

CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7 pm in Carew Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllr Vanessa Thomas Cllr Andrew Blayney
 Cllr Trevor Goodman Cllr Rev Joel Barder
 County Councillor Paul Rapi Cllr Sarah Benbow
 Cllr Pat Gibby Cllr Marina Griffiths
 Cllr Kate Chandler-Hall Cllr Marcia Allen
 Cllr Gwenllian Head

Apologies: Cllr John Brock MBE

Cllr Brock informed of the AGM. Cllr Brock is now in his 62nd year as a Community Councillor and without his brilliant recall of historic and community knowledge this Council would be lost. However, he is still shielding and sends his warmest wishes and apologies to the meeting.

Chair welcomed all to this years postponed AGM due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In particular welcome was extended to two new Councillors - Cllr Kate Chandler-Hall and Cllr Marcia Allen. They had been given a copy of "The Good Councillors Guide", the Community Council's standing orders, financial arrangements, along with the forms for Declaration of Interests and Acceptance of Office. These two latter forms were signed in the meeting, countersigned by the Clerk and retained for the Council's records.

Chair thanked all for their support over the last 18 months of her tenure and handed over to the Clerk to undertake the Election process for Chair and Vice Chair. These positions are until the next scheduled AGM in May 2021. The Chair then stepped down.

Clerk thanked all for the support, encouragement and expert guidance received from Councillors.

Clerk asked Councillors to observe one minutes silence.

Election procedure for Chair and Vice Chair until May 2021 began. Following due process and in accordance with procedures nominations were asked for Chair.

Cllr Benbow agreed to act as Independent adjudicator in the event of a ballot.

Cllr Blayney nominated and proposed Cllr Thomas as Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Griffiths. Cllr Thomas accepted the nomination. There were no amendments. A show of hands unanimously voted in Cllr Thomas for a further term of six months as Chair.

County Councillor Paul Rapi nominated and proposed Cllr Blayney as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Griffiths. Cllr Blayney accepted the nomination though wished to inform that in the months of February, March and April 2021 he may be absent for some meetings due to work commitments. There were no amendments. A show of hands unanimously voted in Cllr Blayney for a further term of six months as Vice Chair.

Cllr Thomas then took the Chair.

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

MATTERS ARISING

- Milton Traffic Concerns - Head of Highways and Infrastructure has responded that the matter has been referred to the Traffic Team to consider and review. Though because of current workload and also reduced capacity it may take a while to respond in detail but it will be as quickly as they can.
- Milton Marsh Nature Walk Bridge - one quote received - £350 which is for the stabilisation of the boardwalk span. Quote for the replacement of the support timbers that are rotten in line with the advice from the Bridge Engineer at PCC to be obtained. Another quote of £450 for repair of the walk around the Carding Mill. Discussion ensued on the work needed and it was agreed to seek the advice of a Structural Engineer and some suggestions were preferred. Also further quotes to be obtained. The ownership of the Bridge is still unknown and it was agreed to contact Dwr Cymru who the Community Council lease the Nature Walk from to ask if they would consider supporting the Community and repair the Bridge. The work on the Carding Mill to be kept in abeyance for the time being.
- Redberth Stream - Further information received from PCC. Document produced in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales had been received relating to riparian duties. The stream and play area are on Common Land and it had been suggested by PCC that this is the responsibility of the Community Council. Councillors do not recall any information or communication received from PCC on such ownership and responsibility. Indeed PCC have installed bollards to prevent parking on the perimeter of the area and PCC regularly mow the grass. Following further in depth discussion the following was agreed:
 1. The Parish Environment Group to undertake a once-only clearing of the stream in good faith and to prevent accident. Date for this agreed – Saturday 21st November at 9 am.
 2. To look out the Common Land file to ensure that nothing has been missed with regard to transfer of responsibilities.
 3. PCC to be informed that the stream clearing to be undertaken by the Environment Group is a one off arrangement and that in future PCC should undertake this work as they undertake mowing of the grass and the stream to be cleared out at the same time.
- Detrunked Road Sageston : - Reply received from Streetcare on this matter. Stating that the kerb/pavement infringement without a dropped kerb has been prohibited by PCC

pending access works for a dropped kerb which they understanding is in the process of being carried out. Councillors informed that the infringement is still taking place. With regard to the extending of fence boundaries along this road, there has been no further information on this. Cables and services are now within the new boundaries and therefore utilities should be informed, ie. Dwr Cymru, BT, gas, electricity. It also became apparent that before the bypass was built there was no pavement and therefore the acquired boundaries would have been onto the Highway. Also, there should be a requirement for those residents to declare the acquired land on their housing Deeds . County Councillor Rapi agreed to pursue this matter further with PCC, Streetcare and Head of Infrastructure.

- Play Areas - Further information received from PCC showing that out of the three categories, Milton and Carew play areas are classified in the middle category as follows: “Play areas on land owned by Town/Community Councils managed by PCC – land owned by 3rd Party (Carew Castle Estates) inspected and made safe when required but not maintained”. The need to update and replace equipment was discussed. There is no money currently allocated in the Community Council budget for this and there are three sites in the Parish . Following discussion it was agreed to reiterate to PCC that the Community Council had always strenuously resisted, refused and objected to taking on responsibilities for the play areas in the Parish. Redberth play area is on Common Land. It is noted that full time paid Officers at PCC deal with this and the Community Council have no experience or knowledge on maintenance and repair. Further discussion then ensued on the possibility of raising money through the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant next year and to this end this item will be tabled on the agenda for discussion at January or February meeting 2021.
- Items outstanding - to be chased up with PCC - Footpath from Sageston roundabout to Plough inn very slippery, white line painting from Sageston roundabout to junction to Redberth where the white lines have entirely worn away. Leaves and soil on pavement from Kesteven Court through to Bartletts Well Road on Birds Lane.
- Pembrokeshire Enhancement Grant - First payment received £5017 via BACS from PCC . It was proposed by Cllr Head and seconded by County Councillor Rapi that the second payment of £5017 be sent to the Contractors.
- With regard to the furniture for the Community Events Area i.e. benches and planters - the Community Council allowed £1770 for these items and there is a further £210 to pay . It was proposed by Cllr Blayney and seconded by Cllr Goodman that the additional payment for the Community council’s part of the Grant scheme be added to the £1770 = £1980. It was agreed that these be ordered ready for planting in the Spring . Suggestions for additional planters were made including old tyres painted with outdoor paint in matching colours to the chosen benches and planters. Clerk and Councillors to source these from local tyre companies.

- Noticeboards. Further to previous correspondence from Planed it was agreed that as money is tight at present whether there is a possibility further noticeboards could be provided and installed by Planed in the Parish.
- Deliveries to the Sports Club- Communication from the brewery dray stating that they would look into the matter further and be back in touch.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT PLANNING - It was agreed to defer this to the December meeting.

PLANNING:

20/0581/PA - Proposed conversion of existing barns to form 5 self contained holiday accommodation units with onsite parking and amenity space - Coachlands Farm, Sageston , Tenby. Councillors discussed this application having perused the plans and accompanying documentation. There were no adverse comments, no objections and no obvious grounds for refusal identified.

The following planning applications have been approved/granted by PCC:

20/0005/PA - Erection of replacement workshop, stable and storage building (In Retrospect).Lake House, CAREW CHERITON, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8SR

20/0375/PA - Alterations and extensions from single dwelling to multi-generational accommodation Summerton Style - conditionally approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Communication from Sports Club with appreciation that the half year rent has been reduced and an amended invoice from the Community Council has been sent. Sports Club also state they have taken care of cutting the privet hedge on the boundary of the car park and that two Sports club members have refurbished the two Community Council benches in the playing field.

Invoices for payment - All the Seasons Garden Services £220 - this is the last invoice for the present season which ended at the end of October. The Groundsman has indicated that he would like to continue in 2021 cutting the Memorial Hall grass, Carew Newton Cemetery and Milton Marsh Walk at a cost of £65 for the three cuts.

Cllr Griffiths proposed and Cllr Blayney seconded that this be paid and that All the Seasons Garden Services be asked to continue with their excellent work starting in March 2021 until end October 2021.

It was previously agreed to pay second invoice to Crwbin quarries.

Paid by BACS transfer : Viking , Clerks expenses, PCC for wasps nest removal

Received by BACS transfer - £375 from Sports Club, £5017 from PCC.

Direct debit West Wales systems £39.78 broadband ,(15th October) Clerks Salary £162.74 (25th October).

Communication from PCC on the proposal to establish a new 3-19 Welsh Medium school in Crymych. At PCC meeting it was agreed to proceed with the proposal and the authority has published a Statutory Notice. - Noted.

PARISH MATTERS:

Clerk informed that the bulbs as part of the Keep Wales Tidy Grant have arrived and require planting.

Cllr Rev Barder informed of a new Church initiative giving out gift bags to families of new babies and asked if he be informed of new arrivals/expected new arrivals when known.

Also, Cosheston School low on Governors. Still no communication from PCC on replacement Governor for Sageston School and no communication from PCC on Cosheston school Governors either. As soon as this information received Councillors will be informed.

County Councillors Report - County Councillor Rapi reported on meetings he had attended at PCC with regard to budget seminar, increase in Council tax discussions, 2nd homes Council tax level and Council houses. He also had further information from Head of Infrastructure following suggestion of weight restrictions for large vehicles through Milton Village in relation to Milton Traffic Concerns. Weight restrictions are usually only applied to Bridges.

Path from Carew to Milton - Report on an incident whereby hedges being cut inside fields adjacent to the footpath on the Carew roundabout without hazard notices on the footpath nor indeed any Health and Safety consideration. SWTRA telephoned by Chair who responded immediately and swept the road of dangerous and hazardous hedge material. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Carew Castle Estates Agents to discuss with the tenants in the fields the need for proper consideration and Health and Safety when undertaking work within the fields that impact on pedestrians and cyclists. Also SWTRA to be thanked and congratulated on their speedy response.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7 pm.

Dates and times reminders - Saturday 21st November 2020 at 9 am for stream clearing at Redberth
Saturday 28th November Senior Citizens Christmas take away lunch
Meet 1 pm for preparation and 3 pm for volunteers for deliveries.
Cllr Goodman kindly agreed to put up the Christmas lights on the tree.

Chair thanked all for coming and declared the meeting closed.

Signed:

Date:

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The next meeting of Carew Community Council will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7 pm in Carew Memorial Hall.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the November meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Budget and Precept
5. Planning
6. Correspondence
7. Parish Matters
8. Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7 pm

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