**CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Carew Community Council meeting held on 9th April 2025.

**Present: -** Cllr Simon Hosker-Hicks (Chair), Cllr Julia Williams

Cllr Madeleine Bland (Vice Chair) Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Marina Griffiths Cllr Trevor Goodman,

County Councillor Vanessa Thomas Cllr Alison Folder.

Cllr Linda Dennis

**Apologies for absence** - Cllr Marcia Allen , Cllr Sarah Benbow. – Apologies accepted.

**In Attendance** - PCSO Emma Hayward.

**Requests for hybrid/remote attendees –** There were no requests for remote attendance.

**Declarations of Interest –** There were no declarations of interest from Councillors from the correspondence already sent.

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Prior to the meeting Rhian Young from the Monitoring Office at PCC had given a presentation on Code of Conduct for Councillors - All present agreed that this was very informative, enlightening and helpful.

**Minutes of the March 2025 meeting -** It was proposed by Cllr Bland and seconded by Cllr Goodman and all present agreed that the minutes were a true record and they were duly signed.

**Matters Arising:-**

* Redberth Bridge - Chair had personally inspected the Bridge on the Common Land at Redberth and deemed it to be in good repair except for one broken tread at the end of the Bridge. County Councillor Thomas agreed to discuss with PCC the possibility of the Community Council taking over responsibility for the Bridge.
* Milton Bridge over the stream. Perusal of the original lease document took place and a site inspection arranged for Sunday 13th April at 10.30 am.
* Milton Marsh Walk Fence - Clerk informed that the Site Operative had escalated the lack of progress to Operations Supervisors at Dwr Cymru . Councillors reiterated the problems with nails sticking out of the broken fences that are a Health and Safety issue. Continued monitoring of this will be undertaken.
* Dual Authorisation for BACS and cheque payments - Change of Mandate forms given to Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Steve Williams who will complete and return to Clerk.
* Website Training - Clerk informed of Content Management training with Easywebsites on Thursday 10th April at 4 pm. Item to receive advice on - photos of Councillors to be uploaded,
* West Williamston Phone Box door - no further up progress on the insurance claim at present.
* Exercise Equipment at Milton Play Area - awaiting date for delivery.
* VE Day Celebrations 8th May 2025 - Cllr Griffiths informed of the Open day at the Carew Cheriton Control Tower with Carew WI providing refreshments. 7.30 pm Service and lighting of the Bonfire.
* Christmas Event - Following discussion it was agreed to look further into putting on a Christmas Event with a provisional date of Saturday 6th December, possibly with a Lantern Procession from Sageston Community School to Carew Hall with Santa in attendance, mince pies Christmas crafts and entertainment of some sort. . This to be discussed further and put on Agenda for May meeting.
* Clerks Salary Review - Permission code awaited from HMRC for Realtime financial to take over the PAYE payments. The NALC payscale for 2025/26 has not been ratified. This will be kept under review.
* Councillors were pleased to hear that the discarded household goods had been removed from Carew Park Estate.

**Review of Organisations in the Parish, FB pages and/or website and contact details** – This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

**Planning** - Decision number CAS-03651-K3R3H7 CAS-03712-K8S1Y9 re: Appeal - Land known as Redberth Gardens **,** Redberth , Tenby

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| Decision - 24/0975/PA -Replacement of lawful residential chalet with dwelling, as well as removal of static caravan, ancillary structures and installation of replacement package treatment plant. Sweet Nothings Redberth SA70 8SA - conditionally approved by PCC |

Decision - 24/0710/PA Removal of wall (in retrospect) to facilitate enlarged access and erection of boundary fence – 3 The Court Yard, Redberth SA7 8SA - REFUSED.

Notice of Appeal following refusal of Planning Application 4 Pisgah Cottages Cresselly, Kilgetty SA68 0TD - Target date for appeal 3rd June.

Pre-planning application details received from Agents acting for Carew Castle Estates received and previously circulated on A residential Development on Land South of Sageston School . The full planning application is awaited.

**Correspondence & invoices for payment**

* Information regarding the new wind turbine at Summerton Farm – consultation event 18th March 4-7pm. County Councillor Thomas had attended the drop in event and informed the organisers of the short notice given.
* OVW Training dates. Chair wishes to be booked on to Councillor Module 2 on Thursday 1st May .
* Consultation on the Future Transport Arrangements in South West Wales. Comments deadline Sunday 6th April .Noted.
* OVW – Draft diversity and inclusion guidance for registered political parties. With link .Noted.
* PAVS Third Sector Support Team Newsletter.
* OVW Launch of new website. Problems occurred when Clerk logged on and this will be looked into further by OVW.
* Government information on the disposal of Lithium Batteries. Noted.
* OVW Biodiversity and Ecosystems Resilience duty with links to three webinar options. Cllr Bland attended this webinar and provided a very informative and helpful summary of the event and the Community Council’s responsibilities. She had also prepared a well thought out and detailed list of initiatives already undertaken by the Community Council . All present thanked Cllr Bland on her presentation. Following discussion it was resolved that a Sub Committee of Cllr Steven Williams, Cllr Julia Williams, Cllr Bland Cllr Hosker-Hicks to look into this further. It was further resolved to obtain a Biodiversity template from OVW website.
* CIerk had forwarded to Councillors the email received from PCNPA Site Ranger regarding the Biodiversity Policy and further information sent when available.
* County Councillor Thomas had sent the RSPCA Cymru : Responsible Dog Ownership with links to “Have Your Say”. Cllr Dennis informed that the new anti dog fouling signage stating that Dog Patrols will be patrolling may have been responsible for the reduced incidents of dog fouling.
* OVW National Awards Conference 30th April 2025 . Noted
* OVW – Digital Guidance updates . Noted.
* OVW Pembrokeshire Liaison Committee meeting Thursday 27th March at 6.30 .
* OVW Unity Bank for information. Noted with interest.
* OVW – Free Places for training sessions. OVW awaiting information from Senedd on whether the Free Training Places scheme to continue from April onwards.
* Notes and slides from meeting 25th March “Working Better Together” which Clerk attended online briefly.
* OVW - Active Travel Act Guidance with short deadline of 17th April with link to “Have Your Say”.
* PCC – information on Electoral Services move to County Hall. Noted.
* Pethau Bychain/OVW - Webinar on Atlantic grey seals 8th April 11 am or 6.30
* PCNPA - Consultation on the draft Cresswell Quay Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan - Online engagement via Teams 29th April 7-8 pm. Email [devplans@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](mailto:devplans@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk) by 21st April to attend and Cllr Hosker Hicks agreed to join the meeting.
* Information on change of Independent Remuneration Panel being abolished and transfer to Democracy and Boundary Commission .
* PCC – Road Closures for resurfacing from Milton up part of Stephens Green 2nd June . Alternative routes will be signposted. Noted.

Invoices for payment -

OVW £40 – training Sarah Benbow 11/3/25 Health & Safety Module 2.

OVW £40 - training Simon Hosker-Hicks 18/3/25 =- The Council Module 1.

It was proposed by Cllr Goodman , seconded by Cllr Dennis and all present agreed that these two invoices be paid.

Bank Account Balances - Current Account - £9481.70 Business Account - £778.85

West Wales Systems – Hall WiFi 48.52 by DD, Clerks Salary £222.55 by SO.

1st Precept of £10,000 due to be received 24th April. 2025

First monthly payment from Celtic Catch of £90 received 24th March 2025. Clerk had composed an Agreement for this rent and awaits return of the signed Agreement .

Acknowledgement of receipt of the £750 field rent BACS has been received by Carew Castle Estates.

New GoCardless monthly BACS for £36.96 for new website set up and domain name

**Policing Matters –**

PCSO Hayward provided information on the Arts Council of Wales grants available.

PCSO Emma Hayward informed of the results of the static digital 20 mph flashing speed sign survey which found that 53 offenders were found to be travelling in excess of 20 mph at points along Birds Lane during the period of analysis.

The Go Safe van and mobile patrols with speed guns were also continuing and she will provide further results of statistics when available.

The “Meet the Street” initiative with County Councillor Thomas continue with good results.

**County Councillors Report –**

County Councillor Thomas informed that process underway by PCC to provide signage for the siting of mobile speed camera vans areas of speeding concern including Birds Lane. Further information will be provided when available.

County Councillor Thomas provided update on the work or replacement of bus shelter in Redberth and will keep this under review and report back when results of further enquiries available.

Milton Bus Shelter - no further updates but is under review .

Signage at Redberth up through Knapps Lane - Signage at the Redberth end of the lane is adequate but road users continue to clog up the lane with large vehicles/caravans. Possibility of communicating with St Florence Community Council for signage at the top of Knapps Lane will help to alleviate the congestion problem.

The Litter Picking event held on 5th April was well attended by 20 residents and thanks to Chair for his report to the FB page on the success of the event and to Tenby Leisure Centre for lending the litter picking equipment.

County Councillor Thomas asked for the marking up of the litter pickers in Carew and Milton phone boxes and for a notice to be placed in these indicating that when used they are returned as they are the property of the Community Council.

**“What’s Been Happening”, General Discussion and Items for agenda for April 2025 meeting.**

* Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Team has confirmed that purchase of noticeboards will be an acceptable item to fulfil the criteria for accessing Section 106 monies. A noticeboard by Cornfields development also discussed.

Youth Shelters - The provision may fulfil the criteria for the Section 106 monies but further information has been forwarded to PCC for clarification.

* Audit documents have been received and only a Basic Audit required for 2024/25.
* Cllr Griffiths asked for perhaps a sub committee to look into repairs of the equipment at the Play Area in Carew (possibly pursuing funding for this) . She also pointed out that the Inspection Reports from PCC for Milton and Carew Play equipment are overdue.
* Cllr Griffiths reported that the new Play Area in Begelly is progressing well.
* Awards for All (Wales) grant to be looked into further.
* To chase up cutting back of hedgerows from Carew phone box to Flemish chimney.

**Items for AGM May 2025 Agenda from Diary Schedule**

* Discuss donations
* Final Year accounts
* Annual Report

Organisations in the Parish - Review of contact details , FB pages and /or websites

**Date and Time of next meeting -** The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7 pm in the Meetings Room of Carew Memorial Hall.

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