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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

3rd NOVEMBER 2026 – IN PERSON AT BROAD HAVEN VILLAGE HALL, AND ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM – 7-00pm

MINUTES

Present:
Cllrs Howard Jones, George Bevan, Viv. Grey, Chris Oliver, Liz Forster.

Also in Attendance:
Peter Horton (Clerk); County Cllr. N. Neumann, Gary Nicholas (P.C.C.).

1) Comments of welcome by Chairman
The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

2) Apologies received
C'llrs Sally Bell, Andy Devonald, Kevyn Sturman.

3) Opportunity for members of the public to make representations on tabled agenda items
There were no members of the public in attendance who wished to make representations.

4) Declarations of known conflicts of interest
C'llr George Bevan declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in the planning applications ref. NP/26/0531/CLE and NP/26/0523/FUL, as he had a working relationship with the applicants, but not a close one.

5) Approval of minutes of the October 2026 monthly meeting
The minutes were approved as drafted (proposer C'llr George Bevan, seconder C'llr Howard Jones).

6) Discussion about possible request to alter dog-ban arrangements for Broad Haven beach
Members welcomed Gary Nicholas from P.C.C., who was in attendance to discuss views on dog bans for Broad Haven beach in the 2027 season.
Mr Nicholas informed the meeting that there had been a notice of motion tabled in P.C.C. recently for the issue to be re-visited. He explained that byelaws cannot be changed without full council approval. This would not be a simple process, requiring extensive consultation, etc. In addition, it would be not only a case of rescinding a byelaw, but considering what would need to be put in its place. This would most likely need to be a P.S.P.O. (Public Spaces Protection Order). This would require justification, which might be difficult after the removal of a byelaw protecting similar areas. In addition, removal of the blanket ban on dog-walking on areas of the beach would mean failing to meet one criterion for blue flag status on the beach.
He also discussed enforcement of any ban, for which administration was difficult. Outsourcing enforcement inevitably brought its own problems. High tides would also affect considerable portions of the five months when the ban was in place, if timed bans were introduced, mitigating any benefits achieved.
Following the discussion, Members thanked Gary Nicholas for his attendance, and for clearly explaining the complications surrounding the whole issue, which had been most helpful. Following this, he left the meeting.

7) Matters Arising from previous meetings, and not covered under tabled agenda items
Community Lunch. This had been arranged for 9th December (Wednesday) at 12 Noon, in the Ocean Cafe.

8) Accounts

- Payments for approval

Hugo Fox (direct debit website November)	:	£ 29-99
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Bowen Hall (INV-20 for hall hire)	:	£ 45-00
Burton CC (defibrillator batteries)	:	£ 8-78
George Bevan (INV-2497 grass-cutting)	:	£ 234-00
One Voice Wales (INV-11201 training)	:	£ 44-00
Total Tech (INV-18814 broadband provision)	:	£ 84-00
Defib Warehouse (defibrillator pads - ratification)	:	£ 174-00
Cleddau Press (INV-20530)	:	£ 210-00
Bowen Hall (grant assistance)	:	£1000-00
Eaton-Evans Solicitors (legal fees for Slash Pond transfer)	:	£2060-00

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

- Income received between October and November meetings

Honesty Box income	:	£ 368-20

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

Current account	:	£23961-95
Deposit account	:	£25354-72

9) Planning

Planning application consultations received

NP/26/0531/CLE - Proposal: Domestic dwelling house utilized as a second home (Use Class C5); Location: The Dell, St Brides Road, Little Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3UN; Application Type: Cert of Lawfulness Existing Use – support.

NP/26/0523/FUL - Proposal: Erection of a two-storey extension to an existing two-storey property, including an adjacent single-storey element with a roof terrace incorporating an air source heat pump, and replacement of existing concrete roof tiles with natural slate; Location: 31, Crofta Cottage, St Brides Road, Little Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3UN – support.

NP/25/0229/FUL – Proposal: Residential development comprising 74 no. dwellings and associated infrastructure works; Location: Land North East of Marine Parade, Broad Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 3HZ – Members asked the Clerk to respond to reiterate the response made to the previous consultation on the application, which was that necessary infrastructure improvements should be in place before any housing was built. Response to draw attention to the incorrect reference to 'Marine Parade', which should read 'Marine Road'.

NP/26/0532/FUL - Proposal: Full planning application for the change of use of 6 no. self-catering holiday units to allow for full-time residential use (Use Class C3 dwellinghouses); Location: Talbenny Hall Holiday Cottages, Talbenny, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3XB – Support.

10) Correspondence received

01) Rezaplay – Further details on options for replacing zipwire – discussed in agenda item below.
02) Eaton-Evans solicitors – Slash Pond transfer matters – dealt with in agenda item below.
03) P.C.C. – Letter seeking requirements of community council in respect of litter bin provision – Members were minded to remove the two litter bins in the playpark, and just leave a double one in the car park, possibly re-sited to a location close to the entrance. Alternatively, the possibility of asking P.C.C. to put one on P.C.C. land near the car park in exchange for removing them all was mentioned. It was left for C'llr Nick Neumann to explore options with Jonny Sutton, and report back to the council afterwards.
04) Bowen Hall – Request for grant assistance – C'llr Chris Oliver provided some detail on the anticipated use of the grant if awarded, to carry out maintenance work to the hall. Members were of the opinion that financial information needed to be requested in advance of a decision on future grants. £1000 donation agreed (proposer C'llr Howard Jones, seconder C'llr Viv Grey). Consensus that on future occasions, details of details of accounts, and intended use for the funds should be requested in advance of an award of the grant. Budgets in future years could possibly list all sums for grants / donations more generically.
05) Scott Chalmer – Email asking for time at a community council meeting to discuss their wild sauna proposals – Clerk to respond to say that H.C.C. would not be in a position to grant consent, but to remind them to stick to their 28 days if approved by P.C.N.P.A.

11) County Councillor report

Little Haven car park. C'llr Nick Neumann had held conversations with P.C.N.P.A. concerning 'housekeeping' in the car park. The response had been made that they were content with the situation at present. Members were not that impressed with this response.

Fishing nets, Settlands beach. C'llr Nick Neumann had asked P.C.N.P.A. about this, and had been given a contact in the fisheries agency in Milford Haven. He undertook to pursue the matter with them as possible.

Streetlights, Haroldston Hill. It was reported that the necessary work to repair the streetlights was finally in hand.

Dropped kerbs, footbridge Little Haven. In hand with P.C.C.

Traffic calming, Broad Haven. In hand with P.C.C. to come up with detailed proposals for consideration.

Potholes. Variable progress was being made, with some potholes repaired, but others (notably on Strawberry Hill) deferred with no clear timetable for repair. C'llr George Bevan mentioned the pavement repair that had been done outside The Galleon. He reported that this was now worse than ever. Clerk to follow up with P.C.C.

Bonfire night / fireworks, Sunday, organised by The Havens Events Crew. It was reported that this had been well-organised, and generally agreed as a great success. Members paid tribute to the organisers, who had done an excellent job.

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

All members present were content with the transfer wording. C'llr Chris Oliver and the Clerk were due to sign the transfer at the solicitors the following Thursday. Members were also content with the final invoice, which was broadly in line with expectations.

13) Update on training courses undertaken / required

C'llr Chris Oliver had attended the planning training in P.C.N.P.A. the previous evening, which had been informative and helpful, though disappointingly poorly attended.

14) Any necessary discussion of arrangements for Community Diary (including annual invoicing)

Members had received much positive feedback on the updated format of the community diary. Clerk to email Jodie Reohorn to ask her to make contact with C'llrs Howard Jones and Liz Forster to set up a meeting to discuss (either in person or online). Discussion of invoicing to be held in abeyance pending this meeting.

15) Discussion of possible playpark zipwire cable / seat replacement

Deferred until December, to enable C'llrs Chris Oliver and Nick Neumann to have conversations with the P.C.C. Access Officer about the matter.

16) Discussion of any suggestions for Pride in Place and Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant scheme application projects

The deadline for these grants had passed now, but Members felt that having a reservoir of ideas for future occasions would be beneficial.

17) Discussion of arrangements for Christmas trees / festive lighting for forthcoming festive season (including discussion of lamp-post signage sponsorship scheme)

Christmas trees. These would be available any time from 9th November onwards. C'llr George Bevan suggested they should ideally be up by around 23rd November, to allow time for the lighting to be organised.

Lighting. The Clerk confirmed that nothing further had been received back from the electrician regarding detailed breakdown of the quotation for lighting installation work.

Signage sponsorship scheme. Clerk to forward 2025 invitation letter to C'llr Chris Oliver to review. It was agreed to aim for the signs to be up by the end of November. C'llr George Bevan to forward to the Clerk a list of previous sponsors, for the Clerk to send out invitation emails. Any further emails sent out to potential new sponsors to be advised to the Clerk.

18) Discussion of any possible need for additional grit bin provision in community
Deferred until December.

19) Discussion about maintenance of boardwalk
C'llrs Chris Oliver and Nick Neumann had met, and talked through possible ways forward. It had been generally agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding between H.C.C. and the Boardwalk Group would be the best way forward. There would be a need to formulate a full document to itemise the agreement. C'llr Chris Oliver and any other interested Members to aim to move forward on that before the December meeting.

20) Discussion of Little Haven car park charging, including discussion of possible request for seasonal charging in 2027
C'llr Viv Grey raised concerns over the increases in seasonal parking charges agreed in P.C.P.N.A. These had been agreed as rising from £50 to £75 – a 50% increase. This had caused concern in the village, many residents having no other option for parking, and the proposed increase being viewed as insensitive and unacceptable in the current climate of rising cost of living issues. Clerk to write a letter to P.C.N.P.A. expressing concern over the proposed increase, and asking for this to be re-visited.

21) Discussion of arrangements to rectify damaged playpark signage
Deferred to December.

22) Discussion of suggestion to carry out community survey to assess residents' priorities
Deferred to December, when it was hoped that more members would be in attendance.

23) Any other business (for information only)
Lighting on The Point. C'llr Chris Oliver mentioned that he had reported non-functional lights, and these had been dealt with promptly within a few days, which had been very welcome.
Amenities Group, Little Haven. C'llr Chris Oliver had been approached with a request for possible consideration of possible assistance from the community council in the management of a water fountain which was being contemplated by the group for installation in Little Haven. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in December. In the meantime, C'llr Chris Oliver undertook to ask the group to send in their request by email for consideration.

The meeting closed at 9-05pm. Next scheduled meeting, 7-00pm, Tuesday 1st December 2026, Little Haven Village Hall.