

CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Carew Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 via Zoom.

PRESENT:	Cllr Vanessa Thomas (Chair)	Cllr Marina Griffiths
	Cllr Rev Joel Barder	Cllr Pat Gibby
	County Councillor Paul Rapi	Cllr Sarah Benbow
	Cllr Trevor Goodman	Cllr Marcia Allen
APOLOGIES:	Cllr John Brock MBE	Cllr Gwenllian Head
	Cllr Andrew Blayney	Cllr Kate Chandler-Hall

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: It was proposed by County Councillor Rapi and seconded by Cllr Benbow that the minutes of the January meeting were a true record and they were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Community Events Area - One lot of tyres has been kindly donated by West Coast Wheels. More tyres are expected and these will need to be positioned, painted and planted.

Also, benches and planters will need to be ordered from Neptune. It was agreed when more tyres received and the benches and planters arrive Councillors will gather to decide on positioning and securing to complete the Community Events Area. In the meantime Councillors to think on suitable positions within the curtilage of the Memorial Hall Car Park.

Milton Marsh Footbridge: It has been confirmed with the selected contractor that the galvanised beams should be delivered within the week with an anticipated start date somewhere in the week commencing 15th February. The contractor will contact the Clerk a couple of days prior to allow adequate time for signage on bridge closure to be put up. Clerk to make the posters, laminate them and position them - To include the diversion from the Milton Footbridge to Paddock Walk and through to Carew Cheriton. Milton Village Community Website, Milton Village shop also to be informed of the temporary closure and re-route. Reminder that the repair will cost £1997.38 plus VAT.

Dwr Cymru has informed that Clause 4.4 in the Lease confirms the Community Council are responsible for Milton Footbridge repairs and conservation. An electronic version of the Lease between Carew Community Council and Dwr Cymru has been sent.

Area Maintenance Team have agreed to visit the Milton Marsh Walk to clear up the dog fouling along Milton Marsh Walk

WiFi in Carew Memorial Hall : Clerk to attend to attempt reconnection in Main Hall as per instructions when possible.

Carew Newton Cemetery: Some miscommunication has occurred with regard to a contractor offering to fell the Ash tree within the Cemetery free of charge. This is apparently not the case. Further enquiries to be made and this item for the Agenda for the March meeting.

PCNPA Tree Preservation Officer has confirmed there are no trees within the Cemetery with a TPO and has also given detailed information and instruction on removal of trees and hedgerows with his important and helpful. PCNPA to be asked if they will look at the Ash Tree inside the gate to the

left in the Cemetery to ascertain whether work is needed on it or whether it has Ash Die Back disease.

Molehills - Mr J Jones the Moleman visited the Cemetery last year but only noted old mole hills. He visited two weeks ago and caught a mole. His charge is usually £30 for laying the traps and £8 per mole but he has kindly waived his fee as a service to the Community. It was agreed to write a thank you note to Mr Jones.

Birdbath - This needs to be anchored and/or cemented into place. All Agreed to ask Tony Dunn he is able to undertake this.

Entrance - The gate needs painting and the entry pillars need to be cleared of ivy. Clerk confirmed she had nearly completed the edging along the path and around the Internment Area for Ashes. The entry slope needs reconcreting and the gutter cleared. All present agreed to ask Tony Dunn also if he can look at the slope area. Working Party of the Parish Environment Group to arrange to meet to attend to the pillars and paint the gates.

Following discussion on burial fees, and burial information brochure, it was agreed to hold a Zoom meeting of Carew Newton Cemetery Committee to discuss the above with update from Church in Wales regulations and fees. It became apparent that information on the new Ashes Internment Area and fees for this are not included in the schedule of fees or in the brochure. The Cemetery Committee will report back to the Community Council.

Carew Castle Car Parks - Reply from Site Manager had previously been circulated to Community Councillors and her observations noted. The Castle Management are aware of the issue and are also monitoring the situation. Also the local PCSO visits the area to check regularly and has in fact returned visitors back to Swansea.

Dogfouling -The need for more dog fouling/dual purpose bins on walks within the Parish was considered. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Rev Barder and seconded by Cllr Benbow and all present agreed to ask Pembrokeshire County Council to position a bin to be sited along the detrunked road at the end of Hays Lane houses near the communications mast. It was understood that there would be a cost incurred to the Community Council as there is for the waste bin at Milton Green near the water pump near the entrance to Milton Marsh Walk. This item to also be put on the Agenda for next meeting to discuss any further sites that need a bin.

A suggestion was made to ask Sageston school if the children could design a poster for use in areas of high incidence of owners not cleaning up after their dogs. All present agreed that the Headmaster of Sageston School be asked if school children would like to take part in this.

A suggestion was also raised as to the feasibility of reintroduction of Dog Licenses and PCC to be asked for their opinion on this.

School Governor at Sageston School. Information finally received from the Education Department at PCC regarding the vacancy at Sageston School. Head of Board of Governors at the school has informed that Cllr Marcia Allen has been appointed as the Community Councillors representative on the Board of Governors of Sageston School. Councillors congratulated Cllr Allen.

Also letter received from Education Department on a vacancy on the Board of Governors at Cosheston CP School. There were no volunteers for this position.

Items to be kept under review: Sign at the end of Knapp Lane, pot hole up the hill past Glenview Cottage at Llandigwynett, fly tipping of building rubble at Hays Lane; moss clearing on the footpath

from Ashleigh House to Plough Inn and white lines needed off Sageston Roundabout to the Redberth junction.

PLANNING :

Councillors had been circulated with the following planning application for review and consideration:

20/0924/PA - Variation of condition 1 (occupancy restriction condition) of planning permission ref: 96/0567/PA (Variation of condition 4 of planning permission ref D3/1217/88) – Glom Farm Cottage, Glom Farm, Milton, Tenby SA70 8PB. It is understood that this relates to all year round occupancy rather than for holiday let period. Councillors considered this and had no comments to make but rather to ask PCC to deliberate on this and decide.

Councillors had been previously provided with the Planning Inspectorate Appeal decision on Pincheston Farm development. This Appeal has not been upheld.

REMUNERATION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS Clerk confirmed that all Community Councillors had been asked for their intention in this regard, i.e. if they wish to opt out of receiving £150 remuneration. The names of those who wish to opt out had been received and letters with cheques to be issued to Councillors who wish to receive this.

PLAY AREAS

All necessary documentation regarding this had previously been circulated to Councillors.

Also distributed were the notes of meeting held via Skype between Chair, Clerk, Environmental services Project Officer and Operations Manager for Environmental Services and these notes explain the

Pembrokeshire County Council wish the Community Council to take over responsibility for Milton and Carew Play areas via a Community Asset Transfer. Considerable and indepth discussion took place and the following is a summary of the issues/concerns:

1. The Precept has already been set for 2021/2022 (which is to remain as last year at £12,000) and therefore Councillors were not afforded the opportunity to perhaps increase the Precept.
2. No previous correspondence other than at the meeting with PCC had been available.
3. Play area at Redberth is on Common Land and therefore not the responsibility of the Community Council. Discussion on this suggested that consideration should be given to the Community Council also taking over responsibility of this area as PCC may remove the play equipment at the “end of life” of the equipment.
4. If Asset Transfer to take place PCC will offer training for Community Councillors inspection of the play areas

It was agreed that this matter be put on the agenda for the March meeting and in the meantime PCC to be asked for the following:

- a. Whether an extension to the Community Asset Transfer could be given until next financial year – 2021/2022 in order for possible increase of Precept as a form of funding to be considered.
- b. Up to date annual inspection of the state of all three play areas to be undertaken by independent organisation - PCC are to request this.

- c. Confirmation that the inspections of the three areas will take place prior to the Community Council's further discussion on this to ascertain the state and condition of what they are up against.
- d. To communicate dismay that this matter was not notified to Community Council before the Precept was decided.

Issues and concerns expressed were how to fund the replacement – suggestions were Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant of which there should be two years “in the pot”; Community Association; Community initiative fundraising via Lottery and other available sources perhaps through PAVS for advice.

Also discussed were the independent sources for inspections – Kompan were suggested (PCC suggesting £615 per annum for each of the three areas); Setting up of a sub committee, public meeting for residents to express their interest in being involved and a social media campaign.

WAR MEMORIAL GRANT SCHEME. Councillors were made aware of a grant for improvements to the War Memorial. The local British Legion had been asked for input. Councillors will give thought to what improvements might be needed. Applications can be submitted quarterly.

BROADBAND SCHEME . Councillors were furnished with further information on the improvement scheme to local broadband speeds. This item was first discussed at the last meeting and County Councillor Rapi provided further developments. PCC have money available for this initiative and just 30% completing the survey requesting broadband speed improvement will activate the scheme in the Parish. County Councillor Rapi informed that PCC will print out a letter which residents need to respond to either writing in to PCC, phoning or completing an online application with their names and address. Following discussion County Councillor Rapi agreed to liaise further with PCC and arrange for the letters to be delivered to the Clerk who will then coordinate a letter drop with Councillors who are able to carry out a “letter drop” to households in the Parish. Clerk to let Councillors know when these letters are available from County Councillor Rapi.

CORRESPONDENCE

- HM Land Registry Survey of Town and Community Councils. Clerk agreed to undertake this survey.
- Letter received from a resident asking to reserve two places in the new Ashes Internment Area. Clerk to respond.
- Limit on maintenance work by Handyman. It was proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Goodman and all present agreed that a £250 be set as the limit of maintenance work that can be authorised by Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk out of meeting and then brought to the next meeting for verification. This is to enable repair work in, for example, but not exclusively for, Carew Newton Cemetery and Milton Marsh Walk.
- The Community Health Council have asked for dates of forthcoming meetings via remote access. The CHC has been informed of the dates but asked for any items for discussion are given in good time to be able to be put on the Agenda for a meeting as and when timescales allow.
- Councillors have been furnished with training dates for courses from One Voice Wales. Cllr Thomas and/or Clerk to enrol in a forthcoming course on 17th February.
- Bank Balances - current account £8882.33 Deposit(Business) Account £7718.61.
- Two applications for donation from charities received and it had previously been agreed that donations to local organisations/charities will be made at the AGM in May.

- Invoices for payment:

Viking £33.80

Clerks Expenses (birdbath and cartridges) £206.99

Cllr Thomas (cartridges) £27.73.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibby and seconded by Cllr Goodman and all present agreed that the invoices be paid.

Clerks Salary paid by standing order £162.74.

WiFi/Broadband in Carew Memorial Hall £39.78 paid by direct debit

- Quote received from Tony Dunn for the repair of the walk/boundary around the Carding Mill on the Milton Marsh Walk - £450 . This area has been roped off for safety reasons. Cllr Rev Barder proposed and County Councillor Rapi seconded that this repair work be proceeded with.
- Chair informed that elections in May are for Crime Commissioner and Senedd and that the Town and Community Council elections will be in 2022 – i.e postponed one year.
- Extracts from the One Voice Wales newsletter were read out. These included information on the Draft Code of Conduct and the traffic calming measures that have been successful in Caerphilly. Noted. Clerk will distribute this email to Councillors.
- Election of Officers - It was agreed to contact the Monitoring Officer with the full list of Community Councillors following the three addition of coopted Councillors.
- Councillors discussed that there would be at last one more Community Council meeting via remote access and Microsoft Teams to be explored as the platform for meetings as this is considered a safer platform by PCC.

PARISH MATTERS

- Stephens Green – to check new signage and road markings.
- More fly tipping in Redberth – PCC to be informed.
- County Councillors Report - County Councillor Rapi informed of the various meetings he has attended. The vaccine role out and COVID-19 testing have been very successful. Meeting on the Council Tax budget and on Council Tax on 2nd homes allocation to Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant forthcoming. County Councillor Rapi to ascertain an update with regard to Milton Traffic Concerns.
- Clerk to attend to Milton noticeboard to remove any out of date posters.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 10th March at 7 pm.

Chairman thanked all and declared the meeting closed.

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The next meeting of the Carew Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom/Microsoft Teams.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters Arising including War Memorial Grant suggestions and Dog Foul bin sites
4. Carew Newton Cemetery Committee Report & Fees.
5. Community Events Area – consider site of benches and plantars and tyres for planting.
6. Play Areas – reports attached
7. Community Council Website and Social Media
8. Planning - 20/0907/PA – Proposed single storey rear extension & alterations – 16 Milton Meadows, Milton, Tenby SA70 8PL.
20/1011/PA – Proposed alteration & extension of existing ancillary curtilage building for use as combined granny annexe, home office & garage/store -Lake House, Carew Cheriton
9. Correspondence
Hays Lane, Sageston – contact from resident in Hays Lane regarding lack of parking bays.
Benches at Milton Village Shop - email to follow.
Pigs Cott Wall Carew Play area – email to follow.
Long Course Weekend – Postponed 2021
Planning Directorate Wales - Future Wales – The National Plan 2040. Welsh Government Document.
Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum Newsletter.
10. Parish Matters
11. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7 pm . Clerk to notify Councillors whether this is by Zoom/Microsoft Teams or in Carew Memorial Hall when further details on lifting of Lockdown restrictions are announced.

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