



## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 July 2025 in the Village Hall at 19:00

#### 1. Attendance & Apologies

- Freystrop Community Councillors: M R Harries (Chair), D S Harries, T F Holder, A M Simpson
- Freystrop Community Council Clerk: R D Lavis
- Pembrokeshire County Councillor (Llangwm Ward): M J John
- Apologies: Freystrop Community Councillors: W D Thomas (Vice Chair); conflicting engagement, E Utting; conflicting engagement

#### 2. Welcome

- The Chair opened the meeting with a cheery welcome

#### 3. FCC Policy on Declarations of Interest

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

#### 4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 June 2025

- The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
  - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: D S Harries

#### 5. Minutes of the 7 June 2025 Monthly Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
  - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: D S Harries

#### 6. Matters Arising

- No matters were raised

#### 7. Presentations & Questions from the Public

- There were no contributions from the public

#### 8. County Councillor's Report

- Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John update
  - PCC have launched an Affordable Housing Scheme for first time buyers
  - A joint approach to anti-social behaviour has been inaugurated
  - PCC 20mph review. Feedback being collated. Nothing in Freystrop
  - Newgale Coast Adaption Plan. Feedback with Council. All details on the website
  - There will be a Welsh Water road closure in Lower Freystrop
  - Survey on rural crime. Shared online
  - The Regional transport plan is out for consultation
  - Small electrical items recycling is now available at the kerbside

#### 9. Community

- Martin Harries appreciation for community service
  - Councillor W D Thomas has purchased a garden centre voucher for £50
- Additional defibrillator
  - Councillor W D Thomas continues to work on this project
- The following survey requests have been received and would be forwarded on to Councillors by request
  - Active Travel in Rural Wales Survey
  - GreenMe survey regarding the links between nature and mental health

#### 10. Correspondence

- All correspondence detailed in relevant sections
  - The clerk suggested that this item be removed from the agenda as most communication is now received by (high volumes of) email with very little 'formal' correspondence. All items of note are added to the agenda in their respective sections for consideration or forwarded to Councillors
    - Councillors were in agreement to this proposal

#### 11. Highways & Rights of Way

- Moorland Road pot holes
  - A second pot hole has opened up and is deteriorating fast outside Highleys and has been reported to PCC
- Obstruction of view of highway at Freystrop Cross
  - A comment about an overhanging hedge at Cross View Farm had been received as it was perceived to be a traffic hazard. It was observed that the hedge had been cut prior to this meeting
- Speed bumps
  - The clerk will contact PCC



## 12. Planning Matters

- 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)
  - Refused
- 24/0567/PA – Greenfields
  - Re-use of welfare caravan approved under 17/0615/PA for affordable housing unit in perpetuity with ecological enhancements
  - Refused
- 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 closed 27 June 2025
- 25/0200/PA – 3 Heathfield Terrace
  - Single storey extension
- A pre-application submission has been made to PCC on behalf of FCC/FVH for the placing of a new hall at Patc Hamdden Freystrop Recreation Park
- Council was informed that a new business offering storage units is advertising on Facebook. This would appear to require change of use on any property within the Freystrop Community. The clerk was requested to check with PCC planning

## 13. Cemetery, Bus Shelters, Kiosk & Other Assets

- No items were raised

## 14. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- Code of Conduct Training
  - Councillors are urged to take part in this training on 14 July
- Working Better Together
  - This has been postponed until September

## 15. FCC Administration

- Updated OVW guidelines have been received
  - Pre-election timetable
  - Annual Report
  - Multi-location meetings
  - Report writing
- Audit 2024/25
  - The internal audit has been carried out by Mr R Howells in the absence of Mr B Hearne
  - Submission made to Audit Wales
  - The clerk was instructed to pay the honorarium of £50 to Mr R Howells and to thank him for stepping in at last minute to undertake the internal audit
  - Mr R Howells suggested that a single internal auditor be used for both the Community Council and the Village accounts as there is synergy between the two organisations
- Annual Report
  - The clerk reported no progress

## 16. FCC Financial Matters

- Receipts June-July 2025
  - Deposit Account Interest £18.54
- Payments June-July 2025
  - Bank charges £5.00
  - W D Thomas re-imbursement re M Harries £50
  - PHFRP Inspection – £120.00
- Upcoming Payments July-September
  - PHFRP Inspections – £180.00
  - Grass cutting – as required £100/cut
- Bank accounts
  - HSBC will no longer charge the standing fee of £5/month after July 2025
  - Current Account Balance: £688.91 at 05/07/25
  - Deposit Account Balance: £13,774.15 at 05/07/25

## 17. Other Matters

- One Voice Wales
  - A new draft constitution for OVW is out for review



18. Councillors' Requests

- There were no requests from Councillors

19. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 8 September 2025 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:00.
- Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received by the clerk by the Monday prior to the meeting

R D Lavis

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Seconded: E UTHWA

Signed (Chair):

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025