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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**2nd JUNE 2026 – IN PERSON AT BROAD HAVEN VILLAGE HALL, AND ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM
VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM – 7-00pm**

MINUTES

Present:

Cllrs Howard Jones, George Bevan, Chris Oliver, Liz Forster, Sally Bell.

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 Andy Devonald, Kevyn Sturman, Liz Kother, Viv Grey

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

There were no members of the public present.

4) Declarations of known conflicts of interest

None.

5) Approval of minutes of the 2026 A.G.M.

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

6) Approval of minutes of the May monthly meeting

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

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

- Atlantic Drive update

No update. Item to be removed from Matters Arising. Members were agreed that community involvement would be desirable in such activities in the future.

- Any update on new website provision

No update. The Planning tab on the website was confirmed as being partially functional.

- defibrillator training

This had been arranged for the following day 3rd June, and Saturday 13th June in the morning.

Members discussed details of arrangements, including arrangements for refreshments, and having some Members present to co-ordinate matters as necessary.

8) Accounts

- Payments for approval

Hugo Fox (direct debit)	:	£ 29-99
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Clerk (salary May 2026)	:	As per contract
HMRC (PAYE tax / NI contributions)	:	As per contract
Bowen Hall (INV 26/01, 03, 04, 08 for hall hire)	:	£ 240-00
O.V.W. (INV 10770, 10778, 10788 for training)	:	£ 132-00
Total Tech (INV-17757)	:	£ 84-00
Tenby First Responders (ratification, defibrillator pad purchase)	:	£ 55-00
George Bevan (INV-2196, grass-cutting)	:	£ 984-00
George Bevan (INV-2290, grass-cutting)	:	£ 630-00

8 Member allowances plus Chairman allowance for 2026/27 : £2164-00
The above payments were approved (proposer C'lr Howard Jones, seconder C'lr Sally Bell).

- Income received in May 2026

Honesty Box income : £ 540-27

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

Current account : £17427-78

Deposit account : £25216-67

9) Planning

- Planning consultations for discussion

NP/25/0574/S73 – Variation of condition No's 1 & 3 of NP/21/0773/OUT to extend approval for a further 3 years; Location Former Turkey Farm, Land off Blockett Lane, Little Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3UH – No comment.

NP/26/0188/FUL – Addition of single storey porch to the front. Extend conservatory to replace kitchen lean-to; Location: School House, Walton West, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3UA – Support.

NP/26/0224/FUL – Agricultural Workers Dwelling; Location: Upper Broadmoor, Talbenny, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3XD – Support.

NP/26/0185/FUL – Campsite in field; Castle High, Long Lane, Broad Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3LY – Support.

10) Correspondence received

- 01) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Playground inspection reports – noted.
- 02) Roger Raymond – Information connected with land transfer of Slash Pond – noted.
- 03) P.C.C. – Request for volunteers to assist with tidal gate operation in Little Haven – Noted as being in hand with Mr Andy Grey.
- 04) P.C.C. – Information on work undertaken to increase litter bin provision in Broad Haven – noted.
- 05) Local resident – concerns over Japanese Knotweed in areas around the Slash Pond – noted, and Clerk to respond to let them know of control measures already in place. Clerk to contact Helen Hodges of Eaton-Evans & Morris, to ask her to be aware of confirming details for this on an ongoing basis after completion of the land transfer.
- 06) P.C.C. – Consultation on proposed road closure on 5th July in connection with triathlon event – noted, with Members having confirmed their support the previous month.
- 07) Broad Haven Village Hall Committee – Request for grant assistance – Clerk to seek clarification on which grant scheme this was being requested for. Clerk to research when the honesty box grants had been done in previous years.
- 08) P.C.C. – Message instructing removal of festive lighting, Broad Haven – Members were informed that this had now been actioned.
- 09) Community Diary Team – Notification of possible named individual willing to take on the Community Diary – dealt with in agenda item below.

11) County Councillor report

National Trust. C'lr Nick Neumann had made contact to try and arrange a meeting to discuss The Point, but not yet received a response.

Traffic calming, Broad Haven. Detailed proposals for measures to address this were currently awaited from P.C.C., and anticipated in time for consideration in the July meeting. Members were concerned at the potential for accidents without such measures being implemented, due to the volume of traffic and pedestrians during the holiday season.

12) Discussion of future support / arrangements for Community Diary

Clerk to invite Jody Rehorn to attend the July meeting to discuss any suggestions she might have for taking forward the Community Diary.

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

Note comments from Correspondence item (5) above.

14) Update on training courses undertaken / required

C'llr Chris Oliver had completed four courses over the previous month, these being Module 10 - Chairing skills - 27/5/26, Module 1 - The Council - 12/5/26, Module 2 - The Councillor - 21/5/26, and Module 5 - The Council meeting - 20/5/26. He confirmed that these had been useful and were worth attending, even as refreshers.

15) Discussion of possible dog-waste bag provision

Members noted that regular complaints were being received about dog-fouling due to inconsiderate dog owners. This was due to local people as well as some visitors. Members noted the numbers of dog-waste bins in the community, especially Broad Haven, following recent additional provision by P.C.C., which it was hoped might improve the situation. Given this, it was suggested that it might be good to monitor the situation, and review as necessary. Members discussed again the possible benefits of getting the local schoolchildren to prepare posters for use to encourage responsible disposal of dog waste. C'llr Chris Oliver to call the headmaster Gareth Lewis, to seek his views on possible efforts to promote engagement on this issue with the school pupils and staff. Regarding preparation of posters, this remained in hand with C'llr Liz Kother at present. C'llr Sally Bell undertook to speak with her to see how this was progressing.

16) Review of support for broadband provision in village halls

Members noted that this had now been supported for over two years. Given the general support provided to both Hall Committees on a regular basis, it was considered reasonable to review the arrangement for payment of broadband costs, along with review of other outgoings. Clerk to establish the contract arrangements currently in place with Total Tech. Matter to be placed on July agenda for further discussion.

17) Discussion of future of Community Diary

Deferred for discussion in July meeting.

18) Discussion of concerns over dog ban arrangements on Broad Haven beach

C'llr Sally Bell had received comments that the location of the lifeguard station on the beach was separated from the area for dogs, meaning that dog-owning parents would be separated from their children while swimming. C'llr Nick Neumann explained that he had been told this arrangement was because the lifeguards were also tasked with looking out for dogs breaching the ban. C'llr Sally Bell also mentioned some beaches in other parts of the Country where dog bans were relaxed at certain times of the day, to allow dog walking in the mornings and evenings. C'llr Nick Neumann undertook to ask about this possibility, but suggested that this might involve altering byelaws, which was quite an involved process. He also mentioned that the responsible P.C.C. officer Gary Nicholas had offered to meet anyone with concerns to discuss potential amendments to the system currently in operation.

19) Review of arrangements for summer festive lighting in Broad Haven and going forward

It was confirmed that the lighting units had now been removed from the lamp posts in Broad Haven, as requested by P.C.C. This had been actioned following confirmation that it had been agreed as a condition of the original consent for the lighting to be put up during the 2025 festive season. Members discussed whether festive lighting for the summer period in 2026 would be viable, given the constraints imposed by P.C.C. and the limited period for which they would be operational. Members concluded that this would not be workable. Accordingly, it was agreed to withdraw the application currently in with P.C.C. for this (proposer C'llr Liz Forster, seconder C'llr Howard Jones). Clerk to notify P.C.C. of this decision. It was felt that this would allow time to research evidence to support the use of the 'wrap-around' lighting units as being safe in advance of the festive season, and to promote good working relationships with P.C.C. officers. Agenda item to be tabled for September to consider arrangements for lighting for the festive season, and also to review related contractual arrangements.

20) Discussion of support for N.R.W. 'Predict and Protect' arrangements for 2026 season

Members declined to support the arrangement for the 2026 season, feeling that doing so could possibly be seen as aiding and abetting N.R.W. in tolerating the current unacceptable sewage discharges occurring on a regular basis.

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

Litter collections. C’Ilr Howard Jones mentioned issues with overflowing bins at some key locations, and suggested that more frequent bin collections might be beneficial to address this during the holiday season. C’Ilr Nick Neumann undertook to pass on this comment to the relevant P.C.C. officers.

Broad Haven Youth Hostel. Members were informed that the youth hostel was currently up for sale. Some local residents had expressed potential interest in trying to acquire it as a community asset.

Nigel Rees. It was noted that a comment about a possible memorial plaque to be placed on a bench at the football club had been mentioned informally, but that no formal request had been received.

The meeting closed at 8-59pm. Next scheduled meeting, 7-00pm, Tuesday 7th July 2026, Little Haven Village Hall.