

# CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Carew Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7 pm via Remote platform

Present: Cllr Marina Griffiths (Chair) Cllr Marcia Allen  
Cllr Trevor Goodman County Councillor Vanessa Thomas  
Apologies : Cllr Sarah Benbow

**Minutes of the November meeting** : Subject to adding in the cost of the Poppy Wreath (£20) it was agreed by all present that the minutes of the last meeting were a true record and they will be signed at the next full face to face meeting.

**Application for Co-option to the Community Council.** – An application to join the Community Council as a Co-opted member had been received from Mrs M Bland. It was proposed by Cllr Goodman and seconded by County Councillor Thomas and all present agreed that Mrs Bland be invited to join the Community Council at the January meeting.

## **Matters Arising and “What’s Been Happening”.** -

1. Reply from Carew Castle Estates Agent regarding the request by the Community Council to take over the Picnic Area on Birds Lane was received. Noted in the response was the Agent’s decision to refuse the placing of a replacement picnic bench at the site. The Community Council therefore decided not to take over responsibility for the Picnic Area at Birds Lane.
2. Report on the Carew Senior Citizens Christmas dinner. Chair informed that 50 seated guests were catered for and 20 deliveries of take away meals were made. A good time was had by all. Chair also informed of the date of dinner for 2023.
3. Site Ranger for Carew Castle to be invited to February meeting to discuss hedging at Carew Memorial Hall and to discuss biodiversity grant available.

**Carew Public Conveniences** - Letter/email received from PCC on the proposed Asset Transfer of the public conveniences at Carew with the quoted anticipated annual cost of upkeep of around £9k. Councillors considered and deliberated on this. It was resolved to inform PCC that the Community Council are not in a position to take on the toilets but would look again next year. The Community Council priority for the forthcoming year (2023/24 ) is the enhancement and refurbishment of the Play Areas in Milton and Carew. PCC to be informed that the public conveniences are well used due to the Carew Castle visitor attraction, play park and circular walk.

**Budget, financial planning and Review** - Following further review of the budget ahead of setting the Precept in January, it was agreed by all present to change “non-classified” to “Contingency Fund” and to add in the Clerks Salary review. Councillors were reminded that the Precept for 2022/23 was £16,000. Also to add is the General Recurring expenditure of the SLA for the play areas (£1230)

**Clerks Salary Review** - Chair outlined the decision of the Salary Review meeting and the recalculations for increase in grade, salary and expenses for the Clerk. New pay grade will be on Pay point 19 with an increase in monthly expenses to £40 per month, commencing January 2023.

Also noted was the need for Clerk to resign contract at new pay point and grade from January 2023 and this to be put on the Diary Dates for further review in January each year.

### **Planning:**

22/0639/PA - Alterations and Extension - Highway Milton. It was noted that this application has been granted by PCC.

Hayston Developments – Pre-Planning consultation on major development of 13 homes – Ashleigh House , Sageston Tenby SA70 8SG - County Councillor Thomas informed of the discussions she had entered into with residents adjacent to this proposed development and their concerns. Following detailed review of the Pre-Planning documents sent it was resolved to inform the developers that the Community Council had the following concerns:

1. At least three of the proposed dwellings are outside the LDP housing allocation area.
2. The proposed development is over dense for the size of the site.
3. The capacity for Sageston Sewerage works to cope with the main sewers should be a major consideration and for Welsh Water to be consulted at the earliest opportunity.
4. Concern over the two entrances to the proposed development with one already in existence.
5. The concerns of the nearby residents should be taken into account.

**Policies Review** - The addition of a Bullying and Harassment Policy to be drawn up and included in the Policies Portfolio. Chair kindly agreed to begin work on this. This matter to be added to the February meeting Agenda.

**Carew Newton Cemetery** – Groundsman to commence work on the cutting of the hedges in January 2023 and to include the cutting back of the tops of the hedges if not already done. Clerk to establish the cost of this. Item for agenda for January meeting also for review.

### **Correspondence:**

The following have been sent to Councillors for deliberation:

- West Wales Systems - increase in cost of Broadband. Noted.
- Links to free digital copies on fuel rights from CPAG – Child Poverty Action Group & OVW. Noted.
- Pre-Planning Support. Clerk to circulate hard copies to Councillors.
- Neil McCarthy on ramp at the Carew Toilets, replacing litter bin Bartletts Well road and cutting back the grassy area at the Picnic Area, Birds Lane. Councillors discussed reply from PCC on the replacement of the litter bin at the end of Bartletts Well Road. Clerk to explore the cost of the Community Council buying a bin and the cost of emptying it by PCC. The risk of losing more bins in the Parish due to residents depositing domestic waste is high. It was resolved to put a poster on the local social media sites warning of this.
- Information from PCC the reply regarding putting a ramp from the bus shelter in Carew through to the gate of the play area . Although there is a ramp across the front of the bus shelter to enable wheelchair and pushchair access there is still a step and sharp turn towards the gate. PCC to be asked for their advice and support.
- Council Tax premiums for long term empty & second homes – guidance for local authorities from OVW . Noted.

- The future of Welsh Speaking communities. Noted.
- Pembrokeshire Coastal forum Noted.

Chair informed of outstanding items that had been attended to by PCC - Signage at Knapps Lane, Redberth had been erected and Give Way sign at Teagues Cross has been replaced. The abandoned caravans have now been removed from the detrunked road up to the Control Tower from Carew Roundabout.

**Items to be kept under review and chased up** - Gate at the septic tank in Redberth, Redberth bus shelter. Also the plinth under the Stop and Chat bench in Milton needs to be chased up.

**Diary Dates Schedule** - To be added to for discussion in June – Christmas/Village lights,

With regard to the Lantern Procession which was previously so well attended - It was agreed to look at this in June . Suggested were - selection boxes for children, soup and hot dogs/light refreshments with a suggested budget of £250. This also to be added to the budget, financial review and planning.

Invoices for payment:

Bank account balances – current £7023.01 Business account £4723.72

Invoice received from PCC on the Town and Community Council election re-charge. Following the elections in May, PCC have calculated the re-charge to the Community Council is £225. All present agreed that this be paid via BACS to PCC.

The money collected from the recent retrieval from the play areas of Carew and Milton currently totals £23.30 and County Councillor Thomas will pay this in via BACS payment.

West Wales Systems - WiFi - £46.20 paid via direct debit. Clerks Salary paid by standing order - £162.74.

### **County Councillor Report**

County Councillor Thomas informed the Community Council of her meeting with representatives of PCC and residents in Milton on the traffic concerns. Two options have been put forward for the resolution of the concerns. County Councillor Thomas had visited residents in the village of Milton and will be collating their responses and preferences for the options. This will be further discussed at the January meeting.

County Councillor Thomas also gave background to the previously discussed suggested Asset Transfer of the public conveniences in Carew.

County Councillor Thomas had sent the 20 mph speed limit at Whitehill proposals. All areas with a 30 mph limit will change to 20 mph unless there is a good reason to remain at 30 mph. For further discussion at the January meeting.

**General Discussion** - Noticeboards for the Parish potential funding opportunities.

Kings Coronation - perhaps a family picnic . To be discussed with Sageston School for use of their playing field.

Further funding opportunities with regard to obtaining grants for the play areas.

**Date And Time Of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Carew Community Council will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7 pm in Carew Memorial Hall.

Note for diary – Carew Community Council dinner Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in Carew Inn.

Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

The meeting was declared closed.

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## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Receive and Welcome new Co-opted Community Councillor
3. Minutes of the December 2022 meeting
4. Matters Arising and "What's Been Happening".
5. Budget , financial planning and review - Set Precept for 2023/24
6. Planning see below
7. Diary Dates Schedule, Organisations in the Parish
8. Correspondence
9. Carew Newton Cemetery
10. County Councillors Report including 20 mph speed limit at Whitehill and Milton Traffic Concerns review
11. Items for the Agenda for the next meeting & General discussion- Kings Coronation.
12. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall at 7 pm.

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Planning - 20/0230/PA

### **Erection of 3 Detached Dwellings together with associated works**

**Land at Sageston Fields, West End Plots, Sageston, Tenby, SA70 8TQ. Conditionally approved by PCC.**