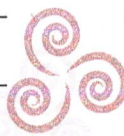




MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FREYSTROP AT 19:15

1. Opening Remarks
 - The Chair welcomed Councillors and the member of the public to the meeting
2. Attendance & Apologies
 - Detailed on 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 13 April 2026 Monthly Meeting
 - The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
 - Proposed: E Utting Seconded: T F Holder
5. Matters Arising
 - *No matters were raised*
6. Presentations & Questions from the Public
 - No questions or requests to present have been received
7. County Councillor's Report
 - Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John update
 - Senedd elections were held last week
 - PCC AGM is this Friday. New Leader to be elected from 3 nominations. **Will be first female leader**
 - Foster care fortnight coming up in May
 - Cllr Brian Hall has passed away
 - Vacancy on the Standards Committee for any Councillor
 - GoSafe request for more visits to Freystrop submitted
 - Bridleway at Targate Road repairs made
 - Targate Road Minor Works not brought forward to 2026/27
 - Issues must be reported by individuals to raise the importance of any traffic concerns
 - Message from PCC Planner that PEDW has progressed the solar application. Validation is complete according to QAIR. Documents will be available at the start of the consultation
8. Joint Working Party update - White House Solar & Storage Facility
 - *No meetings have been held*
 - Full case to be prepared and submitted by FaFSAG. A summary backing the aforementioned case will be submitted by FCC
9. Community
 - West Wales Biodiversity event at PHFRP on 15 May
 - Everyone welcome
 - PHFRP first proceeding to Nothmoor Common
 - Fun Day Event 6 June
 - Preparations are ongoing
 - Public praise for Parc Hamdden Freystrop Recreation Park
 - Posts have been seen on Facebook which have been well received by members of the public praising the facilities and range of activities in a safe space at PHFRP
10. Highways & Rights of Way
 - Targate Road Minor Works Fund
 - See comments above
 - The half-gate at the south end of the Northmoor Common bridleway has been removed
11. Planning Matters
 - No updates on current plans
 - LDP2 Examination – meeting to discuss marine concerns
 - Those wishing to attend should co-ordinate with the Acting Chair
12. Assets
 - The bench on the New Road still requires repairs, all previous attempts to source a trades person having failed



13. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- Audit Wales – Webinar for clerks – 16 April
 - Attended by the Acting clerk
- PCC Code of Conduct Training – 20 April, 19:00
 - Councillors W D Thomas, E Utting and C P White attended
- OVW Accounts closure and annual return training – 5 May
 - Attended by the Acting clerk
- Working Better Together – 19 May
- OVW 5 Pillars of Nature Recovery webinars every Tuesday in June at 11:00
- Training plan requires update
- New Councillor training to be organised

14. FCC Administration

- Ombudsman's response to the complaint
 - The Ombudsman found no case to be answered, the allegations were groundless and as such were not to be made public
- Clerk vacancy – Councillors to remain behind to discuss 3 applications
- Audit 2025/26
 - R Howells appointed internal auditor
 - Honorarium to be increased to £150
 - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: E Utting
- OVW Civility & Respect Pledge is strongly encouraged to be adopted
- Finance and Governance Self-Assessment Toolkit should be a part of the training plan

15. FCC Financial Matters

- Zurich Insurance renewal no update
- Acting clerk's salary from 1 December 2025 to 3 May 2026
 - 135 hours @ £14.62, £1,973.70
 - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder
- Continuing issues with maintenance support payment to Middle Hill Chapel
 - A cheque will be written
- Receipts April/May 2026
 - Return of maintenance contribution by Middle Hill - £150.00
 - Deposit Account Interest - £13.57
 - Precept instalment - £4,000
- Payments April/May 2026
 - OVW subscription - £180.00
 - PHFRP Grass cutting - £200.00
 - PHFRP Inspections - £140.00
 - Annual contribution to grounds maintenance
 - Middle Hill - £150.00 – retry of payment with new account details
- Upcoming Payments May/June
 - PHFRP Inspections - £70.00
 - PHFRP Grass cutting as required
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £6,005.15 at 08/05/26
 - Deposit Account Balance: £12,913.18 at 08/05/26
- VAT reclaim

16. Other Matters

- One Voice Wales
 - Renewal of membership for 2026/27 complete
 - Councillor W D Thomas report
 - Will report details of the last meeting

17. Councillors' Requests

- Councillor C P White enquired about litter picking tools and arrangements
- Councillor E Utting demanded that former Councillor M R Harries be made to appear in front of FCC to explain what is happening in regards of the abusive emails he has received and why the matter is not being progressed further. In particular she wished to 'have her name cleared'
 - M R Harries would be approached



18. Date of Next Meeting

- Annual General Meeting of Freystrop Community Council 15 June 2026 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:15
- Next scheduled meeting 15 June 2026 in Freystrop Village Hall immediately following the AGM
- Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received by the acting clerk by 20 May 2026

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Approval proposed by:

Seconded:

Signed:

Date: