**CAREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Carew Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 in the Committee Room of Carew Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr Simon Hosker-Hicks (Chair) Cllr Madeleine Bland

Cllr Marina Griffiths Cllr Trevor Goodman

Cllr Linda Dennis Cllr Alison Folder

Cllr Marcia Allen

APOLOGIES: Cllr Julia Williams Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Sarah Benbow County Councillor Vanessa Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Emma Hayward PCSO

**Remote/hybrid attendees** – There were no requests for remote/hybrid attendance.

**Declaration of Interests -**  Chair expressed an interest to one of the planning

**Minutes of the June meeting**  It was proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Goodman that the minutes of the last meeting.

**Matters Arising**

Play Areas - Councillors met at the Carew Play Area to look at the work required as per the Inspection report:

* Links for swings to comply with EN 1176 need replacing.
* New swing seats to be sourced to replace damaged seats.
* Slide corrosion - grinding and Hammerite to be applied .
* Matting – bitumen to be applied to gaps in the matting.

The Inspection report and invoice for Milton Play Area has been requested and chased up.

Land Agent to be contacted with regard to updating on the proposed provision of outdoor exercise equipment at Milton Play Area.

Milton Marsh Walk - With regard to biodiversity project at Milton Play Park , National Park Ranger to be contacted about further progress and monies available and for this to be put on Agenda for next meeting.

Clerk had received a telephone call from resident in Cresswell Quay who had tripped and fallen on the Marsh Bridge. She also expressed concern with the overgrowth and undergrowth along the Marsh Walk. County Councillor Thomas had also asked for this matter to be looked into. Councillors met on Tuesday 9th July at the Marsh Walk to attend to the most pressing matters and further meet to complete the work on Saturday 13th July arranged.

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to be contacted with regard to the broken fences along the work and the foliage that is forcing the fence over.

Stream in Milton along the Marsh Walk needs deweeding also and this would be a separate initiative by the Parish Environment Group. Date to be arranged.

Quarries in the Parish - In his absence Cllr Williams had sent the following update: The Peregrine Falcons have returned to the Quarry at Carew. The Croft Quarry in West Williamston is not conntected to the company that owns Carew Quarry and there are no plans to work Croft Quarry at present.

Carew Parish Website - Councillors had received training from Cllr Benbow. Await access to the website to update information . Chair suggested that a group photograph of councillors be put on the website. Information for Councillors to include names, area they live in and email addresses only.

Carew Toilets - Updates as follows:

Meeting of the “Love your Lav” group via remote access with the Amroth Clerk and Councillors. Letter to be sent out to Community Councillors who have been asked to take over public conveniences . This draft letter has been sent to Councillors who were happy with the content with a link to the petition.

Chair has been contacted by local press and will meet towards the end of July to put the Community Council’s position and updates to date. Chair and Vice Chair to meet with the local reporter.

Carew Newton Cemetery (Zoar) . Clerk informed of reopening of grave and burial to take place shortly and following visit by Cllr Griffiths, work on the stockgate entrance, taking down the ivy on the stone pillars at the entrance and plan for trimming inside the hedges and tops of hedges to be organised with the Groundsman need to be undertaken.

Litter picking - Cllr Dennis and Clerk to undertake litter picking along Birds Lane and look at further areas requiring litter picking.

**Planning** -

The following planning applications approved by PCC were noted by Councillors:

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| Decision - 23/1127/PA - Single storey extension to provide additional living space |
| The Tithe Barn, CAREW CHERITON, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8SR. Conditionally approved by PCC.   |  | | --- | | Decision - 24/0117/CL -For change of use of former ticket/meet and greet office to a single residential dwelling (4 years) with private garden and parking (10 years). | | The Lodge, Milton Manor, Milton, Tenby, SA70 8PG Unconditionally Approved By PCC. | |

The following planning applications were considered by Councillors:

24/0061/PA - Land at Pincheston Provision of two additional family pitches & shared day room, new hay storage shed and update of layout approved under 13/0429/PA.

Clerk had received a request from resident in Pincheston Hamlet to write on behalf of the residents and these objections were noted. County Councillor Thomas had already been in communication with the residents at Pincheston.

Following lengthy deliberation and discussion the following observations made:

* Flooding on the lane is an ongoing issue which may be exacerbated by any alterations to the lane .
* Again reiterated are the Community Council’s grounds for refusal identified in previous applications . That it is not in keeping with the environs or surroundings.

NP/24/0213/FUL -

Retrospective Planning Application for Reprofiling of the Southern Face of Carew Quarry and Associated Landscaping Works. Carew Quarry, Carew Newton, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0TP

Following deliberation and perusal of the extensive documentation the following observations were made:

* Noise Pollution from heavy plant should be kept to a minimum
* Replanting of mature trees where trees were removed such as oak and ash.
* Run off of storm/rain water from the reprofiling works already undertaken will lead to more flooding of the Carew Bridge. This needs to be addressed.

Resubmission NP/24/0344/FUL -Proposed side and rear extensions with off-road parking & ecological enhancements (partly in retrospect & resubmission). 4, Pisgah Cottages, Cresselly, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0TD.

Chair declared an interest and withdrew from discussion. Following perusal of the plans and accompanying documentation there were no adverse comments nor obvious grounds for refusal identified.

New NP/24/0337/FUL -      New slate roof covering, insertion of rooflight & solar PV, alterations to fenestration, new timber cladding & front porch.      Spring House (formerly Birchgrove),  Cresselly, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire,  SA68 0TX. Following perusal of the plans and accompanying documentation there were no adverse comments nor obvious grounds for refusal identified.

**Correspondence**

Bank Balances - Current £11,428.64 Business. £770.64

SLA for Carew Toilets for £6195.60 to PCC

Milton Play Area lease to Carew Castle Estates £25.

Clerks expenses – website renewal and purchase of weedkiller - £61.38.

Training Bursary from OVW £40.

Noted is the collection via metal detector of £5.60 from Carew Play Area.

It was proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Goodan that these invoices be paid.

Noted also is £222.55 Clerk’s Salary paid by Standing Order and £48.52 paid by Direct Debit for WiFi at Carew Hall.

Acknowledgement of £50 sent as donation to Paul Sartori.

Cllr Dennis to purchase fluorescent spray to be applied to dog mess in an attempt to make walkers aware along Birds Lane and beyond . This invoice to be paid out of meeting.

Correspondence sent to Councillors via email :-

* Caravan and Camping webinar on 9th July - Cllr Williams agreed to log on to this and report back to next meeting.
* Openreach information on Broadband in Carew.
* Link for Code of Conduct training on 16th July 6 – 7 pm via Teams sent by PCC. Noted and those Councillors available will attend. In her absence and in her report County Councillor Thomas encourages all available to attend as it is really useful, it’s free and being taken by Head of Law and Governance at PCC.
* \*Email re Neighbourhood Watch Network . For August meeting. PCSO Hayward to look into this further.
* Cllr Griffiths had sent out Module 17 handouts on Tips for applying for grants which may be useful,. The other is giving grants/donations out as a council. This latter item was discussed and it was agreed that further work on a Donation Policy needs to be undertaken.
* Email -Webinar on Youth Engagement on Monday 8th July . Noted
* Email re Clerk Vacancy at Saundersfoot Town Council. Noted.
* Email from OVW Pembrokeshire Area Committee will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 11th July 2024 at the Old Wool Market (Haverfordwest Town Council), Quay Street, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1BG. this is attendance only , no remote attendance facility. Noted.
* OVW - Remote Training dates.
* Youtube link regarding Biodiversity Resources. Biodiversity in the Parish for August agenda .
* Invitation from PCNPA for Creswell Quay Tuesday 16th July . Councillors available will attend as will County Councillor Thomas.
* Temporary road closure Carew Mountain to Martletwy Road, Cresswell Quay 5th July .
* Licensing of new vicar as Priest in Charge of The Carew Group of Churches including Redberth, Nash and Cosheston. Cllr Allen and Chair to attend. Monday 15th July at 7 pm in St Marys Church Carew.

**County Councillors Report**  -

In her absence County Councillor Thomas had sent the following report:

**Carew Toilets –** photographs sent to PCC 17thJune along with reports of odours from gents toilets emailed to PCC who had replied stating that the query regarding the gents had been passed to Danfo who will look into it urgently .

Regarding the painting, PCC are commissioning a drain survey as Danfo have suggested it is possible the water is tracking up from the drains. The cause needs to be established. PCC will try and establish the cause of the damp which may take some time but is in progress. PCC have improved the indoor appearance initially. Further ongoing investigation by PCC is required for any long term solutions.

PCC noted in the email that the Community Council may not continue to fund the toilets after this initial year. If that is the case the facility would close therefore PCC would not undertake any major development at this site until future funding is secured.

Community Councillors noted the last paragraph with dismay and concern.

**Redberth goalposts –** County Councillor Thomas met onsite with the organiser of the letter, which was very helpful. She also had a site meeting with officers, and now in discussion with PCC. **If agreed**, they did not see the need to have a goal that would need to be moved for grass cutting purposes by PCC , in that something that is moved back and for, generally will deteriorate quicker.

For information, this area is Common Land, and as such the decision will lie with this officer.

Suggestion put forward to look into provision of permanently sited goal posts in Milton Play area also.

**Contact details –** County Councillor asked for a check of the contact details at Carew Newton Cemetery. It was confirmed by Community Councillors that the Clerk’s name is on the sign.

**Carew Quarry -** on the Agenda for planning committee with PCNP on 17th July and a response urgently needed. This will be done.

**Feedback for Long course -** County Councillor Thomas to be asked to send contact email as Clerk not received it.

**DECOMISIONING OF STREET LIGHTS –**

Decommissioning of any street lighting apparatus that does not comply with current standards. This was an area that was identified as part of the Councils budget savings for 2023/24,

Those identified in Carew ward are as follows;

1. Rosemary Lane, outside the property known as Homedale.
2. Mayfield Cottage on the Carew Villa Hill, right hand side going up the hill, and outside the first of the 2 cottages.
3. Redberth, - approaching Redberth from Sageston , it is the first lamp post on the left, just outside the first cottage.

Councillors noted these potential decommissioning of street lights but PCC to be asked to look into replacing these street lights with LED instead of decommissioning them.

Also Community Councillors observed that with the rise in petty crimes and the potential institution of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, street lights in these areas would greatly improve safety and reassurance to residents.

Clerks Appraisal - This is due to be undertaken and will take place with Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk . Date to be arranged.

Councillors attended the opening of the polytunnel at Sageston School and were shown around. Letter to be sent to Sageston School congratulating them on the hard work and enthusiasm and looking forward to seeing it as it develops

**Police Report by PCSO Emma Hayward**

PCSO informed that the Rosemary Lane to Whitehill speed checked have been undertaken .

PCSO Hayward informed of parking on double yellow lines in Milton particularly around lunchtime. She encouraged Councillors to report this when noticed to Civil Enforcement Officers at PCC. She will also attend when possible to assess the situation.

**“What’s Been Happening,” General Discussion and Items for the Agenda for next meeting**.

* Need to make sure the contact details for Councillors are up to date as one or two things not correct .

Items for agenda for August Meeting (in addition to the above previously mentioned)

- DPNWN - Neighbourhood Watch Network

- Biodiversity (Milton Marsh Walk, Milton Play Park and other areas).

- Flemish Chimney on Birds Lane to be added to the Parish Environment Group list of works for the summer.

**Date and time of next meeting**  - The next meeting of Carew Community Council will be on Wednesday 14th August at 7 pm in Committee room Carew Memorial Hall.

Chair thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed.

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