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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

7th April 2026 – IN PERSON AT LITTLE HAVEN VILLAGE HALL, AND ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM – 7-15pm

MINUTES

Present:

Cllrs Chris Oliver, George Bevan, Liz Forster, Sally Bell, Andy Devonald, Charlie Alexander, Kevyn Sturman.

Also in Attendance:

Peter Horton (Clerk); County Cllr. N. Neumann

1) Comments of welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

2) Apologies received

C'llrs Howard Jones, Liz Kother, Viv Grey.

3) Opportunity for members of the public to make representations on tabled agenda items

Mr Andy Drumm was present to address the meeting regarding a range of issues concerning the Slash Pond and surrounding area. These concerned issues of addressing fly-tipping on the land, funding tree-planting, and confirming arrangements for the community event planned for 9th May to mark the designation of the area as National Forest. He mentioned that the Boardwalk Group would like the community council to be represented, and to speak at the event. C'llr Nick Neumann had agreed to say a few words.

A number of local residents addressed the meeting to make representations opposing the grant of planning consent for the application due to be discussed in 'Planning', for a campsite / caravan site / siting of Shepherds' huts on land at Talbenny. The objections were based on (1) alleged discrepancies between the actual area of the site and the area depicted for planned use on the application; (2) alleged failure to address concerns raised when the application was considered previously, in relation to sewage management and disposal; (3) Highway access and safety concerns; (4) biosecurity concerns; (5) alleged deficiencies in the related ecology report; (6) alleged issues over proposed parking arrangements; (7) concerns over trees and hedges around the site, alleged proximity of watercourses, and concerns over handling of waste from the site; (8) alleged inaccuracies on the location plan submitted with the application; (9) concerns over alleged possible land contamination on the site; (10) alleged ownership and access rights issues relating to use of some access routes to the proposed site; (11) concerns over potential issues with dogs and children on the site.

4) Declarations of known conflicts of interest

C'llr Charlie Alexander declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application ref. NP/26/0118/FUL, as she was the applicant. She left the room during discussion of the application. C'llr George Bevan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application ref. NP/23/0435/FUL, as he was an immediately adjoining landowner. He left the room during discussion of the application.

5) Approval of minutes of the March monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as drafted (proposer C'llr Liz Forster, seconder C'llr Chris Oliver). C'llr Liz Forster noted that the minutes had not been published in the community diary, even though they had been sent over in good time.

6) **Matters Arising from previous meetings, and not covered under tabled agenda items**

- Atlantic Drive update

No update. Members discussed again briefly arranging to carry out some work there on a volunteer basis, possibly with the involvement of local residents.

- Any update on new website provision

C’Ilr Kevyn Sturman reported that the Planning module was still not working. Clerk to KS – Planning module not working. Clerk to write to them again, including mentioning the possibility of going elsewhere for a more reliable service.

- Update on situation with long-term parking in Slash Pond Car Park

The situation was now resolved at least for the time being.

7) **Accounts**

- Payments for approval

Hugo Fox (direct debit)	:	£ 29-99
Hugo Fox (direct debit)	:	£ 23-99
Clerk (salary March 2026)	:	As per contract

[NOTE – as agreed in the February meeting, the Clerk’s pay included overtime for carrying out the annual asset risk assessment and writing up the report. This had amounted to 4.5 hours).

HMRC (PAYE tax / NI contributions)	:	As per contract
Lamber Forge Garden Furniture (0026716) ratification	:	£2445-00
Cleddau Press (INV-20105)	:	£ 210-00
One Voice Wales (Membership renewal)	:	£ 350-00
R. Wheeler (Point works) ratification	:	£1900-00
Total Tech (INV-17322) ratification	:	£ 84-00
S.A. Autos & Recovery Ltd. (INV-B4F811-0336) ratification	:	£ 216-00
Western Services Ltd (INV-WS25-11) ratification	:	£3000-00

The above payments were approved (proposer C’Ilr George Bevan, seconder C’Ilr Sally Bell).

- Income received

Honesty Box income	:	£298-95
Community Diary advert income	:	£356-00

- Balances held in community council accounts on 31st March 2026

Current account	:	£ 8989-01
Deposit account	:	£25216-67

- Interim end of year financial report

Members considered the interim financial report circulated by the Clerk. There were no matters of concern, though it was pointed out that a final report would be presented to the A.G.M. in May.

- Approval of determinations for member allowances for 2026/27

Deferred for consideration in May.

8) **Planning**

- Planning consultations for discussion

NP/26/0078/FUL – Proposal: Garage door to be replaced with window and rendered wall to front elevation. Door and window replaced with bifold doors to rear elevation; Location: 8, Puffin Way, Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HP – Support.

[NOTE – C’Ilr Charlie Alexander left the meeting at this point. The meeting was chaired by C’Ilr Kevyn Sturman in her absence]

NP/26/0118/FUL - Front Porch and bay window replacement; Location: The Bungalow, Broadway, Broad Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HX– Support.

[NOTE – C’Ilr Charlie Alexander returned to the meeting at this point, and resumed chairmanship. C’Ilr George Bevan left the meeting at this point]

NP/23/0435/FUL - Change Of Use of land for the formation of 11 touring caravan pitches, tent pitches & the siting of 3 shepherd’s huts. (Part retrospective to include retention of existing storage shed & facilities building); Location: Land to the East of Talbenny Hall Farm, Talbenny, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3XB – After considering all the representations made to the meeting, and reading the letter sent in by a local resident, Members resolved to oppose the application on the same grounds as previously, including for reasons of concern over highway safety (proposer C’Ilr Kevyn Sturman, seconder C’Ilr Liz Forster).

[NOTE – C’Ilr George Bevan returned to the meeting at this point]

9) Correspondence received

- 01) P.C.C. – Message regarding occupied vehicle in Marine Road car park – noted, as the situation was now resolved.
- 02) Charlie Alexander – Message of resignation from community council – noted with regret by Members present.
- 03) Andy Drumm – Message of requests concerning issues around the boardwalk – C’Ilr Nick Neumann undertook to report the fly-tipping issue to P.C.C. Members approved expenditure of up to £50 for tree-replacement work at the land (proposer C’Ilr Chris Oliver, seconder C’Ilr Sally Bell).
- 04) Local resident – concerns over flooding on pathway to Broad Haven Playpark – C’Ilr Nick Neumann undertook to discuss the problem with P.C.C. officers.
- 05) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Playground inspection reports – noted. Agenda item to be tabled for May to consider replacement of the damaged sign that had recently blown down. In the meantime, Clerk to research requirements for such signage, and C’Ilr George Bevan to forward to the Clerk a photograph of the redundant sign for information.
- 06) Andy Drumm – Message regarding National Forest status of woodland around Slash Pond – Members noted that the process of gaining National Forest status was now complete.
- 07) Western Services – Message regarding license application for summer lighting – Clerk to submit application accordingly, for the period from 1st July to 31st August 2026.
- 08) Blue Horizons – Request for financial assistance – in hand with C’Ilr Nick Neumann.
- 09) Community Diary team – Notification of intention to step down at the end of 2026 – deferred for consideration in agenda item below.
- 10) Audit Wales – Audit documentation – in hand with Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.
- 11) P.C.C. – Notification of community governor vacancy at Broad Haven C.P. School – Clerk to write nominating C’Ilr Chris Oliver for the position (proposer C’Ilr Liz Forster, seconder C’Ilr George Bevan).
- 12) Community Diary team – Request for financial assistance – deferred for consideration in agenda item below.
- 13) Bowen Hall – Invoices for hall hire – noted, and corrected invoices awaited.
- 14) Zurich – Insurance renewal documentation – noted, and deferred for consideration in May, to allow time for further discussion between the Clerk and Zurich regarding the premium and cover levels. Clerk to ask Zurich for the cost of uprating the public liability element of the cover to £10 million.
- 15) Andy Drumm – Information on forthcoming event to mark the grant of National Forest status – Members agreed for the Marine Road car park to be closed for the day of the planned event on 9th May, to allow for the event to proceed as planned (proposer C’Ilr Sally Bell, seconder C’Ilr Liz Forster). Preliminary tidy-up of the car park arranged for Sunday 26th April 11-15am. Event risk assessment to be sent by Andy Drumm to Clerk when completed. Re H.C.C. Member participation in the event preparation and execution, it was left for individual Members to liaise directly with the Boardwalk Group as possible.
- 16) Local resident – letter of objection to planning application NP/23/0435/FUL – letter read and discussed in ‘Planning’ above.

10) County Councillor report

Highways improvements on Settlands junction. P.C.C. officers had agreed that the signage currently in place was not adequate. More advance-notice signage was agreed as being necessary, such as on Walton Hill. As a result of these discussions, improvements were expected. Work towards these was in progress, with an expectation that additional signage, etc., would be in place before the commencement of the main holiday period.

LH car park. The lighting issues had now been sorted out, though the dangerous cable over the stream still remained to be addressed. The drainage issues in the car park still remained unaddressed.

P.C.S.O. village rounds. The local P.C.S.O. was due to be carrying out rounds of Broad Haven, to familiarise himself with local issues, and seek ways to address these where possible.

Blue Horizon. It was mentioned that the group was championing road safety improvements on Haroldston Hill. C’Ilr Nick Neumann mentioned that he was liaising with them to offer support as possible.

- 11) **Discussion of Pride in Place grant scheme**
Deferred for discussion in May.
- 12) **Discussion of possible acquisition of Slash Pond, including any necessary discussion of ongoing actions needed**
Members were informed that C'llrs Howard Jones and George Bevan had met with a local land agent, who had undertaken to examine the proposals. They were currently awaiting further contact from him.
- 13) **Update on training courses, following recent adoption of Community Council Training Plan**
Members were reminded of the scheduled Code of Conduct training course due to be held at 7pm on Monday 20th April. The Clerk would be circulating round listings of scheduled courses. It was mentioned that there were some bursaries / free places available for attendance on some courses.
- 14) **Approval of updated annual asset and financial risk assessments**
Deferred for consideration in May.
- 15) **Approval of 2026 annual report**
The report was approved as drafted (proposer C'llr George Bevan, seconder C'llr Andy Devonald). Clerk to arrange publication online.
- 16) **Any updates on Community Award scheme**
No update.
- 17) **Discussion of problems with vehicles getting stuck on coast road into Little Haven**
Covered in 'County Councillor report' above.
- 18) **Discussion of future of Community Diary**
Deferred for consideration in May.
- 19) **Discussion of arrangements for placing new noticeboard recently procured**
Due to the Broad Haven Village Hall Committee concerns over placing the noticeboard on the Village Hall, Members agreed instead to place it on the Cornerhouse Café in Little Haven, to replace the one there, which was in poor condition. C'llr George Bevan undertook to speak to the owners of the café to seek permission for this, and to make arrangement to get the noticeboard put up. Agenda item to be tabled for June to discuss the possibility of providing a different noticeboard for the Broad Haven Village Hall.
- 20) **Update on arrangements for defibrillator training**
Clerk to seek to make arrangements for training to be carried out some time after the May half term week, with two sessions, one on a Saturday morning, and one on a weekday evening.
- 21) **Discussion of danger from falling rocks on beach cliffs at Little Haven**
C'llr Nick Neumann had spoken with P.C.N.P.A officers about the issue. They had explained that the falls were taking place from privately-owned land, and were not the responsibility of the Authority. C'llr Chris Oliver noted that there had been numerous multi-agency meetings and discussions about the issue, which was an ongoing matter of informing the public. Matter left in abeyance.
- 22) **Discussion of damaged signage at Broad Haven Playpark**
Dealt with in 'Correspondence' item 05 above.
- 23) **Discussion of social housing allocation protocols in community**
Members were concerned about the placement in local social housing of an individual known to have a criminal record. It was not known whether or not the unnamed individual would have met the criteria for being housed under the P.C.C. Local Lettings Policy for the area. C'llr Nick Neumann undertook to speak with the P.C.C. Head of Housing regarding the matter, to seek detail on the application of the Housing lettings policy locally.

24) **Any other business (for information only)**

Car parking charges, Little Haven Car Park. C'llr Kevyn Sturman had received complaints about parking charges in the car park, which had been raised by around 45% .

Village entrance signage. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in May.

Dog waste bags. C'llr Chris Oliver had priced up some options for these, which could potentially be placed at key locations to reduce dog-fouling. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in May.

Beach bonfires. Warnings had been issued regarding nails, etc., left behind from planks and waste wood being burnt on the beach, and care recommended to minimise risk of injury.

The meeting closed at 9-15pm. Next scheduled meeting, 7-00pm, Tuesday 5th May 2026, Little Haven Village Hall.