CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY

Preface – CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL fully supports the principles of *protection and development* of the Welsh language across the Principality as recommended by the Welsh Language Board.

However, in determining its own operating policy towards the language the Council has had to consider a number of controlling factors:

- the parish of Carew is wholly contained in south-east Pembrokeshire, an area which historically and currently has recorded exceptionally low numbers of declared Welsh speakers amongst its population
- a number of questionnaire led surveys (written and on social media) over recent years have produced no evidence of public demand for any additional bi-lingual services
- the Community Council receives no financial assistance specifically for or in support of the provision of services relating to the Welsh language

Policy Statement – the Council, given the above-listed factors and the constraints of its own limited financial and linguistic resources, cannot currently justify or contemplate the budget commitment which would be required to provide, across the board, all of the bi-lingual provisions recommended by the Welsh Language Board.

Until decided otherwise in committee:

- Meetings of Councillors will continue to be conducted and minuted in English - reasonable requests by Councillors for a translation of minutes into Welsh shall be considered
- Signage around the Councils properties shall remain in English only until such time as replacement becomes necessary through normal wear and tear at which time replacement with bi-lingual signs shall be considered
- Local Press Releases shall be made in English
- Formal notices issued by the Council and distributed within the community area of benefit shall be bi-lingual where possible

The above **Policy Statement** shall be reviewed (as a minimum) annually (at Community Councils AGM) *or* at the properly constituted request of the Councillors.

Adopted and signed:....Ω....Thomas

Date: ......14.).11.\2019.........