

CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Carew Community Council held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 held in Carew Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllr Vanessa Thomas (Chair) Cllr Marina Griffiths
Cllr Rev Joel Barder Cllr Pat Gibby
Cllr Gwenllian Head Cllr Marcia Allen

Apologies: Cllr Kate Chandler-Hall Cllr Andrew Blayney
Cllr John Brock MBE Cllr Sarah Benbow
County Councillor Paul Rapi Cllr Trevor Goodman.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the AGM in November 2020 were received and it was proposed by Cllr Gibby and seconded by Cllr Gwenllian Head that they be passed as a true record and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

- Chair provided an update on the Milton Footbridge. The options are for repair with composite material to match the rest of the structure, treated timber or steel. There is an apparent long delay in ordering composite material. One approximate quote already received takes into account the variation in prices using the three different materials. Two contractors also commented on the condition of the bridge and it was agreed for Councillors to meet on Saturday 12th December at the Milton Footbridge to assess the structure to ascertain whether the footbridge needs to be closed until repair.

Clerk reported on variation between £180 and £350 for a structural survey. Information from Dwr Cymru awaited on the leasing of the Milton Marsh Walk and whether the footbridge is included in the lease.

It was agreed to contact the contractors for prices for two different materials i.e. timber and steel for repair ready for next meeting.

- Stream at Redberth has been cleared out and the fir tree has been felled.
- Map of Common Land areas in the Parish has been received and this to be forwarded to all Councillors
- Play areas further information awaited.
- Detrunked road Sageston - Further communication from Streetcare. Streetcare to be informed that if they are happy with the extra land acquired from the verges/hedgerows of the Highway and no underground cables are situated in this land then at present the Community Council will go along with the current arrangement.
- Memorial Hall Car Park – 2nd part of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant has been paid to the Community Council. Final payment to the Contractor is due of £6769.20. Further complaints on the flooding/pooling of water at the ramp and contractors to be asked to remedy this before the final payment made. The Hall is used for worship and disabled access is dangerous when icy with the build up of water.
- Tyres have been delivered to the Nature area to the side of the Hall in readiness for painting and for use with planting.

- Noticeboards - Planed - To be asked if there is money available for noticeboards in the Parish.
- Carew Senior Citizens Christmas Meal - Chair reported on a successful takeaway delivered to 91 senior residents in the Parish. Thanks extended to all who took part. Telephone calls and cards received from numerous parishioners complementing the organising Committee.
- School Governor - Vacancy exists for School Governor at Sageston School. Cllr Marcia Allen and Cllr Rev Barder both put themselves forward. Following discussion it was agreed to communicate with the School Governors stating that two Councillors have put themselves forward and whether there is more than one vacancy on the Board of Governors.
- Chair reported that a further application for Community Councillor was received but the email was not delivered to the correct address for inclusion in discussion at the October meeting.

Website Spam Messages

Chair informed that some councillors had received bogus messages which were not from her. It transpires that the email addresses were obtained from the Community Council website. This matter has been investigated and no hacking has taken place.

Following discussion Councillors present at this meeting confirmed that they have no objection in their email addresses remaining on the website. The councillors not present at the meeting to be asked if they wish their addresses to remain on the website.

Precept and Budget

Chair informed that the setting of the Precept for 2021/22 will need to be decided by January. Clerk had circulated the Budget statement of projected income and expenditure to the end of March 2021. Discussion ensued on the review of the financial situation of the Community council and it was agreed to postpone setting the Precept until the January meeting when hopefully all Councillors will be present.

Projects

In the light of the above Councillors were asked to consider what forthcoming projects should be put forward for consideration in the Parish.

Carew Newton Cemetery

The Sundial/Birdbath has been ordered and delivery is awaited. Chair informed of a problem with moles in the Cemetery. There is also need for further edging and tidying up around the Ashes Area. Date on the Dedication of the area to be arranged.

Planning:

The following planning application has been conditionally approved by PCC –

20/0505/PA – The House that Jack Built, Carew, Tenby SA70 8SL – Conversion of two flats to create on dwelling.

The following planning application from PCC was received:

20/0425/PA - - Installation of milk vending machine machine, Milton Village Shop . There were no adverse comments and Councillors recommend granting of this application.

The following planning applications were received from PCNPA:

NP/20/0559/TPO Taskers Garden removal of six tree , the to be replaced.

NP/20/0589/TPO Chestnut Cottage Carew Newton removal of one tree.

Following discussion Councillors recommend granting of these two applications.

Correspondence

Confirmation of the S137 payments from PCC for Carew - increase from £8.32 to £8.41 per elector

Communication from PAVS on digital awareness posters – Noted.

Email from Friends of PCNPA – Establishing a Woodland Area - noted.

Information on EU Settled Status Scheme – Applications for EU Citizens after Brexit to apply to remain deadline 30 6 2021 – noted.

Invoices for payment

- Hall Fees from April 2020 to December 2020 - £84
- Milton Bridge Caravan Park – Invoice 2019 and 2020 rent of Play Area in Milton - £31.50

It was proposed by Cllr Rev Barder and seconded by Cllr Gibby that these two invoices be paid.

Note – SO Clerks Salary paid 25 11 20 £162.74 and DD £39.78 for West Wales Systems 16 11 20.

- Councillors noted that connection to the WiFi connection in the Main Hall is not working. West Wales Systems to be contacted to inspect.
- Remuneration Panel Report – Chair informed of the amount of remuneration per Councillor. This to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Guidance on the opening of Community Centres and OVW aims and mission statement both received and noted.
- Milford Haven Waterway Recreation Management Plan Report received and relevant matters pertaining to areas within the Parish noted.
- Request for donations – to be postponed until the AGM in May 2021.

Parish Matters

Cllr Gibby informed of an offer from a Tree Surgeon to cut down the Ash Tree in Carew Newton Cemetery free of charge. Clerk to make contact to discuss the tree and ascertain from PCNP if there is a Tree Preservation order on this tree and whether any application for it's removal needs to be made.

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The next meeting of Carew Community Council will be on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Precept and Budget
5. Remuneration Panel recommendations for Councillors
6. Carew Newton Cemetery
7. Planning
8. Correspondence
9. Parish Matters
10. Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7 pm in the Carew Memorial Hall.

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