

CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Carew Community Council held on Wednesday 19th May at 7 pm in Carew Memorial Hall.

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

Cllr Thomas welcomed all to the first Face to Face Annual General Meeting and indeed meeting for many months. Chair thanked all for attending. It was noted that Cllr Brock had expressed he would not be rejoining the Community Council due to ongoing health issues. Clerk agreed to ask for this in writing as this would then create a vacancy on the Community Council.

Cllr Thomas informed that she had enjoyed the last two challenging years as Chair. In that time she had overseen:-

- The Community Events area come to fruition and nearly finished,
- The renovation of the Milton Footbridge,
- Creation of the Ashes Area and redesign and editing the Carew Newton Cemetery handbook
- Establishment of WiFi in Carew Memorial Hall
- Setting up of the Social Media and Facebook sub committee
- Carewparish.org website
- Carew Senior Citizens Committee Christmas meal and delivery.

Cllr Thomas and to Councillors have welcomed three new Councillors to the Council.

Cllr Thomas thanked all for their assistance and help. She thanked the Clerk for all her hard work and stood down as Chair.

Cllr Griffiths thanked Cllr Thomas for a sterling job and leading the way through the Pandemic and so much achieved. All present agreed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Clerk then took over the meeting for the formal Election of Officers. In the event of a ballot the Clerk would be the Independent Adjudicator.:

Following due and correct process the following was decided:

Election of Chair

Proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Benbow that Cllr Thomas continues as Chair.

Cllr Thomas declined the nomination.

Cllr Head proposed Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Gibby seconded this.

Cllr Griffiths accepted the nomination and by a show of hands all present agreed that Cllr Griffiths is the new Chair.

Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Thomas nominated Cllr Benbow. Cllr Rev Barder seconding this. Cllr Benbow accepted the nomination and by a show of hands all present agreed that Cllr Benbow is the new Vice Chair.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

All Councillors agreed they had seen the previously distributed minutes. County Councillor Rapi proposed and Cllr Chandler-Hall seconded that these were a true record and they were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

- Benches at Milton Village Shop - Clerk had met with owner regarding the land in question. Information has now been received from the owner from Welsh Government/Senedd and progress is being made. County Councillor Rapi agreed to meet with the owner to discuss and the Community Council agreed to write in support of their preferred option to be pursued namely for Welsh Government to hand over the land to PCC and for the owner to either buy or lease. County Councillor Rapi pointed out that negotiations with South Wales Trunk Road Agency might prove more difficult than negotiating with Welsh Government on this matter. Cllr Rapi also suggested the owners write to Local MS on this matter.
- Play Areas - Clerk, Cllrs Barder and Allen met with David Astins and Trevor Price from PCC at Milton and Carew Play Areas. Mr Price the Playgrounds Inspector informed that both play areas are in reasonable repair. Community ownership would involve increase in insurance, grass cutting and fortnightly inspections at least. Mr Astins agreed to write up the notes of the meetings at the two play areas for the Community Council to discuss further and this would take place after the Elections on 6th May. Councillors agreed that Mr Astins be asked to the next meeting on 9th June and Councillors to forward their questions to the Clerk so she can collate prior to the meeting. One of the questions would be the costings of replacement like for like play equipment and also redesign costs. In order to make some progress with the practical and feasibility aspects regarding the play areas Cllrs Chandler Hall, Cllr Allen and Cllr Rev Barder agreed to meet as the Play Park Committee on behalf of the Community Council.
- Fly tipping at Hays Lane - More has been added to the pile. Streetcare to be informed. Cllr Thomas to send more photos of the site.
- Milton issues with phone box, post office van and Carron's Lane bridleway have been reported to BT, Post Office and Rights of Way Officer and Mr D Brock informed.

Matters outstanding

Invoice for the repair of Milton Footbridge

Milton Footbridge to be added to the Asset register

White lines from Sageston roundabout to Redberth junction on the old road.

DONATIONS:

Following discussion of the list of organisations that had applied for donations towards their associations, it was proposed by Cllr Rapi and seconded by Cllr Rev Barder that £50 each be donated to Paul Sartori and Welsh Air Ambulance , all present agree by a show of hands.

PLANNING

The following planning application has been received from PCNPA:

NP/21/0126/FUL – 1 - Erection of a poly tunnel in the vegetable garden. 2. Adjustment of the new roof profile and dormer windows. 3. Erection of rain porch over door in annex and over rear door to the house. 4 Replacement of condition No 4 of approval NP/15/0692/FUL restricting use of annex to a holiday let only and replacing it with one which allows the annex to be used as part of the main house. 5. Erection of small outbuilding to house equipment for a ground source heat pump. 6. Application of external wall insulation. 7. Erection of a sun room on the patio. - Little Freestone, Whitehill, Cresselly, Kilgetty SA68 0TX. Following discussion on the different aspects of this application, there were no adverse comments by Councillors nor any obvious grounds for refusal identified. Carew Community Council recommend granting of this application by PCNPA.

PROJECTS: Milton Footbridge - Invoice awaited.

Community Events Area - Planters and benches awaited – clerk to chase up.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bank account balances - £6173.04 current . £4718.80 Business account.

Invoices:

WiFi Broadband £39.78 paid monthly via direct debit

Clerks Salary £162.74 paid monthly via standing order

Cllr Thomas postage expenses (broadband survey letters) £5.94 . All present agreed that this be paid.

Future Wales 2040 - Councillors to be resent the link to the discussion document .

Pharmacy Needs Assessment PNA from Hywel Dda University Health Board.

Clerk outlined that a public engagement exercise took place from 12th November to 10th December 2020 and there were 1,370 responses submitted (total population of the HDUHB is 387,284) . There is also a survey for consultation and Clerk agreed to complete this. Councillors noted that the public engagement exercise was a very short time frame during the Pandemic also and the response rate probably reflects this. Consultation survey will take place between 7th May and 6th July and all can take part by visiting :

<https://www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-2021>

One Voice Wales Area Liaison Meeting 18th May and Working Better Together Meeting on 12th May 2021.

Clerk reported on two meetings she attended via remote platform. The Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 was discussed at that meeting and Clerk agreed to circulate details to

Councillors. Also the One Voice Wales advice is not to hold physical meetings. Audit arrangements were also discussed and would be raised at the National Executive Committee meeting on 4th June. Cluster meetings with local community councils were carried out in some areas. The application for grant funding from Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant for a Town and Community Councils Development Officer – outcome awaited.

Of concern to learn was that child poverty numbers in Pembrokeshire is the highest in Wales .

The Working Better Together meeting is much more informal and it was agreed to carry on with these bimonthly for the time being.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

County Councillor Rapi informed of various meetings he had taken part in. Boundaries restructuring is ongoing with Carew being linked with Jeffreyston.

Cllr Rapi gave an update on the broadband survey/initiative with PCC. The community would be included in the next round of provision of faster broadband speeds.

Cllr Rapi also learnt that Redberth WI has now disbanded and suggested a letter from the Community council be sent.

Cllr Rapi informed that Sageston school is now out of review measures and is free of inspection for 5 years. The School looking to increase numbers. All agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the Headmaster.

Cllr Rapi to attend the PCC AGM shortly and New Officers will be elected.

Cllr Rapi learned that a Footpath Closed sign has been put across the Right of Way to the back of Carew Mountain in Whitehill/Branders Park. Cllr agreed that this needs to be looked into as no notice of this has come to the Community Council.

Other matters - Projector has now been acquired by donation from Pembroke Community School and it was agreed that this be held in the former Historical Society cupboard for the time being.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7 pm in Main Hall of Carew Memorial Hall.

The 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 on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7 pm in the Main Hall of Carew Memorial Hall.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Mr David Astins – re Play Areas in the Parish
3. Minutes of the last meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Planning
6. Correspondence:
Including payment of invoices – Zurich Insurance, HMRC PAYE payment
Future Wales 2040 - resent links
Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum celebrations 2022 - Cllr Gibby
7. County Councillors Report
8. Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7 pm in Main Hall of Carew Memorial Hall

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