



MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2026
HELD ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FREYSTROP AT 19:15

A revised agenda was issued to add items requiring attention that were omitted for the original meeting and to attend to items arising in the interim. This was published on 13 February.

1. Opening Remarks

- The Acting Chair started to introduce the meeting. He was interrupted by B Musk (resident of Burton) who declared that the meeting should not proceed and was illegal.
- The Acting Chair requested the public give a show of hands if they wished the meeting to proceed with the additions to the agenda of 9 February. The public's support was given
- The Acting Chair made a statement concerning the events of the past few weeks
 - The Chair's resignation on 9 February was precipitated by the receipt of malevolent emails. When those emails started to include the Chair's family he felt the situation was no longer tenable.. The police are aware of all communications received
 - To progress the business of Freystrop Community Council an in camera meeting of FCC was held on 15 February
 - i. Russell Lavis agreed to take on the role of acting clerk and responsible financial officer to assist in the running of FCC until such time as a permanent clerk is in place and a handover has been completed
 - ii. Jennifer Morris was co-opted as a Community Councillor
- The Acting Chair stressed that correspondence should always be via the clerk. The scatter gun approach of individuals to the sending of emails over the previous weeks must cease. The correspondence details for the clerk remain the same whether there is an incumbent or not

2. Attendance & Apologies

- An attendance register is available

3. White House Solar & Storage Facility

- No prior submissions were received for discussion
- Freystrop Community Council stated that it is maintaining a unanimous neutral stance in regards of the planning application until the plans are accepted by PEDW and the consultation starts
- FCC proposes a working party of 4 – 2 FCC & 2 from Action group - to work on issues prior to the consultation. The working party is to set its own terms of reference..A written acceptance of this proposal from the Freystrop and Friends Solar Action Group is required
- A Brown stated that the consultation period could start at any time and be a matter of urgency. He requested the comment to be minuted

4. FCC Policy on Declarations of Interest

- The declaration of interests form must be completed, signed and returned to the acting clerk prior to any discussion on the related matter

5. Minutes of 10 November

- This set of minutes has been signed pp by the acting clerk and published

6. Minutes of the 19 January 2026 Monthly Meeting

- The acting clerk designate prepared a set of minutes to present for approval
- The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
 - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder

7. Matters Arising

- A Brown believed there were omissions in the draft minutes of 19 January and requested it be recorded that
 - the Chair had requested meeting between FCC & FaFSAG
 - the Chair has also suggested a public meeting
 - the letter from the Chair to PEDW should to be published as promised by him
 - He had extended thanks to Councillor A M Simpson for the preparation of the Section 6 report

8. Presentations & Questions from the Public



- No questions were submitted in advance
- S Makepeace queried what was known of the closure of Targate Road for 5 days and the likely effect on the school buses over half term
 - All details known by FCC and County Councillor M J John had been published
 - It was believed that the works had to complete within the 5 days

9. Community

- There were no items for discussion

10. Biodiversity

- Councillor Anna Simpson update
 - The Northmoor Common Maintenance Day was supported by a large number of volunteers from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and 3 residents. 'amazing work' was undertaken
 - The Section 6 report has been submitted and published. FCC added its thanks to Councillor A M Simpson for its preparation
- The Freystrop Village Hall and Playing Field Management Committee requested FCC claim one of the free OVW Biodiversity Packages
 - The pond package was the preferred choice of the committee having discussed the options at length at its meeting
 - The Public vocally had safety concerns but were not willing to listen and discuss the plan having made their own assumptions
 - The Acting Chair requested the item be parked

11. Highways & Rights of Way

- Closure of Targate Road 16 February
 - Addressed in a public question
- Safety of schoolchildren awaiting the morning buses
 - National Grid has allegedly been emailed. No further information is available

12. Planning Matters

- Shire Hill, Moorland Road
 - [25/0717/PA](#)
 - Retrospective S73A. Feed/machinery store & retrospective planning permission for alterations to existing front boundary
 - Biodiversity considerations
 - The removal of the hedge did not have enough mitigation in the plan
 - M Rudd gave the reason for the hedge removal in part because of a rat infestation. In mitigation he stated that he was constantly planting trees
- The Burgage, Lower Freystrop
 - [25/0802/PA](#)
 - Retrospective installation of an air source heat pump
 - No comments
- Awaiting decision
 - Cross View Farm, Bower House, Clayston Garage
- LDPs for PCC & PCNP are progressing
 - An update on the processes was detailed by the Acting Chair

13. Assets

- Freystrop Village Hall
 - Next meeting of FVH&PFMC 2 March
- Northmoor Common
 - An update was given in the biodiversity item of the meeting
- Cemetery, Bus Shelters, Kiosk & Other Assets
 - There are continued water issues at the cemetery. Councillor E Utting working to its resolution
 - The bench on New Road is to be repaired by volunteers

14. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- Working Better Together – 12 March 2026, 19:30

15. FCC Administration



- Completion of Audit 2024/25
 - The completion process requires carrying out and is on the acting clerk's to do list
- The Notice of Casual Vacancy for a new Community Councillor will be raised by the Acting Clerk
- Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer vacancy
 - This will be progressed in due course
- Correspondence
 - 3 February 2026 email received from B Musk of Burton, Pembrokeshire. Code of Conduct issues
 - 10 February 2026 email received from B Musk of Burton, Pembrokeshire to the Acting Chair. Operational procedures
 - B Musk launched an attack on FCC stating that it was not fit for purpose, had severe failings and was acting illegally. His own Community Council in Burton was far superior
 - He also stated that the previous chair had serious failings and actions against him should be escalated
 - The Acting Chair gave an apology in regards of any perceived failings and hoped that having a temporary clerk in place would improve matters
- FCC is lacking Policy on Unreasonable Behaviour and would look to adopt one
 - M Rudd felt this was to target FaFSAG. The Acting Chair assured the meeting this was not the case and was solely in response to the anonymous emails that had been received, the source of which were unknown

16. FCC Financial Matters

- Receipts February 2026
 - Deposit Account Interest - £35.22
- Payments February 2026
 - Freystrop Cross Salt bin -£228.00
- Upcoming Payments February-March
 - PHFRP Inspections - £120.00
 - PHFRP Climbing Frame – awaiting invoice
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £4,140.00 at 12/02/26
 - Deposit Account Balance: £29,656.46 at 12/02/26
- Precept submission
 - Submission made on 10 February in sum of £12,000
 - A Brown requested the budget and precept submission be published as in previous years

17. Other Matters

- One Voice Wales
 - Councillor W D Thomas report
 - 93% of Town and Community Councils are members of OVW. Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association are increasingly recognising its influence
 - OVW AGMs have experienced problems with being quorate but an online AGM was well attended. Policy adoption modifications have been passed which means Constitutional issues only require 10% of members rather than 20% to effect changes
- The future of the FCC website is a work in progress

18. Councillors' Requests

19. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 9 March 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
Clerc & Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifo (Capasiti Dros Dro), Cyngor Cymuned Freystrop/
Clerc & Responsible Financial Officer, Freystrop Community Council (Acting)
Eboast/Email community.clerk@freystrop.wales

Approval proposed by: *Anna Simpson*

Seconded: *Tom Holde*

Signed:

Date: 9/3/26

Register of Attendance

Meeting Date: 16 February 2026

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

	Signature	Apology Reason	Apology Acceptance Proposed by	Apology Acceptance Seconded by
Thomas, W D (Acting Chair)				
Holder, T F				
Morris, J				
Simpson, A M				
Utting, E				

	Signature	Apology	Notes
Lavis, R D (Acting Clerk)			
Cllr M J John (PCC)			Unable to attend

PUBLIC ATTENDEES AND OBSERVERS

Name (Block Capitals)	Signature	Contact Details/Notes (Optional for following up)
E THOMAS		

Continue overleaf if required

Total Councillors Present	5	Total Apologies Received	
Members of the Public in Attendance	22	Minutes Prepared by	
Meeting Opened at	19:15	Meeting Closed at	20:30

Register of Attendance (Continued)

Meeting Date: 16/2/26

PUBLIC ATTENDEES AND OBSERVERS

Name (Block Capitals)	Full-time Resident and Elector in Freystrop (Please tick)	Signature	Contact Details/Notes (Optional for following up)
BEVIS MUSK			
CHRIS WHITE	✓		
SARAH DENISON	✓		
JEN FORREST	✓		
P WARDING	✓		
A PLATTEN	✓		
A. LAWMAN	✓		
A. BROWN	✓		
P PUGH	✓		
Heather BRIDG	✓		
Sam BRICH	✓		
Jason RYS			
G. UTTING	✓		
S. Makepeace	✓		
R. Makepeace	✓		
J HOOKE	✓		
S. Lewis	✓		
H. James	✓		
M RIDD	✓		
P BLACK			
BRIAN TEATICE	✓		