a repair to the clock striking mechanism, and had also undertaken a maintenance service. A pin had been found to be stuck. Mr. Andrew Howells had met the engineer on site. Invoice to be sent out.

Electric Bill – British Gas Evolve has accepted that the reading they had was based on an estimate, and have accepted the reading provided by the Clerk. Cllr. Smithies had photographed the reading in confirmation. The Community Council will receive statements showing only standing charge payments until the electric reading has caught up. Noted.

9. Meeting Agenda Matters – Members had received a copy of the e-mail from Sue Davies – Clerk to St. Dogmaels, and who also mentors new Clerks for the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). This raises several points with regard to Council meetings. Ms. Davies acknowledges that there is no legal allowance at present for “last minute emergencies”. Concern was expressed about what “open to the public “is legally. Agreed that the Clerk adopt changes to the notice of meeting and agenda. Clerk to also send the exchange of e-mails to One Voice Wales to seek further advice. At present the Village Hall does not have WIFI in place, so the meeting is advertised locally both on-line and via posters, and anyone attending has to do this in person. Councillors are encouraged to send an e-mail letter to the Clerk if they have matters to raise.

The Chairman closed the meeting, advising that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th December 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. Covid regulations in force at that time will be observed.