



FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 June 2025 in the Village Hall at 19:20

1. Attendance & Apologies

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

2. Welcome

- The incoming Chair welcomed all to the June meeting

3. FCC Policy on Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of the 14 April 2025 Monthly Meeting

- A revised draft had been sent to Councillors adding an important note to the previous draft plus the correction of some typographical errors
- The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
 - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: W D Thomas
- There were no minutes to approve for a May meeting as it had been cancelled because of the clerk's illness

5. Matters Arising

- Feedback from the Monitoring Officer
 - At the April meeting Councillor M J John suggested the Monitoring Officer be consulted in respect of interaction between Council and landowners of candidate sites for LDP2. The MO gave the advice: "If Councillors are involved with Landowners (or they are close personal associates) then those Councillors will be very likely to have personal and prejudicial interests and be unable to take part in any debate at Council level."

6. Presentations & Questions from the Public

- There were no questions for consideration

7. County Councillor's Report

- Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John update
 - PCC has held their AGM. A new Chair & Vice Chair have been appointed
 - School improvement group – 2 school closures proposed, Manorbier & Clydach
 - Crown Estates. PCC joins campaign to devolve
 - New affordable housing scheme launched funded by the second home fund
 - Foster Carers' week in May to promote & encourage more fostering in Wales and Pembrokeshire
 - Haverfordwest Castle being transformed
 - Fibre broadband continuing to be rolled out
 - Portfield School improvements
 - Parade in Narberth in May proclaiming the coming of the Eisteddfod
 - LDP2 returned to Cabinet prior to passing to Welsh Government

8. Community

- Martin Harries appreciation for community service
 - The former postman has given excellent service to support the Community. £50 garden voucher proposed and accepted
- Additional defibrillator
 - There are currently 2 in the community, at Freystrop Village Hall & a portable one at Troopers Inn. A further siting at Lower Freystrop has been discussed with the businesses at Mayfield,. Council was favourable to the idea but reservations over access considerations when businesses are closed were aired. Councillor W D Thomas will continue to investigate
- Let's Talk: Living in Pembrokeshire
 - PCC Consultation
 - Responses by 22 June
- Play Equipment capital funding
 - Discussed at the June meeting of FVH

9. Correspondence

- All correspondence was discussed in the relevant sections

10. Highways & Rights of Way

- The condition of some Public Rights of Way were raised. Members of the public are encouraged to report issues with photos and What3Words location via clerk



11. Planning Matters

- 24/1082/PA – Stable Block at Lower Freystrop
 - Conditionally Approved
- 25/0142/PA – Outline Planning – Cross View Farm
 - Erection of a single detached dwelling and garage following demolition of agricultural sheds and removal of mobile home together with ecological enhancements (access considered with all other matters reserved)
 - Councillors consulted via email
 - Consultation period closed
- 24/0567/PA – Greenfields
 - Re-use of welfare caravan approved under 17/0615/PA for affordable housing unit in perpetuity with ecological enhancements
 - Planning Application Amendments submitted 30 April 2025
- 25/0181/PA – Clayston Garage
 - Amendment to design/layout of approval 19/1026/PA to provide MOT facility for class 4 and 7 vehicles with ancillary display area
 - Consultation closes 27 June 2025

12. Cemetery, Bus Shelters, Kiosk & Other Assets

- The book shelves have been removed from the kiosk. A re-think is required

13. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- Hywel Dda Clinical Services Consultation
 - Distributed to Councillors
- Working Better Together 19
 - Date change to 24 June

14. FCC Administration

- Additional OVW guidelines have been received
 - Co-option
 - "Who does what"
 - Annual Financial Actions update
- Financial Regulations 2025
 - New model regulations received
 - The changes do not affect the operation of FCC and immediate review of the current regulations is not necessary
- Audit/Annual Report
 - The preparation for the audit submission has started
- Annual Insurance
 - FCC's insurance with Zurich has been renewed with no increase in premium

15. FCC Financial Matters

- PAYE
 - 2024/25 has been closed out with all submissions made
 - Clerk's P60 produced
 - The new year has been initiated
- Receipts April-June 2025
 - Deposit Account Interest £16.00
 - Deposit Account Interest £16.77
 - Deposit Account Interest £19.13
 - Precept £4,000
- Payments April-June 2025
 - Bank charges £10.00
 - CLT Registration £150 (Grant funded)
 - T F Holder reimbursement - £23.99
 - Grass cutting - £300.00
 - Zurich Insurance - £241.00
- Upcoming Payments June
 - PHFRP Inspection – £50.00
 - Grass cutting – anticipated 2 cuts - £200
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £863.91 at 09/06/25
 - Deposit Account Balance: £13,755.61 at 09/06/25



16. Other Matters

- Freystrop Community Land Trust
 - Registration with the FCA is complete
- One Voice Wales
 - Biodiversity Pilot Group launched
 - Attendance at Area Committee Meetings
 - Councillors are being encouraged to attend. Clerks may attend but have no voting rights
 - Well-being of Future Generations (wales) Act 2025 Inquiry
 - OVW collating responses, deadline 11 June
 - Innovative Practice Conference
 - 2 July, RWAS
 - Councillor W D Thomas report
 - Attended Policy meeting
 - WG communication poorer possibly because the status quo is being maintained prior to next year's elections
 - Concern from OVW internal auditors that committee quorum was only just being reached
 - Small Council audit requirements under review

17. Councillors' Requests

- There were no requests

18. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 7 July 2025 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:00
- Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received by the clerk by the Wednesday prior to the meeting

R D Lavis

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Signed: 

Date: 7/7/25.