

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL & FREYSTROP VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 July 2024 at 19:30 in the Village Hall, Freystrop

1. Attendance & Apologies

- Freystrop Community Councillors: W D Thomas (Chair), D S Harries, A M Simpson, T F Holder
- Freystrop Community Council Clerk: R D Lavis
- Pembrokeshire County Councillor (Llangwm Ward): M J John
- Apologies: Councillor E Utting
- Absent: Councillor M R Harries
- Members of the public: A Brown, J Forrest, A Lawman

2. Welcome

- The Chair welcomed all to the last meeting before the summer break

3. FCC Policy on Declarations of Interest

- It is requested that interests are declared at appropriate points in discussions

4. Presentations & Questions from the Public

- A Lawman suggested the inviting of the new MP for Mid and South Pembrokeshire to a meeting. The Chair said this would be considered
- A Brown requested an update on Whim Hill as it was not on the agenda. The clerk informed him that there was nothing to add to the last minuted update
- A Brown requested an update on the Middle Hill/White House Solar Farm. A document suggests equipment travelling up Moorland Road may cause more deterioration to the road surface. FCC have received nothing since the initial proposal was posted by PCC

5. Minutes of the 10 June 2024 AGM

- The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
 - Proposed: A M Simpson. Seconded: T F Holder

6. Minutes of the 10 June 2024 Monthly Meeting

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 - Proposed: A M Simpson. Seconded: D S Harries

7. Matters Arising

- No comments

8. Correspondence

- Draft minutes from the Hywel Dda University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group meeting on 2 May 2024
- OVW Multi location meeting guidance
 - The clerk will review
- National Park Engagement Event
 - Previously forwarded to Councillors
- Dyfed-Powys Neighbourhood Watch Network Association
 - The Chair requested the information be forwarded to Rebecca Beeden
- Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust Force for Nature Grant
- Welsh Government Consultation: Priorities for Culture
- PLANED Community Led Housing Community Engagement Events
 - Previously forwarded to Councillors
- Social Farms & Gardens: Allotment Forum



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9. Highways & Rights of Way

- The verges at the cemetery and Lower Freystrop/Little Milford junction following a submission by Councillor M J John
- The sunken drain on Targate Road has been speedily repaired following its reporting
- A pot hole outside Harebell House has been partially repaired. Highways do not have permission to repair the part on private property
- Speeding on Targate Road has been reported to police and PCC by a volunteer working at Parc Hamdden Freystrop Recreation Park. Police will increase presence. Speed bumps were suggested as a deterrent outside the playing field. It was noted that there is no playground sign on eastern approach to the playing field
- 20mph Review: Any anomalies should utilise the summer to build up a case for submission

10. Planning Matters

- No applications for consideration at 4 July 2024

11. Cemetery

- No comments

12. Bus Shelters, Kiosk & Other Assets

- The Lower Freystrop bus shelter ramp repairs have been carried out

13. Training/Seminars & Presentations

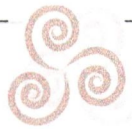
- OVW have agreed the bursary of £100 for training. OVW will manage this and deduct 50% from each course attended until the fund is depleted
- Biodiversity
 - A M Simpson report of modules 25 & 26
 - The importance of biodiversity was stressed
 - Every decision should have consider its effects on biodiversity
 - A Biodiversity Plan must be in place
 - Section 6 to report on what has been done
- New Councillor Induction
 - T F Holder report
 - Varied attendance
 - Biodiversity important
 - Recommended for others to attend
- Briefing on the new South West Wales Regional Transport Plan
 - The Joint regional plan had been attended by Councillor M J John
 - A consultation over 6 weeks will be carried out
- PCC Code of Conduct Training
 - 16 July, 18:00-19:00, Teams
- Working Better Together 23 July
 - Community Review
 - Clerks' Forum

14. FCC Administration

- The Draft Community Review is due for publication on 9 July 2024. Consultation closes first week of September
- Councillor email addresses
 - The Chair recommended a move to 'official' FCC email addresses following experiences with another organisation. The clerk will prepare information for Councillors

15. FCC Financial Matters

- Internal Auditor
 - An honorarium of £50 for Mr B S Hearne was proposed and to ask him if he would reprise the role for 2024/25
 - Proposed: A M Simpson. Seconded: D S Harries
- 2022/23 Audit Wales Response
 - The Chair shared his views on the response with Council
 - VAT reclamation
 - Councillor A M Simpson offered to assist the clerk with the reclamation process over the summer recess
 - Clerk underpaid
 - Councillor D S Harries proposed and Councillor A M Simpson seconded a proposal to investigate the possible sums owing to the clerk
 - The Chair thanked the clerk for preparing the audit documents and managing the process



- Payments made in June/July
 - Clerk's salary
 - All approved invoices
 - Grass cutting
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £3,442.87 at 05/07/24
 - Deposit Account Balance: £10,569.94 at 05/07/24

16. Community

- No comments

17. Other Matters

- County Councillor M J John's Report
 - LDP2 proposals would be discussed by PCC's cabinet this week. A presentation to Council is likely in the autumn to be followed by consultation. Probable acceptance 2026 to run until 2033
 - There is a Regeneration engagement event on 19-20 July at HaverHub
 - A re-organisation of schools is to be discussed by cabinet
 - Eisteddfod coming to north Pembrokeshire in 2025 subject to cabinet approval
- One Voice Wales
 - Councillor W D Thomas will attend the OVW meeting on Thursday
- Councillors' Requests
 - No items put forward

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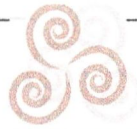
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19. Village Hall

- No comments

20. Parc Hamdden Freystrop Recreation Park

- South Hook Community Fund
 - A grant of £5,000 has been awarded for purchase of the exercise equipment
- Bluestone Foundation Community Fund
 - The secretary requested authorisation to pay for the exercise equipment whether the BFCF application was successful or not
 - Proposed: D S Harries. Seconded: T F Holder
- Play Area renovation
 - A list of suggested improvements and costs had previously been sent to members. The items would cover repairs required by the inspection report and add a new feature. Approval to spend up to £1,500 was requested. The funding would come from the reserves held by FCC on behalf of FVH
 - Proposed: A M Simpson. Seconded: T F Holder
- Working parties
 - Improvements have been made to the Children's Play Area to address areas of concern in the inspection report
 - The July working party will be the last before September



21. FVH Administration

- FVH Charity status
 - A M Simpson and R D Lavis have had discussions with PAVS and are awaiting an information pack before progressing
- Short Mat Bowls Equipment
 - The trophies and display sign have been removed but the mats still remain
- Safety checks
 - Monthly
 - Fire alarm check
 - Tested after the meeting and found to be okay
 - Subsidence measurement
 - Movements south to north of 0.5mm were recorded on the east and western walls
 - Play park equipment
 - Discussed earlier in the meeting
 - Quarterly
 - Defibrillator check
 - No update

22. FVH Financial Matters

- Internal Auditor
 - An honorarium of £50 for Mr R Howells was proposed and to ask him if he would reprise the role for 2024/25
 - Proposed: D S Harries. Seconded: A M Simpson
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £1,117.94 at 05/07/24
 - Deposit Account Balance: £16,898.50 at 05/07/24

23. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 9 September 2024 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:30
 - Monthly meeting of Freystrop Community Council and Freystrop Village Hall
 - Items for inclusion on any agenda should be received by the clerk by Wednesday 4 September

R D Lavis

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Approval proposed by: *Anna Simpson*

Seconded: *Dawn Harries*

Signed: *Esme Utting*

Date: *9th September 2024.*