

# CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Carew Community Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7 pm in the Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall.

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** : None.

**HYBRID ATTENDEES** - None.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting in 2024.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - Councillors had not identified any items that needed a Declaration of their Interest from the information already received.

## **SETTING THE PRECEPT FOR 2024/25**

Further analysis of bank balances and spending for the last year took place. Following lengthy and prolonged discussion it was resolved by all present and also by a show of hands that the following Precept be applied for:

Increase of £7,000 from £18,000 to £25,000 .

The reasons behind this £7k increase is that all unallocated contingencies and allowances in the Community Council's budget have been used up on the Carew Play Area phase 1 project. There are thus no reserves to commence the Milton Play Area Phase 1 project.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** - It was proposed by Cllr Bland and seconded by Cllr Goodman that the minutes of the December meeting were a true record and they were duly signed.

## **Play Areas Enhancement Projects**

- Clerk confirmed that the new roundabout at Carew play park has been paid in full and the Enhancement Grant had also been claimed . This marks completion of phase 1 of the project.

Councillors resolved to now pursue phase 1 of Milton play park and to this end Clerk and Chair to meet to compile an Expression of Interest form for Enhancement Grant with PCC. Suggestions for the Play area in Milton are for exercise gym equipment.

Also discussed was the possibility of a Fundraiser event for the Play Parks project

**Lantern Procession round up** - Chair reported thank you letters have been circulated. A very successful evening all round.

**Closure of Carew Toilets** - Prolonged discussion on the way forward with regard to the closure of the toilets. Cllr Bland kindly agreed to organise a "Public Meeting" independently of the Community Council to try and gain support of residents. There may be opportunity to form a Community Group to help fund the venture and a petition. Perhaps Community Association might also be involved.

Flemish chimney and War Memorial - It was resolved to seek opinion on the repair of the chimney and repointing work to the steps at the cenotaph and surrounding wall. Cllr Benbow kindly agreed to also look into CADW funding for these.

COOPTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR - Mr Simon Hosker-Hicks has communicated his interest in joining the Community Council. It was resolved that Mr Hosker-Hicks be invited to join as a Coopted member and for PCC to be informed.

Mr Hosker-Hicks to attend the February meeting.

**MILTON WATER COURSE AND RADFORD PILL** - Natural Resources Wales had communicated on the proposal to remove the weir on the Milton Marsh Walk that had been decommissioned in 1986.

The weir acts as a barrier to the movement of native and migratory species within the watercourse and by removing the structure it would aid in unlocking over 2 km of upstream habitat and thereby safeguarding the resilience of populations of Atlantic salmon that inhabit Radford Pill. It was established that there would be no cost to the community Council and that the Marsh Walk would not have to be closed during this work. It was resolved to communicate to Natural Resources Wales that there were no objections from the Community Councillors.

### **PLANNING**

The following planning application was discussed:

23/0723/PA - Removal of existing wind turbine and the erection of single replacement wind turbine up to a maximum of 90 m to blade tip height and revised hardstanding arrangements - Land north of Summertown Farm, Sageston. Following perusal and inspection of plans and accompanying documentation there were no objections from Community Councillors and no adverse comments. Recommend PCC grant this application.

Decision - NP/23/0577/FUL- Erection of a single storey oak framed and timber clad outbuilding to replace an existing timber outbuilding at Curlews Reach, West Williamston Kilgetty. Conditionally approved by PCNPA.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence received:

- Wales Audit £465
- Natural Resources Wales re Milton Works and Radford Point – agenda item and I have invited him to the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January
- OVW – New Consultation Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill
- Newsletter re 20 mph speed limit
- Ministerial Review of Play summary report – always some good info here when applying for grants.
- Play Wales information
- Audit Wales Newsletter – Graduate Training.
- OVW – Ombudsman – Equality and Human Rights Casebook – interesting read.
- Option for future of Paediatric Services selected – from Hywel Dda University Health Board
- Mobile Vet information on pet euthanasia.
- OVW – Vacancy Welsh Government Public Law Lawyer

- OVW - Vacancy Welsh Government Litigation Assistant x 2 -
- PCC - Bus Services prioritisation
- OVW – Countryside Code Update.
- OVW – Training Dates
- OVW – Cost of Living – Community and Town Councils activity in Wales
- OPCC = Police and Crime Commissioner monthly bulletin letter
- OPCC =- Dyfed Powys Police Autumn/Winter Newsletter
- OVW - webinar invitation Interactive self-guided tours for villages, towns and communities Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January .
- Marina has sent you information on a grant via PAVS – outdoor connections fund.
- OVW - Future spending purposes for dormant assets – Dormant Assets Fund – response to survey required.
- Working Better Together PCC – online meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Bank Balances - £6,938.24 (after payment to Wicksteed) Business account £764.67

Invoices for payment ; Welsh Audit for the recently completed Audit- £465

Clerk - Santa outfit £33.99

Donation to Sandy Bears in lieu of payment for entertainment at Lantern Procession £50.

It was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Benbow that these three invoices be paid and all present agreed.

Paid by Direct debit West Wales Systems £48.52. Paid by Standing Order £222.55 Clerks Salary.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

County Councillor Thomas informed of meeting with owners of Milton Caravan Park with regard to the problem of sewerage on the path . She informed that when weather permits work will commence on alleviating this problem.

Detrunked Road to Hays Lane - Speeding along this stretch still the same and will be further monitored. White lines at the Give Way sign will be repainted when weather permits .

County Councillor Thomas informed that the waste bin at Cornfields Estate play area has been added to the collection list at PCC and that the Fence issue at Redberth has been resolved.

County Councillor Thomas informed of the perennial problem of dog fouling along Birds Lane along to the school in particular. As a member of the Services Committee County Councillor Thomas will keep this matter under review.

Potholes at Bartletts Well Road to be communicated to PCC along with gullies and drains cleared along Birds Lane.

### **WHATS BEEN HAPPENING, GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Grass cutting from beginning March to end October inclusive - Clerk had preliminarily contacted the current groundsman regarding this and he has agreed to keep the fees the same for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. All Councillors very pleased to hear from this and Clerk to draw up the contract for the coming season.



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The next meeting of Carew Community Council will be on Wednesday 14<sup>TH</sup> February 2024 at 7 pm in Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall.

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Hybrid remote attendees - Cllr Benbow
3. Declaration of Interests
4. To welcome new Councillor - Simon Hosker Hicks and to sign acceptance.
5. Representatives from Sports Club re their application for grant funding.
6. Minutes of the January 2024 meeting
7. Matters Arising including
  - Public meeting re toilets
  - Community Council "Surgeries".
  - Website updates.
8. Grass cutting contract beginning March to end of October 2024
9. Review of policies portfolio
10. Planning SEE BELOW
11. Correspondence & invoices for payment
12. County Councillors Report
12. "What's Been Happening", General discussion and items for agenda for next meeting
13. Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7 pm in Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall

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Planning:

DECISION - 23/0730/PA - Construction of side and rear extensions and porch to 5 Perrots Road, Carew Park, Sageston, Tenby - refused by PCC.

NEW : NP/24/0028/FUL

Proposed side & rear extensions with off-road parking & ecological enhancements (partly in retrospect).

4, Pischah Cottages, Cresselly, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0TD

