

CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Carew Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7 pm in Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall

PRESENT	Cllr Marina Griffiths (Chair)	Cllr Sarah Benbow
	Cllr Madeleine Bland	Cllr Trevor Goodman
	Cllr Marcia Allen	County Councillor Vanessa Thomas

Chair welcomed all to the April meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING It was proposed by Cllr Bland and seconded by Cllr Goodman that these minutes were a true record and they were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING - Mower and Trailer. Following considerable discussion on the options it was agreed to obtain advice from One Voice Wales in the first instance.

Play Area at Carew - Following further considerable discussion the following was resolved:

1. Contact Playground equipment companies for site visit to formulate a new design
2. New design to include roundabout and picnic bench as previously
3. Removal and disposal of old roundabout to be included in the project plan.
4. Pursue further avenues for funding including Police and Crime Commissioners fund, Community Chest Fund .

County Councillor Thomas kindly agreed to contact fence contractor with a view to using paving slabs around the new gate at the play area in Carew .

PLANNING - 22/1098/PA – Construction of nine dwelling houses together with access road – Land at the East end of Sageston Fields Housing Development . Following discussion and perusal of the plans and accompanying documentation , there were no adverse comments made nor any obvious grounds for refusal identified.

POLICIES REVIEW - All the currently held Community Council policies had been forwarded to Councillors for review. Following discussion it was agreed that there is no need to amend or alter these policies and that they be all recorded as having been reviewed as at 12th April 2023.

FLEMISH CHIMNEY - It was resolved to contact local contractor/building specialist to commence the re-pointing work on Chimney. In addition it was resolved to seek his advice on some repair work on the War Memorial.

REMUNERATION OF CONSUMABLES - Following considerable discussion, all Councillors agreed to present receipts for printer consumables when needed. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales allows £52 a year for each Councillor.

WEBSITE – carewparish.org. Discussion ensued on whether to join the Town and Community Council websites run by Pembrokeshire County Council. County Councillor Thomas had made enquiries with PCC in this regard. Currently PCC are not taking on any more websites but the situation may change in the future. County Councillor Thomas agreed to keep the Community Council informed of any further information when it is available.

KINGS CORONATION - Discussion on what type of tree to plant in commemoration of the King's Coronation. Oak tree, silver birch and maple were chosen as a short list and it was agreed that English Woodlands be contacted to obtain one of the above.

CAREW PUBLIC CONVENIENCES - LETTER FROM PCC. Councillors had been provided with a letter from PCC asking again for the Community Council to take over the running of Carew Public Conveniences. The Community Council had previously declined this due to the cost involved, the fact that the request was made when the Precept/Budgeting discussions and setting had already taken place, and the Community Council's priority being the refurbishment of the Play Areas in Carew and Milton, responsibility for these having previously been handed over by a Service Level Agreement 2 years ago.

The letter also suggested that the Public Toilets could be closed by 5th November until the Community Council acceded to their request.

Councillors discussed this matter in great detail. It was agreed to respond to PCC that the Community Council have resolved that:

1. The Public Conveniences are not in good condition and will need to be brought up to standard and renovated.
2. The Toilets are next to a play park and opposite a Visitor/Tourist showcase which is the Grade 1 listed building - Carew Castle, and should remain open
3. The Toilets are on the main Visitor/Tourist Holiday Route and are much used and should remain open throughout the year.
4. The Community Council will discuss and consider taking over the Public Conveniences when the play areas project is completed.

CAREW NEWTON CEMETERY STEERING GROUP - Date set for the next meeting will be Monday 19th June at 3 pm at Carew Newton Cemetery.

In the meantime it was agreed to pursue to repair work on the Ashes Area at the Cemetery with local contractor and for the Lych gate/Kissing gate be etched with the Community Council name to try to prevent to being removed in future. Also for the gate to be secured on it's hinges.

REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF SAGESTON SCHOOL. Request for contribution towards polytunnel for childrens' gardening project at Sageston School - Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Benbow that £100 donation be made and all present agreed.

LETTER REGARDING A VILLAGE SHOP IN SAGESTON - County Councillor Thomas had provided the background to a discussion with a resident on the lack of a Village Shop in Sageston. Councillors note that there is a Village shop in Carew and there was a shop in Sageston until Lockdown.

Suggestions and deliberations were made on this matter and it was decided that the resident contact the local convenience store chains .

CORRESPONDENCE –

Conclusion of Community Council Audit by External Auditors 2021/22. This had now been forwarded from Welsh Audit. "Assertion 4 Exercise of Electors' Rights . The Council approved the annual return after the commencement date for the exercise of Electors rights. The Council should approve the annual return prior to the commencement of the inspection period in accordance with statutory deadlines. " Councillors noted this qualification point.

The following information from emails and correspondence received has been sent to Councillors: -

1. Training Dates from OVW - Councillors to contact Clerk to be booked on to the various courses.
2. Information from PCC on emails and telephone numbers for different departments in PCC. Useful for future reference. Noted
3. 20 mph Newsletter. Noted
4. Information from PCC and OVW on televising of Coronation events. Sports Club to be informed.
5. Email from Cllr Bland on Sports Field. This matter was discussed and it was agreed by all to leave this in abeyance for the time being.
6. New Hospital Consultation dates - Councillors noted that further dates had been added and the consultation extended. Councillors had responded in their own rights with their comments.

Bank Balances as at £ 2389.69 Current account Business account £4729 as at 5 4 23.

Acknowledgement of receipt of BACS payment of £750 received from Agents to Carew Castle Estates.

Invoices for payment:

Mr Layton Waters re- fixing fence gate at Carew Play Area & delivery cost - £210

OVW training bursary invoice - Dr Allen online course 28 2 23 - £35

It was proposed by Cllr Goodman and the seconded by Cllr Bland that these two invoices be paid

West Wales Systems – WiFi in Hall £48.52 paid by direct debit

Clerks Salary £222.55 paid by direct Debit.

(note- faulty WiFi in Hall has been reported to OutReach).

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

General Discussion –

Tree at end of Bartletts Well Road – path needs sweeping.

Pooling/ponding of water at Carew Memorial Hall – to be reported to the tarmac contractor .

Pooling/Ponding of water off Carew Roundabout - to be reported to PCC for gully clearing.

Clear up around the garage area in the play field

Arrange to clear out metal shed - Pest control has visited the area around Carew Memorial Hall and placed bait boxes. Source of rat interest in the area identified. Sports Club informed.

Pincheston - Discussion on building type work in the fields around Pincheston Community = Clerk to contact Planning as nothing received through the Community Council.

Items for agenda

Play area wooden fence

Community Council Report

Final Year Accounts

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Thomas had met with officers in PCC regarding a number of issues within the Parish:-

1. Wooden fence behind the public conveniences in Carew - These are apparently under the ownership/responsibility of Carew Community Council and the branches of shrubs and weeds will need to be attended to on a regular basis to stop them breaking the fence.
2. Milton Play Area - The hedges will be cut on exit from the play area at both gates so help improve visibility of bikes etc.
3. Milton Old Bridge - road sweeper has cleaned up the area.
4. Bus Shelter Redberth - It was felt by Officer from PCC that the bus shelter room may have asbestos and as such will need specialist removal and replacement.
5. Redberth fences - Officer discussing with the Property Department regarding ownership of the fences.
6. Dog fouling bins - The positioning of bins along Birds Lane was discussed and agreed that the bin at telephone kiosk in Carew be moved to Birds Lane on the path by Kesteven Court. Also discussed with Officer about signage to show where the next bin for disposal of dog foul is located.
County Councillor Thomas also aware of the social media and local newspaper reports on the dog fouling along Birds Lane and in Carew Park Estate. Further report to follow when there is information available on this matter.
7. Milton Traffic Concerns options - These plans are currently being prioritised under the Minor Works Scheme and County Councillor Thomas will report to Community Council when more information available.

Date and time of next meeting - The next meeting of the Community Council will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7 pm in the Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall.

Chair thanked all for coming and declared the meeting closed.

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Election of Officers
- 3 Minutes of the April 2023 meeting.
- 4 Chairmans Report/Community Council Report/Community Plan
- 5 Matters Arising including Mower and Trailer & What's Been Happening
- 6 Play Area in Carew – report on meeting with Play Ground Equipment company representative on Thursday 4th May 2023
- 7 End of Year Accounts
- 8 Donations
- 9 Carew Newton Cemetery
- 10 Planning
- 11 Correspondence including payment of invoices
- 12 County Councillors Report
- 13 Items for Agenda for next meeting
- 14 Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7 pm in Committee Room, Carew Memorial Hall.
Hopefully with Site Ranger from PCNPA re biodiversity project.

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