

# CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Carew Community Council held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7 pm in the Main Hall of Carew Community Hall.

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

Chair welcomed all to the first meeting of 2022.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING** - It was proposed by Cllr Goodman and seconded by Cllr Blayney that the minutes were a true record and they were duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING** - A list of matters arising and “Whats Been Happening” had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting .

- Forthcoming elections in May - a response from the Election Officer at PCC regarding cost of local elections. Also an attachment on the Power Point presentation from the Clerks meeting attended via Zoom in November.
- Response to request for Inspection reports from PCC on the Play Areas in Milton and Carew received.
- Councillors were informed that PCNPA Site Manager at the Castle and staff had agreed to assist with the repair of the wooden fence behind the public toilets. Councillors noted and expressed thanks for this generous help. Site Manager had further reported that the fence surrounding the play park needed further repair and/or replacement. Councillors learned that quotations for this are awaited.
- Site Manager at the Castle had also informed that the refuse/litter bins had been reinstated at the Picnic Area due to complaints but that the situation will continue to be monitored for evidence of rodents and removed if necessary.  
The Play Area Sub Committee agreed to meet to map out further work , repair\replacement and redesigns for these play areas and report back to the Community Council.
- Clarification from PCC on Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant stating that there is no requirement for organisations in the Parish to put their projects through the Community Council. Councillors noted that one application for grant monies from an organisation within the Parish for monies from the Grant is being put forward to Cabinet for consideration. Full list of all Town and Community Councils’ requests for Grants also circulated.
- Paint and materials to repaint the telephone kiosk at West Williamston will be delivered to the volunteers by Saturday.
- Queens Platinum Anniversary - Confirmation received from swing band for the evening of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June received at a cost of £720. Following discussion it was agreed to go ahead and book .

It was further agreed that representatives from organisations will be invited to the February meeting to discuss further arrangements for the weekend celebrations. Councillors discussed the provision of a commemorative gift to local children as a small token to celebrate this anniversary. Suggestions were for medals, coins, mugs, scrolls, rulers. Clerk informed that there are grants available to support this, in particular, National Lottery Awards for All. Clerk to investigate the grants available. Also suggested was applying for grants for Queens Jubilee Play Area. Councillors considered this and this to be explored further by the Play Area Sub Committee.

- Community Council dinner (postponed from December) - Councillors agreed that they would like to proceed with this and the date was agreed as Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm in the Carew Inn.
- Carew Newton Cemetery regulations and brochure - A thank you received for the £30 voucher sent to helper who typed up the draft regulations and brochure. Local funeral director had been forwarded all the documents for their expert opinion and advice on the format and content. He had responded that they were a very comprehensive set of documents covering all aspects of the operations in connection with the running of the cemetery.
- Speed cushions at Sageston School Birds Lane. Response received from PCC who agreed that the current situation with vehicles deviating onto the opposite lane to avoid the single pad is potentially dangerous, so he will arrange for the unpaired pad to be removed until such time as the remaining traffic calming measures in this area are renewed. Arrangements will also be made for the site to be reassessed to see if the further deterioration means that the works now should be given a higher priority. Councillors pleased this matter to be further reviewed by PCC.

### **PRECEPT 2022/2023**

Request from PCC for the precept request from Carew Community Council to be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Councillors took time and deliberated on the income and expenditure accounts from end of March 2021 and discussed anticipated income and expenditure projected for the end of March 2022. Balances brought forward from end March 2021 were £6477 which mostly constitutes the strategic reserves (for contested Local Elections of £6k and £390 fundraising for the VE2020 event that was subsequently cancelled). Bank balances currently are as at end of December 2021 are £10,179.53 in current account and £4,719.16 in business account). Major expenditure in the last 18 months saw the improvement to the Carew Memorial Car Park and the Community Events Area which is ongoing and repair to the Milton Marsh Nature walk footbridge. Consideration was given to the projects such as the renewal/repair of the Play areas at Carew and Milton costs, Queens Anniversary celebrations costs. Councillors felt that the considerable work on the Play Areas will undoubtedly take substantial and significant commitment and budget considerations, for this year and in future years, due to lack of maintenance, repair and renewal by PCC over decades. The Community Council had to take on the community responsibility or risk the removal of the Play Areas by PCC. Councillors felt the Community Council had been unable to see these Play Areas removed as they represent the means by which to encourage the younger generations and indeed future generations' well-being and development. Councillors felt strongly that every effort and means available be utilised to maintain and sustain the health and well-being and welfare of current younger people and indeed future children. The Community Council's commitment to the Play Areas refurbishment/repair/replacement will be the paramount priority for this financial year and indeed some years to come. There will be further associated costs such as grass cutting and maintenance & inspection arrangements to take into consideration. Furthermore, there may well be

requests by PCC to take on more responsibility by community ownership of buildings/areas and facilities.

With all this in mind Councillors were asked to make their suggestions for precept applications to PCC.

It was proposed by County Councillor Rapi and seconded by Cllr Head that the precept be increased by £2,000 to £14,000 for the coming financial year.

There was a second proposal (amendment) by Cllr Rev Barder that , in view of the extensive works required on the Play Areas, the precept be increased by £4,000 to £16,000 and this was seconded by Cllr Blayney.

A vote took place - There were 3 votes for the increase of £2,000 and 3 votes for the increase of £4,000. Chair used her casting vote in favour of the increase of £4,000. There were 3 abstentions.

The Community Council will therefore to request an increase in the Precept for 2022/2023 of £4,000 to £16,000 from PCC.

Councillors further agreed to resume the submission of notes of meeting to local paper (rather than just on the carewparish.org website ) to ensure that as many residents as possible are aware of the projects and anticipated events and to provide explanation of the need to increase the Precept.

### **PLANNING**

The following planning application was received by PCC:

21/0810/PA - Proposed demolition of barn, construction of farm building and conversion of barn to dwelling at Dairy Hays Farm, Carew Cheriton, Tenby, Pembrokeshire SA70 8SU. Councillors had deliberated and perused the application, plans and accompanying documentation. There were no obvious grounds for refusal identified nor any adverse comments.

### **THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (PRINCIPAL AREAS) (WALES) RULES 2021 AND THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (COMMUNITIES)(WALES) RULES 2021.**

Councillors had previously been circulated this document in order to give time to consider it.

Discussion ensued on the document particularly in terms of the draft proposal of the statement of political affiliations to be included on nomination forms, including details of political party membership in the preceding 12 months. Councillors considered that political affiliations should perhaps not be necessarily disclosed in order for potential candidates to be considered on their own merits.

Other aspects of the document including candidates home addresses not being made public or published, Personal statement for candidates, , counting agents and polling agents formula and timetable and consequential rules all were felt to be in order and/or unchanged from previous years.

Of note is the draft proposal of electronic submission of candidate nomination forms is new and Councillors considered this to be in order.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors had been forwarded the Training Dates for a variety of topics available from One Voice Wales up until the end of March. All training is online. Councillors agreed to decide which courses they wish to undertake and let the Clerk know in order to book in plenty of time.

Invoices: West Wales Systems (for Hall WiFi) £40.80 paid by direct debit & Clerks Salary £164.72 paid by standing order.

## **WELSH AUDIT OFFICE – CONCLUSION OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

The Chair was pleased to inform Community Councillors that the Conclusion of the Welsh Audit office had no concerns and that the Audit has been passed as unqualified. Chair congratulated the Clerk. Audit notice to be displayed on carewparish.org website for a period of 14 days stating that the audit had been completed .

## **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Rapi informed of his discussions with PCC on the awaited dual purpose litter/dog foul bins and his attempt to obtain information on when these would be available/forthcoming, and Milton Traffic survey and signage. He will continue to pursue these matters.

He will also chase up the results of the Redberth traffic survey before the next meeting in February.

County Councillor Rapi was pleased to inform that the large amount of fly tipping on the detrunked road up to the Control Tower has been removed but was disappointed to learn of further bags of garden waste that have now been dumped in the same area and of Councillors already informing PCC via the flytipping website. He will communicate with Councillors to ensure that this further irresponsible act has been dealt with.

County Councillor Rapi was informed of the evidence seen in the Flemish Chimney and following discussion it was agreed that this issue would be best communicated to Dyfed Powys Police for their action and investigations.

He was informed of a litter pick along part of Birds Lane and the removal of two bags of discarded bottles and tins and also of further litter picking in Carew Park Estate by residents and was heartened to hear of this community initiative.

County Councillor Rapi informed of the Education issues at PCC with regard to the Estyn Report.

He was also informed of the progress with regard to the shortlisting of candidates for the post of Headmaster at Sageston School due to a new position and will continue to keep the Community Council informed of developments .

County Councillor Rapi discussed with Community Councillors the issue of the mud on the detrunked road at Sageston due to the new Cornfields housing development. He was heartened to learn of the good communication with the Site Manager to local residents' complaints. It is understood that with the forthcoming laying of the roads and pavements in the new estate there may well be less mud and mess on the road.

County Councillor Rapi agreed to obtain further information from the Minerals Officer with regard to the Quarry in Carew Newton and put the representations and concerns of the local Community Councillor on behalf of the residents, regarding the height of the bunding.

Items for Agenda for next meeting - Following letter to Cllr Gibby regarding the erection of a cross on an unmarked grave in Carew Newton Cemetery, Clerk agreed to contact the individual to get background and ascertain the location on the burial map and report back to the next meeting.

Queens Jubilee Celebrations , Redberth Church and Parish Environment Group are also to be included on the next meetings agenda.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and time of next meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7 pm in Carew Memorial Hall.

Reminder – Community Council dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 6.30 for 7 pm in Carew Inn.

Chair thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed.

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The next meeting of Carew Community Council will be at 7 pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in Carew Memorial Hall.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the January meeting  
Queens Anniversary Celebrations along with representatives of organisations
3. Matters Arising from the minutes
4. Planning see below:
5. Parish Environment Group
6. Play Areas Sub Committee update
7. Detrunked Road Sageston - Cllr Vanessa Thomas
8. Redberth Church - Cllr Rev Joel Barder
9. Carew Newton Cemetery – location of unmarked grave, application for headstone reinscription & missing Kissing Gate
10. Defibrillators – Whitehill & Redberth
11. Correspondence
12. County Councillors Report
13. Agenda items for next meeting
14. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7 pm in Carew Memorial Hall.

Planning: 21/0854/PA - One Planet Development (change of use from forestry to residential and forestry) Cresselly Big Wood, Cresselly.

Planning: NP/22/0014/LBA – Conservation and repair works to Main Sluice, Causeway Structure and Mill wheel sluices, Carew Mill and Causeway, Radford Lane, Carew. Listed building Carew Castle.

Planning: 21/0946/PA: Change of use from redundant shop (A1) to extended area for fish and chips shop (A3) and erection of lean-to storage extension to rear

Site Address: MILTON FISH SHOP, Old Mill, MILTON, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8PH