

THE HAVENS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

6 February 2024 – BROAD HAVEN VILLAGE HALL – 7pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors H. Jones (Chair), C. Stephens, S. Bell, S. Reynolds,
A Devonald, C. Alexander and L. Kother.

In Attendance: J. Thomas (Clerk).

1. To elect a Vice-Chair

Proposed by Cllr C Stephens; Seconded by Cllr L Kother

RESOLVED

That Cllr C Alexander be elected as Vice-Chair.

2. To accept apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Bevan and V Grey

3. To disclose personal or pecuniary interests in items of business listed below:

There were no Declarations of Interest raised.

4. To approve the Minutes from meetings held on:

Proposed by Cllr A Devonald; Seconded by Cllr S Bell

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor S Bell; Seconded by Councillor S Reynolds

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2024 were approved as a correct record subject to two amendments.

5. To consider Planning Matters:

There were no planning applications received however the amendment to the Life Boat were noted.

6. Projects Update

a. Coffee Mornings – Cllrs noted that the Coffee Morning had been well attended with positive feedback received. A number of attendees wished to make a donation at the coffee mornings. Cllrs noted that this could be used to fund a defibrillator at the school.

b. Little Haven Interactive Boards – The Chair advised that the interactive boards were on their way. Planning permission was not required as it was an information board rather than a notice board. It was anticipated that they would be in place by Easter. It was further noted that the bench was in place but was quite low which was easier for elderly.

c. Community Lunches and Transport – the next Community lunch would be in St Brides, Little Haven with updates to follow.

d. Litter Picking – Councillor Grey had been in touch with Keep Wales Tidy and a litter pick was being arranged.

7. Correspondence Report.

a. Received – as reported.

b. Sent - as reported.

8. Finance Matters:

a. Update on Barclays account - Former Cllr Burch had spoken with Barclays as they had reported that his signature had changed, there was also an issue with the address for the Chair. Cllrs noted that Barclays in Haverfordwest was closing and they discussed whether the Council should consider changing banks. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with Nationwide, Natwest and the Post Office as to the suitability of their accounts and report back to the next meeting. Councillor Kother requested that any delays be updated to Cleddau Press. Councillor Reynolds highlighted that most High Street banks had or were closing and suggested the Post Office.

b. Payments sent

It was **resolved** that payments be authorised as noted.

Lamber Forge Garden Furniture	£525.00
PCC Inv M582447 – Salt Bin	£216.00
Clerk Wages	£502.01
PAYE - 475PZ015143692409	£125.40
Cleddau Press	£225.00
Cleddau Press	£235.00
B Jones Electrical Inv 10162	£1020.00
D G James Little Haven Bench	£1058.26
Total Tech Ltd Inv 12292 and 12125	£168.00
Broad Haven Hall 4.7.23 and 13.7.23 inv 1387	£32.00
Broad Haven Hall 6.9.23 inv 1346	£16.00
Broad Haven Hall 16.11.23 inv 1401	£20.00
Broad Haven Hall 5.12.23 inv 1407	£20.00

c. Payments received

As reported.

Honesty Box £78.65

d. Balance on accounts

As presented.

9. Grass Cutting Contract

The Chair informed the Committee that the previous contract had been for one year due to the uncertainty around the Boules Pitch. The Councillors agreed to keep the contract to one year until the Boules Pitch was resolved. A number of businesses were highlighted for the tender invitation to be sent and to be posted on the Face Book page and diary.

Advert to Tender was agreed.

10. Pavements on Marine Road, Broad Haven

No update available.

11. Play Area Inspection Report

Cllrs noted that the contract had been arranged by former Cllr Burch and the Clerk will email for an update. Cllr Bevan had agreed to take over as contact for Kompan.

12. Boules Pitch

Cllrs discussed the area of land for the Boules Pitch noting that the contract to maintain the entire area would be too difficult and that they only wanted the corner by Sandyke Road for the Boules Pitch. Cllrs discussed the questions to be put to PCC representatives as:

- Annual cost for maintenance of the land
- Liability insurance
- If the Community Council do not take on responsibility, what is the intention with the land.
- How long would the lease be for.
- A copy of the contract would need to be reviewed prior to any decision.

Cllrs agreed that an Extraordinary meeting would be convened to ensure they are able to meet with a representative from PCC and the Clerk would look to send the questions to them and request availability. Councillor Stephens highlighted that previously, the Chief Property Officer had attended two/three meetings with many promises but nothing had happened.

RESOVLED

PCC Representatives to be invited to the next meeting.

13. Fibre Broadband

Cllr Bell advised that she had received a letter from OpenReach regarding the Broadband connection. She advised that in order for ultrafast broadband to be installed, they need to ensure enough interest in the Community.

RESOLVED

That Council would advertise the QR code supplied from OpenReach and encourage residents to register their interest.

14. Community Councillor and Youth Representative vacancy

Applications for both vacancies were encouraged.

16. Defibrillator Training

Poster to be displayed with four date for training available:

Little Haven Hall: 28 February 2024 6-7.30pm
2 March 10-11.30am

Broad Haven Hall: 7 March 2024 6-7.30pm
9 March 2024 10-11.30am

17. Clerks Contract – renewal

The Chair advised that all Councillors had received the contract for comment.
Proposed by Councillor S Bell; Seconded by Councillor A Devonald

AGREED

That the Clerk Contract be approved on a permanent basis.

18. Date of Next Meeting

5 March 2024 at 7pm at Little Haven Village Hall

Councillors noted that the following meeting on 2 April 2024 will also be held at Little Haven Village Hall.

19. Any Other Business

The Book Swap shelter would be in place by Easter.

Councillors were informed of the sad passing of Mr Peter Connel who had written the Havens Community Diary Quiz every month for many years and passed on their condolences.

Nature Recovery Action Plan by Chris Taylor of PCNPA will be delivered before the next meeting of the Community Council on 5 March 2024 at 6pm.

Cllr Devonald noted concerns regarding the traffic calming in Broad Haven as there had been a number of incidents of road rage and dangerous driving over the last three weeks. He noted that the chevrons were in need of repainting.

RESOLVED

That the Chair would write to the PCSO regarding the dangerous area and the slipway on to the beach and the Clerk would then inform the Road Safety Unit in PCC.

Cllr Alexander highlighted the problem of the Broadway sign which was in need of being replaced.

Cllr Alexander highlighted that at a recent meeting of the Broadway Action Group, they were looking to visually improve the area. Cllrs Stephens and Reynolds noted that funding had been made available from the Community Council towards planters and Cllr Alexander advised that she would discuss this further.

The Clerk requested that salary and Cleddau Press be paid by standing order, the Councillors requested that this be placed on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 2035hrs.

Signed:

Date: 7 May 2024