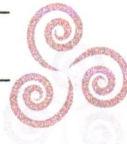




## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FREYSTROP AT 19:15

1. **Opening Remarks**
  - The Acting Chair thanked everyone for attending
2. **Attendance & Apologies**
  - Please see the attendance register
3. **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
4. **Minutes of the 9 February 2026 Monthly Meeting**
  - The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
    - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder
5. **Minutes of the 16 February 2026 Monthly Meeting**
  - The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
    - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder
6. **Matters Arising**
  - No matters were raised
7. **White House Solar & Storage Facility**
  - No submissions were received for discussion
  - **Welsh Government advice on SIPS responses 6 February**
    - The Chair read out an extract from the guidance
    - B Musk of Burton stated that the application is not SIP and requested this be minuted
  - Receipt of FaFSAG pre-application response received from C Pugh on 25 February 2026. Forwarded to the Joint Working Party representatives
  - **Joint Working Party update**
    - One meeting has been held. Progress is at an early stage
    - Andrew Brown & Sarah Dennison are representing FaFSAG
    - Clerk to continue to receive correspondence from FaFSAG for forwarding to the Joint Working Group requested by B Musk of Burton
8. **Presentations & Questions from the Public**
  - No questions or requests to present were received
9. **County Councillor's Report**
  - **Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John update**
    - PCC budget set at 4.6%, 5% next year
    - Full council meeting included big discussion on schools, closures and mergers
    - Solidarity with Palestine group – request for (Dyfed) pension funds to be withdrawn from investments with links to Israel
    - Petition from Save the Cleddau project has been received
    - Hywel Dda proposals following consultation. PCC writing to Welsh Government. Hywel Dda have been invited to attend a council meeting
    - Rate relief deadline of 30 March
    - Active travel plan consultation
    - 20mph review closes 11 March
      - Councillor M J John has submitted comments
      - The clerk has received a copy of a response by A Brown
      - Several members of the public indicated a willingness to be Speedwatch volunteers
    - St David's Day march was deemed successful
    - Health & wellbeing event being held in Hook
  - The Chair thanked Councillor M J John for a comprehensive response to the speed limit consultation



## 10. Community

- Cwm Arian are offering free Community energy advice

## 11. Highways & Rights of Way

- Repair of damage outside Highleys, Moorland Road, following roadworks completed
  - Councillor A M Simpson thanked Councillor M J John for his assistance
- Continuing roadworks on Moorland Road
  - A cable was broken and repaired during works
  - A brief discussion about incursion on verges because of the works ensued
- The pothole outside The Travellers Rest still not repaired

## 12. Planning Matters

- Shire Hill, Moorland Road
  - [25/0717/PA](#)
  - Retrospective S73A. Feed/machinery store & retrospective planning permission for alterations to existing front boundary
  - Amended plans submitted
- Awaiting decision
  - Cross View Farm, Bower House, Clayston Garage, The Burgage
- PCNP LDP3 Facilities Survey
  - Response required by 31 March

## 13. Assets

- Freystrop Village Hall
  - Next meeting of FVH&PFMC 27 April
- PHFRP
  - OVW LPN signage & tools packages applied for
    - The clerk requested permission to complete the application which had a deadline for submission
      - Proposed: J Morris Seconded: T F Holder
- Other Assets
  - Defibrillator pad replacements
    - The Chair and clerk were of the opinion that the kit is a community asset and that FCC is responsible for its upkeep not the Village Hall
    - The Chair has sourced replacement pads. £27.18 to be reimbursed

## 14. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- Community Boundary Review Webinars presentations received
- Infrastructure Planning for Communities - 5 & 26 March
  - Councillors A M Simpson and J Morris attended the 5 March session
  - The Chair will attend on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Working Better Together – 12 March 2026, 19:30

## 15. FCC Administration

- Annual Remuneration Report published
- Audit 2024/25 notice published
- Notice of Casual Vacancy issued
- 15 February 2026 email received from C Pugh. "FCC Complaint"
  - The Chair and clerk will prepare a response
- B Musk of Burton requested that the clerk start doing the job properly



16. FCC Financial Matters

- The clerk requested permission to ask R Howells to undertake the internal audit. This follows the comments on the 2024/25 internal audit that the same internal auditor be used for both FCC & FVH as there is an interaction between the 2 committees.
  - The Chair suggested an honorarium of £50 be paid
    - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder
- Receipts March 2026
  - Deposit Account Interest - £29.23
- Payments February 2025
  - PHFRP Inspections - £60.00
- Upcoming Payments March
  - PHFRP Inspections - £60.00
  - Replacement pads for defibrillator
  - PHFRP Climbing Frame – £9,300 remaining
  - Councillor allowances - £156 per Councillor per annum pro rata
- Bank accounts
  - Current Account Balance: £13,092.00 at 4/03/26
  - Deposit Account Balance: £12,885.69 at 4/03/26

17. Other Matters

- One Voice Wales
  - Councillor W D Thomas report
    - Sizing policies of councils was discussed
    - New ombudsman to be appointed
    - Constitution changes are to be introduced following approval at the AGM
    - Political restrictions to be implemented on Town and Community Councils

18. Councillors' Requests

19. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 13 April 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

Russell Lavis

Acting clerk

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Approval proposed by: *Anna Simpson*

Seconded: *Tom Holdo*

Signed: *W D Thomas*

Date: *13/4/26*



Cyngor Cymuned Freystrop



Freystrop Community Council

### Register of Attendance

Meeting Date: 9 March 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		ABSENT WITHOUT REASON		

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

#### PUBLIC ATTENDEES AND OBSERVERS

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

Continue overleaf if required

Total Councillors Present	4	Total Apologies Received	0
Members of the Public in Attendance	12	Minutes Prepared by	R D LAVIS
Meeting Opened at	19:15	Meeting Closed at	20:15





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**Freystrop Community Council Declaration of Councillor's Interest**

Name of Councillor:	Anna Simpson				
Date of meeting:	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026				
Item of Business:	Solar Development				
Personal Interest?	YES		<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Prejudicial Interest?	YES		<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Why did you declare the interest?	I have attended a Solar Group meeting on Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026. I am a member of the working party relating to the Solar Community Council				
Is this an ongoing interest?	Yes				

Signed:

Date:

9/3/2026



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**Freystrop Community Council Declaration of Councillor's Interest**

Name of Councillor:	Jennifer Morris				
Date of meeting:	<del>9<sup>th</sup> November 2026</del> 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026				
Item of Business:	Solar Development				
Personal Interest?	YES		<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Prejudicial Interest?	YES		<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Why did you declare the interest?	Attended a meeting for the Solar action group on Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> <del>November</del> March. & I am also part of the Solar Working Party				
Is this an ongoing interest?	Yes				

Signed:

Date:

9/3/26.