

## CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Carew Community Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the Meetings Room of Carew Memorial Hall.

PRESENT:                    Cllr Marina Griffiths                    Cllr Sarah Benbow  
                                  Cllr Marcia Allen                        Cllr Andrew Blayney  
                                  County Councillor Vanessa Thomas

Chair (Cllr Griffiths) Welcomed all to the meeting. She thanked Clerk and all present for their support during her time as Chair and stood down from office.

Clerk had previously circulated the Annual Council report and all present agreed that it's contents represented a summary of the activities of the Community Council over the previous 12 months.

Clerk thanked all Councillors for their help and support. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the suggestions and nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Following due process It was proposed by Cllr Benbow and seconded by Cllr Griffiths that Cllr Andrew Blayney take the office of Chair . Cllr Blayney accepted the nomination.

It was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Benbow that Cllr Griffiths take the office of Vice Chair. Cllr Griffiths accepted the nomination.

Therefore ,

Chair – Cllr Andrew Blayney

Vice Chair – Cllr Marina Griffiths.

County Councillor Vanessa Thomas expressed an interest in returning to the Community Council and was coopted at the meeting by agreement of all present. Clerk to check with Elections Department of PCC that this is acceptable .

It was understood that the Community Council need to robustly recruit more councillors. Suggestion made to have a stall at the forthcoming Queens Platinum Jubilee event with a Facebook Blog to explain the role of community councillor and how residents can help their community. (Badges – “Ask me about Community Council” )

### **QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**

In addition to a community council stall as above, a community council raffle to be held. Kind donation already made by Carew Castle of a “Tea and Cake for Two” in the Castle Tea Room.

Carew Site Manager has also asked that the small PCNPA car park be kept clear for Castle Staff parking on that weekend.

Discussion ensued on taking part in the Tug of War event at the Community Fun Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Tickets for the Saturday evening event to be available from the end of the week and clerk to circulate.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Flower Festival – Pisgah Chapel Anniversary in August 2022 . Further to the last discussion on the flower arrangement from Carew Community Council, this matter was re-discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Allen that £50 be donated to Pisgah Chapel Anniversary Flower Festival towards a display.

Sageston Sewerage Works - Communication noted from Dwr Cymru that the Works can accommodate foul only flows from the Cornfields Development .

Whitehill Post Box - Following on from the reporting of the fallen and damaged post box at Whitehill back in February , no response had been received from Royal Mail and therefore a concern had been raised by the Clerk and an acknowledgement received to the effect that the post box repair and reinstatement could take up to 25 weeks. Councillors were very annoyed to receive this information and the response from Royal Mail will be sent on to County Councillor Thomas (and other Councillors) to investigate further. Already residents in Whitehill have been expressing their disappointment and annoyance at the lack of progress with regard to this matter.

Tree Planting of 70 Trees from PCNPA - South County Area Ranger for PCNPA has been invited to the June 8th meeting in order to look into locations and likely suitable trees. Councillors agreed that Carew Recreational Field, Carew Newton Cemetery and Milton Play Area, Carew Memorial Hall being the areas already leased/owned by the Community Council. Further on to the discussion at last meeting it was agreed to contact Sports Club to discuss planting at the far end of the play field . Tree planting may (or may not) help with the drainage problem in the field. Also Carew Castle Estate to be contacted.

**Service Level Agreement and Milton and Carew playground inspection reports.** - Following discussion it was agreed to contact PCC to ask for the fortnightly reports and safety inspection reports from the start of the financial year. Playground meeting on the inspection reports will be convened to identify the most important repairs needed as some are medium risk in the Play Ground Inspection report.

**Co-option of Community Councillors** . Recent advert within the last six 6 months for Casual Vacancies had been posted on website and usual platforms. Cooption can take place immediately and notice on the same forums will be undertaken without delay.

Stop and Chat Bench - Councillors were pleased to note the application for the bench at Milton Bridge had been successful and the siting of this is awaited. PCC will arrange to lay a plinth for the bench as the Milton Bridge is in their ownership.

Dual purpose litter bins have been positioned and secured at Plough Sageston and “Badgers Gate” on the detrunked road.

Carew Telephone box has been added to the list for this seasons repainting and repair.

Final year Accounts - Clerk provided Income and Expenditure account for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Donations** - Following review of requests for donations received. It was proposed by Cllr Benbow and seconded by Cllr Allen that £50 be donated to Welsh Air Ambulance and £50 to Paul Sartori organisation.

Carew Newton Cemetery - Following discussion it was agreed to meet at the Cemetery on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6 pm to undertake maintenance work as necessary and application of weed killer to the Ashes Area.

**Planning:**

Councillors noted that PCC have conditionally approved 21/1164/PA – Demolition of existing conservatory & replacement side extension at Eastward, Milton SA70 8PH.

The following planning application was considered:

21/1280/PA – Proposed conversion of existing barns to form 5 self contained holiday accommodation units with onsite parking and amenity space – Coachlands Farm, Sageston, tenby SA70 8SB. Following perusal of the application, plans and accompanying documentation there were no adverse comments to make nor any obvious grounds for refusal identified. Community Councillors to recommend that this application be approved.

**Correspondence**

List of correspondence already circulated to Councillors and their contents noted:

Training Dates from OVW  
PCC Landscape Architect  
Community Food Hub from Abi Marriot  
Stop and Chat bench  
Road closures in West Williamston .

**Invoices for payment:**

Purchase of Jubilee mugs from Baker Ross - £457.95  
Viking Direct printer cartridges - £63.88  
Service Level Agreement for Carew Play Area £615.  
Service Level Agreement for Milton Play Area £615.  
HMRC PAYE  
Bank Account Balances - Current £9640.27 - Business £4719.25 as at 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Precept from PCC received on 24<sup>th</sup> April £5334 (next Precept payment will be August)  
  
Note – West Wales Systems WiFi paid by direct debit for May 2022 - £46.20 & Clerks Salary paid by Standing Order £164.72

It was proposed by Cllr Benbow and seconded by Cllr Griffiths that these invoices be paid either by cheque or BACS payments.

**WI Queens Platinum Jubilee – Tree.**

A request has been received from Carew WI to plant a crab apple tree to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and the proposed site is the grassy area on the right side outside the Memorial Hall, opposite the Christmas Tree. Following discussion it was agreed that the WI tree be planted in this location.

**Redberth Issues.**

List Of issues raised were discussed and the following was decided:

1. Knapp Lane sign – there have been many issues with large vehicles being sent up this road by Sat Nav and getting stuck. PCC to be requested to replace the sign
2. The pipe running under the road down past Glenview, Llandigwynett is blocked – PCC to be asked to unblock or replace the pipe.
3. To ask PCC (Streetcare) to provide a street light at the top of the hill down to the Redberth Play Area by Lammaas Vale as it is very dark there.
4. To ask PCC to repair the roof and paint the bus shelter in Redberth . Thanks also to PCC Area Maintenance for recently cleaning out the bus shelter.
5. Speeding traffic past Picton Villa – Councillors to keep this matter under review
6. PCC Highways to be asked to replace the gate down into the septic tank by number 11 The Rise. It doesn't fit and there is a gap which could be dangerous if children where to go down there.

Discussion began on the

**Agenda Items for next meeting.**

PCNPA Ranger in attendance to discuss the PCNPA 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary trees.

Enhancement Grant

Play Areas – costings for play area fence and gate at Carew

Chair - Cllr Blayney thanked all for coming and declared the meeting closed.

**Date and time of next meeting** - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7 pm in in the Meetings Room Carew Memorial Hall.

Signed .....

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