

# THE HAVENS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED THE HAVENS

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## THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT BROAD HAVEN VILLAGE HALL, 4 July 2017, AT 7 PM

### PRESENT

Cllrs Charlotte Alexander, Mark Burch (Vice Chair), Nia Davies, David Faulkner, Matthew Ford, Peter Morgan (County Cllr), Joan Phillips, Susan Reynolds, Ian Whitby (Chair), Christine Lewis (Clerk).

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Janet Evans, Claire Williams

### APOLOGIES

Katie Millar (Youth Representative)

### ADOPT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were signed by Cllr Ian Whitby (Chair), as a true record of the meeting held on the 6 June 2017.

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

### MATTERS ARISING

#### The Galleon

Following the Galleon's application for tables and chairs outside the premises, PCNPA and PCC Licensing Department initially suggested they fell in line with Tenby establishments, with a yearly license for 11am - 6pm. However, after some negotiation this was extended to 11am - 8pm to enable them to serve evening meals.

#### Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to contact PCC regarding adopting the shingle footpaths in the area as these were not being maintained sufficiently by the PCC contractors and were returning to nature. PCC are looking into this proposal but have indicated that it would be acceptable to them. The Clerk will report back when she has further information on this.

#### Little Haven Green

As requested the Clerk discussed the condition of the grass on Little Haven Green with Down to Earth Landscaping and it was agreed that it would be impossible to maintain and improve the condition of the grass due to the high wear and tear it is subject to.

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## **LDP Replacement Preferred Strategy Consultation Feedback**

The Council agreed on the feedback for the Local Development Plan (Replacement) Preferred Strategy and asked the Clerk to emphasise that they felt there should be more consistency for planning decisions made by delegated Planning Officers and more attention given to local opinion.

## **Casual Vacancies**

Applicants for the two casual vacancies came to the meeting to introduce themselves to the Council. A vote was then held and both William Griffiths from Little Haven and Connie Stephens from Broad Haven were co-opted on to the Council. The Clerk was asked to thank the other candidates for their interest and time.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Play Parks**

The Play Park volunteers have carried out a number of maintenance jobs plus organised contractors for specialised repairs. The new role play equipment, the Playship, being funded by the Carnival Committee, is due to be installed during the week commencing 17 July.

### **Peasey Park Lease**

The lease has now been received from PCC and the Clerk has requested an electronic copy of the document in order to circulate this to all Councillors along with Messrs Price and Sons Solicitors comments.

### **Budget Review**

The Clerk presented an up to date budget spreadsheet showing expenditure and income to date.

### **Festive Lighting**

All Festive Motifs for lamp posts on the sea front have now been sponsored by local businesses. The Council asked the Clerk to thank Mostyn Davies, The Ocean Bar, Cafe and Restaurant.

### **Atlantic Drive**

Cllr Charlotte Alexander reported that a number of walls outside the flats are in a very poor condition and number 58 has had to put sand bags to stop rain water draining into their garden. The Clerk advised that this was reported to PCC sometime ago and she understood they had visited and inspected the walls in order to ascertain maintenance requirements. As no action seems to have been taken the Clerk was asked to report this again urgently.

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## Engaging with the Community

Cllr Charlotte Alexander advised the meeting that during discussions at a recent New Councillor Induction Session there were some interesting suggestions put forward for engaging with the community. Some Councillors had the added advantage of running the local shop or pub whilst others had published Councillors pictures in their local newsletter to ensure electors could recognise them when they attended local activities.

Cllr Ian Whitby, (Chair) pointed out that last year that the Council held surgeries bi-monthly in order to give electors the chance to come and discuss any local issues with the Councillors on duty but these had not been well attended.

However, the Coffee Evening held by the Council was well attended and it was suggested that another should be held in September. The Clerk was asked to organise this.

## Email Communications

The Clerk expressed concerns regarding the delay in responding to emails at times as this made it difficult when target dates had to be met.

She felt that the high number of emails coming into the Council inbox lately were having an effect on this and suggested that those emails for 'information only' should be sent as normal mail and those emails requiring a response should be flagged as 'important'.

It was agreed that all emails requiring a response should be replied to within 3 days at the latest, but sooner if requested. The Clerk will add the agreed email etiquette to the Standing Orders and bring these to the September meeting for adoption.

## Working Together to Build a Better Pembrokeshire

This event will be held in Letterston Memorial Hall on the 21 July from 10am - 5pm. It will be supported by PCC, PLANED and PAVS and of interest to all Town and Community Councils, Health and Social Care, Housing Professionals, GP Practices and Community Based organisations.

## Review of Electoral Arrangements in Pembrokeshire

The Boundary Commission would like to make a presentation to Town and Community Councils to explain the process for the forthcoming boundary review. This will be held in County Hall, on Friday 28 July, at 5 pm and the Clerk asked those Councillors who are available to attend to let her know in due course.

## Planning Applications

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| <b>NP/17/0315/FUL</b> | Residential development comprising 18 dwellings and associated works on land off Walton Road, Broad Haven, SA62 3JX | Not Supported |
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The Council did not give their support for this application for the following reasons.

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The above application was discussed fully and residents from the vicinity attended the meeting and the Council also received a number of emails expressing local residents concerns regarding the proposed development.

The Council's concerns regarding the development were submitted to the developers, in writing, on receipt of a copy of the proposals for the pre application consultation. However, the developers did not enter into any correspondence, conversations or response to the concerns raised.

The Council does not support the application as presented and feel that it is an over development of the site and a more appropriate development would be that detailed in the Local Development Plan agreed some time ago or the amendment to 10 properties in the previous planning application submitted.

It is considered by the Council and local residents that it would be visually intrusive and not in keeping with our National Parks strategy for all development to blend in with the community.

The single track access road, with no pedestrian walkway, would not be able to cope with the increased traffic. Indeed as both The Havens Community Council and Pembrokeshire County Council are aware of the traffic problems that were created during a recent time of increased traffic on the road where cars had to reverse continually back up the road to allow traffic coming out of the village to pass.

The single access road is used by both local residents, farm traffic, oil deliveries etc causing many problems of traffic build up which gets even worse during the tourism periods which now stretches for many months of the year.

It is not considered a safe route for children to walk to school, and despite the short distances to the local school will end up with children being driven in order to keep them off what will be considered a dangerous road as there is no room for walkers in addition to the traffic and certainly no room for pushchairs etc. People living in the development will find it impossible to walk to the local shops and the shops and local facilities will be inaccessible to the majority of disabled persons.

With regards to the soakaway, sewerage and drainage plans it should be noted that Driftwood Close, when developed, were required to put in land drains to deal with this due to the problems identified. There is, therefore, concern that the planned soakaways will create the same problems identified years ago.

The community has regularly been reminded of the strain put on the sewerage system, particularly throughout heavy rains when signs have to be erected to advise people not to swim in the sea due to the overflow.

The Council fully appreciate the need for affordable housing and development within the village but feel that the other side of the Village is far more suitable.

The Council would appreciate a site visit with Highways before any development goes ahead on land off Walton Road.

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**Finance Debits**

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| Broad Haven Village Hall Standing Order                          | 250.00         | SO           |
| Little Haven Hall Standing Order                                 | 250.00         | SO           |
| Clerk's salary £316.20 plus expenses                             | 369.88         |              |
| Cleddau Press July Issue   | 213.00         |              |
| Play Parks Maintenance Team                                      | 94.41          |              |
| SLCC Subscription  | 93.00          |              |
| Bevan Glass and Grass Invoice 479                                | 290.00         |              |
| Zurich Insurance   | 419.09         |              |
| <b>Payments authorised by Cllrs Joan Phillips and Nia Davies</b> | <b>1979.38</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |

**Finance Income**

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| Trafalgar Terrace Honesty Box Donations | 512.16        |              |
| Advertising                             | 160.00        |              |
|   | <b>672.16</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |

**END OF MEETING**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9 pm.

**AUGUST MEETING**

It was agreed that due to the number of people on vacation there will be no meeting in August. Should the Clerk have any correspondence or issues that requires attention she will contact those Councillors still available.

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER IN THE BOWEN MEMORIAL HALL.**

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