



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2026
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FREYSTROP AT 19:00

1. Opening Remarks

- The Chair opened the meeting with the reading of a personal statement detailing the anonymous abusive emails he had been receiving.
- The Chair resigned from Freystrop Community Council with immediate effect and left the meeting
- In response M Rudd declared he was of the opinion that the anonymous emails to the former Chair were the making of supporters of White House Solar and Storage Facility project and were timed and intended to align suspicion to, and discredit, the Freystrop and Friends Solar Action Group

2. Attendance & Apologies

- Freystrop Community Councillors: M R Harries (Chair), W D Thomas (Vice Chair), T F Holder, A M Simpson, E Utting
- Pembrokeshire County Councillor (Llangwm Ward): M J John
- Prospective Councillor: J Morris
- A large contingent of residents and non-residents
 - No register was taken

3. County Councillor's Report

- Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John updated FCC on PCC matters
 - **Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet** met on Monday 9th Feb and agreed to put forward a 4.6% increase for the 2026/27 Council budget. (£1.46 per week on a Band D property). This will go to full council for approval on 20th Feb. There is a £14.5m funding deficit so if 4.6% is accepted there will be cuts to services and efficiency savings needed
 - **In October 2025, a Panel Performance Assessment (PPA)** was undertaken by a panel of external peers. The Council is required through Welsh Government legislation to undertake a PPA once every electoral cycle. The purpose of the PPA is to provide independent, expert opinion as to whether the Council is using its functions effectively, how it uses its resources and whether governance arrangements are effective. The Panel's final report concludes that the Council is meeting its statutory performance requirements and comments favourably on many aspects of the Council's work. They have made recommendations for improvement which have been accepted by PCC
 - **A group of young people from Haverfordwest High School are celebrating a major achievement after being named Wales Country final winners at the King's Trust Awards 2026.** The group will now go on to represent Wales at the King's Trust National Awards in London. The King's Trust Achieve Programme is offered at Haverfordwest High School as a KS4 GCSE option. As HHVC is the feeder school for the area it is good to see this success
 - **A consultation has been launched those 50 and older living in Pembrokeshire.** Age Friendly Communities focuses on how older people live a good quality of life at home and within the County. The consultation responses will be captured in the Pembrokeshire Age Friendly Communities Strategy and Action Plan that will be developed with partner organisations including Hywel Dda University Health Board, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, the voluntary sector and Pembrokeshire's 50+ Forum
 - *Also, a reminder of the event in Hook Club on 12th March.*
 - **An Active Travel in Pembrokeshire** consultation is online from 26th January 2026 to 20th April 2026. PCC is updating its Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) in line with requirements from Welsh Government. In 2014, the Welsh Government introduced the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 which requires all Local Authorities in Wales to plan and map suitable routes for Active Travel in their areas. The consultation focuses on the main towns and villages in Pembrokeshire which have been selected and an interactive map shows proposed routes. Several drop-in sessions have been arranged across the county
 - **20mph Speed Limit Review.** PCC is moving to the next stage of the WG requirements and consulting on roads proposed to be reverted to 30mph. The Pembroke Road through Freystrop Cross is being proposed to revert. If anyone has any views please fill out the consultation to ensure they are known
 - **Road Closure – Targate Road.** A road closure notice has been issued for electricity works from 16th February for 7 days
 - **Equestrian Crossing – Lower Freystrop.** Representations have been made on some near misses at the road crossing at Lower Freystrop. This has been raised with PCC highways
 - **Hywel Dda** have a consultation on future pharmacy services
 - **CLlr John reminded all to raise any issues they wanted information on and he would report back**



4. Suspension of Meeting

- The Vice Chair suspended the meeting as he was not in possession of all the material required to chair a meeting
- R Mainwaring requested permission to speak and directed a long monologue towards PCC Councillor M J John. She finished speaking with the comment "councillors were elected to do a job, they should suck it up and get on with it" The public present clapped this.

5. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 16 February 2026 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:15
- Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received by the clerk by the Tuesday prior to the meeting

R D Lavis/A M Simpson
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Approval proposed by: *Amya Simpson*

Seconded: *Tom Holke*

Signed: *[Signature]*

Date: *9/2/26*