

The Havens Community Council
Annual Report 2024-25

The Havens Community Council (HCC) is a non-political, elected tier of local government which is closest to the people. The Council consists of 10 voluntary Ward Councillors and represents the interests of the communities of Broad Haven, Little Haven, Talbenny, Hasguard, Haroldston, Rosehill, Portfield Gate, Walton West and Broadway. Much of the community sits within the boundary of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The remainder are coastal communities within the boundary of Pembrokeshire County Council. The historic core of Little Haven was designated a Conservation Area in February, 1998. The Community Council can influence decision makers such as the Planning Authority (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park) and the Unitary Authority, (Pembrokeshire County Council) through its role as a statutory planning consultee. It also has powers to provide amenities such as the Boardwalk in Broad Haven and recreation grounds such as Broad Haven Play Park and Football Pitch. The community has almost a 1,000 electors and covers an area of circa 10 square miles.

HCC's objective is to recognise a duty to be responsive to the needs of all who live in the Havens by helping to build a resilient, healthy and sustainable environment.

The Havens Community Council has regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (except August). The venue alternates between Broad Haven and Little Haven Village Halls, unless otherwise advised in the published agendas.

The Havens Community Council currently has ten councillors:

Howard Jones (Chairman)
Charlotte Alexander (vice-Chairman)
Sally Bell
George Bevan
Andy Devonald
Viv. Grey
Liz. Kother
Sue Reynolds
Connie Stephens
Kevyn Sturman

Peter Horton is acting Clerk to The Havens Community Council and the initial point of contact.

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The Havens Community Council controls, either solely or jointly, the following areas of publicly-accessible land:

- Broad Haven Playpark, off Atlantic Drive, Broad Haven
- Peasey Park Playing Field, adjacent to Puffin Way, Broad Haven
- Slash Pond, off Marine Way, Broad Haven

Financial Information

Income

The Community Council's income is from precept collected via local Council tax. This was £27675 for the 2024/25 financial year.

Expenditure

The Community Council's budget for the 2024/25 financial year was £46585. The following report on anticipated actual expenditure for the year, and projected expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year, was presented to the April 2025 monthly meeting :

The Havens Community Council interim statement of accounts effective 1st April 2025

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED STANDING OF ACCOUNTS ON 31/03/2025

Balance brought forward to April 1st 2024 : £52032-82

Income received during year

Precept income : £27675-00

Publicly funded grants : -

VAT reclaims : £ 4010-21

Bank interest / compensations : £ 369-80

Honesty Box : £ 4928-32

Other : £ 8093-77

Total income for year to March 31st 2025 : £45077-10 : £45077-10

Expenditure during year

Clerk : £ 6485-01

Admin : £ 2036-72

Donations : £ 4272-10

Hall expenses : £ 1247-00

Printing : £ 2805-00

Grass-cutting : £ 2455-00

Insurance : £ 452-31

Training : £ 40-00

Playground : £22904-50

Festive costs : £ 9234-27

Other : £ 4197-45

VAT (reclaimable) : £ 6608-55

Total expenditure during year : £62737-91 : £62737-91

Total projected funds on hand in all accounts on 1st April 2025 : £34372-01

Precept set for 2025/26 : £27675-00

Other projected income for 2025/26 in budget forecast : £28307-00

Therefore, total projected funds for 2025/26 year : £90354-01

Budget set for 2025/26 year : £69695-00

Relationship with the principal council

The Community Council has no ongoing formal charters with Pembrokeshire County Council (the Principal Authority).

Audit

Audit of 2023/24 accounts. These accounts represent the most recently externally audited accounts, and were given qualified approval by the Wales Audit Office auditors.

Achievements during the past year

- Donations totalling over £4250 were given to a number of local groups and organisations with local connections.
- Efforts have been progressed towards leasing further land adjacent to the Broad Haven Playpark, for the planned formation of a boules pit.
- A new website has been built and gone live, serving as a platform for community council communications and information.
- The Havens Community Diary has been financially supported by the community council throughout the year.
- Maintenance and upkeep of the Broad Haven Playpark, Slash Pond, and Peasey Park has been cared for by the community council for the benefits of all residents.
- Community lunches have been organised for the benefit of local residents, and have been well-attended and contributed greatly towards community cohesion and togetherness.

Priorities for the coming year

- Completion of the land lease for additional boules pit facility to be created adjacent to the Broad Haven playpark is hoped to come to fruition.
- Further development of the new community council website will be ongoing.
- Ongoing support of local community groups via the community grant scheme will continue.
- Financial and direct assistance from the community council will enable the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park-owned playpark adjacent to the Youth Hostel in Broad Haven to remain open for the public.
- Ongoing maintenance of the community council-controlled community assets at Broad Haven Playpark, the Slash Pond, and Peasey Park, will continue.

PETER HORTON

ACTING CLERK TO JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 2025