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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

14th JULY 2026 – IN PERSON AT LITTLE HAVEN VILLAGE HALL, AND ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM – 7-30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Cllrs Howard Jones, George Bevan, Chris Oliver, Liz Forster, Sally Bell, Andy Devonald, Viv Grey.

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 Kevyn Sturman, Liz Kother.

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

Alison Gibby was present, and addressed the council concerning her objections to planning application ref. NP/23/0435/FUL. She informed the meeting that she intended to attend the Planning Committee hearing, and make representations to the committee.

A member of public was present to express concerns about anti-social behaviour at Broad Haven beach. There had been an increase of groups playing loud music on the beach, and reacting negatively when challenged. She had been abused verbally recently when she approached one group to ask them to turn their music down. Late night raves, driving on the beach, etc., were also cited as worsening problems. She felt that these problems needed to be addressed and nipped in the bud, and wanted to know if H.C.C. could do something to address the issue. C'llr Nick Neumann mentioned that he had received a number of other complaints along similar lines, and had commenced a multi-agency approach with other interested parties / authorities to seek a way forward on the matter. The Chairman confirmed that H.C.C. would work on the problem in conjunction with the County Councillor.

4) Declarations of known conflicts of interest

None.

5) Approval of minutes of the June monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as drafted (proposer C'llr Liz Forster, seconder C'llr Howard Jones).

6) Discussion of issues arising from Pembrokeshire Triathlon event

Helena Tollick and Dave Astins were present, to represent the Triathlon Club in discussing feedback from the recent triathlon event held in Broad Haven. The Chairman commented that there had been much positive feedback, but also some issues raised that needed discussion.

Dave Astins thanked H.C.C. for supporting the event, and for supporting the arrangements for a road closure on the day of the event. He mentioned that the traffic management company employed had not carried out the agreed arrangements this year as planned and requested. This had resulted in problems at Broadway, Haroldston Hill, on the approach to the seafront, on Marine Road, and at Little Haven. Signage at these locations had been poorly placed and had been misleading. It was agreed by those present that the arrangements made the previous year had worked well, and these should be implemented in the same way in 2027. The Chairman also commented that the position of the race finish line had worked well the previous year.

In addition to reverting to the arrangements put in place in 2025, it was commented that better advance communication was needed to minimise misunderstandings and confusion on the day of the

event. The Chairman suggested that further discussion on the detailed issues that had arisen might assist with avoiding the problems in the future.

Dave Astins also raised the matter of competition from other events, which had increased in recent years. Next year, the Triathlon Club was considering an earlier start, to finish around Midday. They were also considering staging the event either in June or August, to avoid clashes with other events in the County. Members expressed a preference for a June date, as this would impact less on the community in the height of the holiday season. 20th June 2027 was suggested by Dave Astins as a likely date.

Following the discussion, Members thanked Dave Astins and Helena Tollick for attending, after which they left the meeting.

C’Ilr Andy Devonald mentioned the serious issue of parking problems that had arisen during the event day, and suggested that a park-and-ride scheme might be worth considering in future years. The impact on local businesses was also mentioned as something that needed taking into account for future events, so that businesses could make appropriate advance preparations.

7) Discussion of Community Diary arrangements

Members welcomed to the meeting Jodie Reohorn, who had expressed a willingness to take over the running of the community diary later in 2026.

A brief discussion was held about the changes that might be needed to improve the way in which the community diary functioned. The idea of having an online-only publication was discussed. However, it was felt by those present that having a number of printed copies would be important to reach as many residents as possible. For this reason, a hybrid arrangement was felt more likely to be suitable.

Jodie Reohorn mentioned the need to address current invoicing issues, and raised the question of whether or not invoicing for advertisements was actually worthwhile. She suggested the possibility of maybe making advertising free, but rotating advertisements to keep the Diary fresher. Members agreed that the publication was currently ‘top-heavy’ with advertisements, and this needed to be addressed, and shifted in favour of local news items, events, etc. The Chairman suggested establishing a working party of members to work with Jodie Reohorn on how best to take forward the Community Diary. C’Ilr Liz Forster suggested the possibility of using recently-bequeathed funds received by the community council for this purpose, in consultation with the family. It was left that Jodie Reohorn would liaise as necessary with the current Diary team regarding the takeover arrangements, and then discuss practical details with the H.C.C. working party.

Following discussion, Members thanked Jodie Reohorn for attending, after which she left the meeting.

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

None.

9) Accounts

- Payments for approval

Hugo Fox (direct debit)	:	£ 29-99
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Clerk (salary June, July, August 2026)	:	As per contract
HMRC (PAYE tax / NI contributions for above salary payments)	:	As per contract
Clerk (incidental expenses, April – June 2026)	:	£ 76-42
Broad Haven Village Hall Committee (INV-1590)	:	£ 70-00
Cleddau Press (INV-20234)	:	£ 245-00
Cleddau Press (INV-20276)	:	£ 245-00
David Willicombe (Reimbursement for planting costs)	:	£ 14-98
George Bevan (INV-2368)	:	£ 894-00
P.P.S. Pembrokeshire (INV-126)	:	£ 172-24
Total Tech (INV-17953)	:	£ 84-00
Audit Wales (ARINV015599)	:	£ 200-00
Western Services (WS25-15)	:	£ 250-00
Eaton-Evans & Morris (Legal Fees downpayment)	:	£ 400-00
Broad Haven Hall Committee (grant)	:	£1000-00

The above payments were approved (proposer C’Ilr Howard Jones, seconder C’Ilr Viv Grey).

NOTE – It was agreed that from July onwards, the approved salary payments for the Clerk would be transacted during the last week of the month being paid, in order to avoid potential issues with H.M.R.C.

- Income received between June and July meetings

Honesty Box income	:	£ 965-37
Hugo Fox reimbursement	:	£ 50-00

- Balances held in community council accounts on 30th June 2026

Current account	:	£12630-66
Deposit account	:	£25288-52

- Quarterly budget review

Members had received a copy, and were content with the standing of the accounts.

10) Planning

- Planning consultations for discussion

NP/23/0435/FUL - Camping and caravan site, land to the east of Talbenny Hall Farm, Talbenny, Haverfordwest SA62 3XB – It was noted that H.C.C. had already submitted a letter opposing the application. C’lr Nick Neumann mentioned that this was the primary reason why the application had gone to the Planning Committee for determination. It was confirmed that the application had a recommendation for approval from the Planning Department officers.

11) Correspondence received

- 01) Broad Haven Village Hall Committee – Confirmation of their application for Village Hall grant of £1000-00 – this was approved by Members. It was agreed to include this payment in the schedule of payments in ‘Accounts’.
- 02) Local resident (anonymous) – representations regarding dog-ban arrangement on Broad Haven beach, including opposition to changes in the zoning of the dog ban area, and opposition to the introduction of times of day when dog-walking on these areas would be allowed – C’lr Sally Bell mentioned that some local individuals had requested the introduction of times when dog-walking would be permitted, such as in the early mornings before 9am. C’lr Nick Neumann undertook to discuss these issues with P.C.C., and provide an update in the September meeting.
- 03) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Playpark inspection reports – noted.
- 04) Local resident – Request for consideration to having a map in the Community Diary to show the locations of defibrillators in the community – The issue of potential confusion over responsibility for non-community council-owned defibrillators was mentioned. It was agreed to initially carry out an audit to establish the locations of all public-access defibrillators in the community, and consider the matter further in September.
- 05) Local resident – Suggestion for Pride in Place grant application – Noted, as the matter was already being dealt with privately.
- 06) Local resident – Message reporting unevenness in pavement outside The Galleon – Clerk to report to P.C.C.
- 07) Local resident – Representations regarding planning application ref. NP/23/0435/FUL – covered in ‘Planning’ above.
- 08) Local resident – Representations regarding dog-ban arrangements on Broad Haven beach – noted.
- 09) Broad Haven Village Hall Committee – Representations regarding discussions on future funding of broadband provision in village halls – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 10) Andy Drumm – Concerns over traffic management issues during Pembrokeshire Triathlon event – noted, and discussed in agenda item 6 above.

12) County Councillor report

Beach matters. Many concerns had been voiced about anti-social behaviour on the beaches in recent hot weather, including during events organised by local school students. C’lr Sally Bell had sent out emails to local schools to raise this issue, and some schools were known to have discussed the subject with all their pupils. C’lr Liz Forster commented that an effectively enforced zero tolerance approach was needed to anti-social behaviour, littering, etc. Ringing 101 had been the mechanism that had achieved progress on recent occasions. However, it was acknowledged that the Police had no enforcement powers in relation to littering offences.

Bin collections. It was confirmed that bin collections from the public bins were due to increase to twice a day from later that week, through the holiday period.

Traffic calming options. A number of potential options had been put forward for comment by the P.C.C. Highways Department. Members discussed the various options. The general view was that speed bumps would be the most effective measure to reduce excessive traffic speeds.

The Point. C'llrs Nick Neumann and Howard Jones had met officers from the National Trust, who had agreed to do some needed maintenance works. Progress on this would be chased up as needed.

Atlantic Drive. The area was looking much better following recent work carried out by P.C.C. However, some areas had been missed, and this would be followed up as necessary.

Potholes. Potholes along the length of Strawberry Hill remained unaddressed. The issue had again been raised with P.C.C. by C'llr Nick Neumann.

Hedge cutting. Regarding concerns over the state of some hedges in the rural areas, it was understood that hedge-cutting was due to be commenced imminently.

13) Any necessary discussion of ongoing arrangements for acquisition of Slash Pond

No update.

14) Update on training courses undertaken / required

C'llr Chris Oliver suggested that it would be beneficial for at least two Members to attend a training course on Planning matters. C'llr Nick Neumann undertook to make enquiries about this with P.C.N.P.A., including asking if they might be willing to arrange a course specifically for H.C.C.

15) Review of support for broadband provision in village halls

Members noted the content of the recent email received by the Broad Haven Village Hall Committee, to the effect that the broadband provision had only ever been put in at the request of HCC. Members mentioned the cost of hiring the halls, and felt that this should be factored into any decision / ongoing arrangements made. The comment was made that maybe the Hall Committees could consider revising their rental pricing structures to factor in the cost of the broadband in the halls. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would discuss the matter further with Sue Mock when possible, endeavouring to identify a mutually acceptable solution, while emphasising the H.C.C. commitment to supporting the village halls.

16) Discussion of possibility of H.C.C. testing of bathing water and stream at Broad Haven

C'llr Sally Bell had attended a meeting with Paul Marr M.S. to discuss ongoing water quality issues at Broad Haven. A view had been formed that the community should be testing the water regularly, to provide a body of evidence that could then be used to drive improvements in water quality, and to apply pressure for the needed improvement works to deliver this. C'llr Nick Neumann mentioned that, to be effective, any such testing would need to be carried out to industry-accepted standards. It was left for C'llr Nick Neumann to contact Welsh Water to seek their advice the matter.

17) Discussion of request for consideration of H.C.C. maintenance of Little Haven defibrillator

Deferred for consideration in September, in the light of the audit referenced in Correspondence item 04 above.

18) Discussion of Book Swap Shed

Deferred for discussion in September, when it was hoped that C'llr Liz Kother would be present. C'llr Sally Bell mentioned that the shed would need clearing out soon. It was also commented that a timely 'Housekeeping' regime would be needed for the book-swap shed in the future.

19) Any other business (for information only)

Hedge-cutting. C'llr George Bevan mentioned the need for hedge-cutting to clear the path alongside Sandyke Lane. C'llr Nick Neumann undertook to pass this on to P.C.C. officers for action.

Christmas trees / festive lighting. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in September.

Pedestrian shelter, The Point. C'llr Howard Jones mentioned the need for this to be cleaned and painted.

The meeting closed at 9-30pm. Next scheduled meeting, 7-00pm, Tuesday 8th September 2026, Broad Haven Village Hall.