

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Dawn-to-Dusk Golf Club, Rosemarket, and also online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Monday September 1st 2025

Present: C’llrs Rob Summons (Chairman), Clive Griffith, Jackie Prest (vice-Chairman), Steve Davies; County Councillor Danny Young; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C’llrs Gery Rostan, James Milne.

Declarations of known interest

C’llr Steve Davies declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in any discussion concerning the Village Hall, as a trustee of the Village Hall Committee, but acting as an appointed representative of the community council on the committee.

Approval of the minutes of the July 2025 monthly meeting

The July 2025 minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the vice-Chairman as the Chairman was attending remotely (proposer C’llr Steve Davies, seconder C’llr Clive Griffith).

Opportunity for public to address meeting / make representations on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present who wished to comment.

Matters arising

Noticeboard by church – The Clerk informed Members that the repairs to the noticeboard were due to be completed the following week.

Planning matters

There were no planning matters for discussion this month

Correspondence

- 01) Local resident – concerns over parking in connection with construction work ongoing around The Beacon – C’llr Danny Young had spoken with the contractors, who had adjusted their parking arrangements to try and improve the situation. Members accepted that some disruption was inevitable, the contractors appeared to have done everything they could to a reasonable degree, and there was nothing further to be done.
- 02) P.C.C. – Notification of public consultation on draft L.D.P. – noted.
- 03) PPS Pembrokeshire – Operational inspection reports for August – noted, and also noted that the routine inspections had been carried out by C’llrs Rob Summons and Clive Griffith.
- 04) P.C.C. – Notification of window for expressions of interest in Places for Nature grant scheme – noted.
- 05) St. Ismael’s Church – Request for donation towards churchyard grass-cutting – A donation of £250 was approved (proposer C’llr Jackie Prest, seconder C’llr Clive Griffith). Donation listed in Accounts payments below.
- 06) Arise – Notification of possible proposal for solar farm outside Johnston – noted. Members commented that if the development did eventually proceed, it could potentially hold benefits in terms of financial contributions to the community.
- 07) P.C.C. – Speed monitoring data results – noted, and necessary actions in hand with P.C.C.

Accounts

Payments

Easy Websites (direct debit for website provision)	:	£ 36-96
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Clerk (salary / fixed expenses for July – September 2025)	:	As per contract
HMRC (PAYE tax / N.I. contributions)	:	As per contract
F.J. Groundworks (INV-0161)	:	£ 222-87
F.J. Groundworks (INV-0160)	:	£ 399-68
PPS Pembrokeshire (INV-059)	:	£ 236-50
Wales Audit Office (INV-013722)	:	£ 200-00
St. Ismael's Church (grass-cutting contribution)	:	£ 250-00
The above payments were approved (proposer C'llr Rob Summons, seconder C'llr Clive Griffith).		

Income

P.C.C. (precept second instalment)	:	£5600-00
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Any necessary discussion of maintenance issues on community council-owned assets in village

Fencing behind bottle bank. Clerk to chase up non-repair of fence with P.C.C.

Elsie Barrah memorial bench. The re-staining of the bench had been completed.

Any necessary discussion of The Beacon

Hedge cutting. Clerk to arrange, seeking two quotations if possible. Pricing to include cutting of the strip of long grass between the path and the hedge.

Seesaw. Painting of the seesaw had been completed by C'llr James Milne.

Discussion of renewal of Biodiversity Enhancement report

Clerk to draft an updated report. This to be circulated when available. Agenda item to be tabled for further discussion /approval of revised report in October meeting.

Discussion of children's den created on land off Middle Street

C'llr Jackie Prest commented that the den created by local children during the holidays was in a less than ideal location, being in a prominent situation in the middle of the village. She was also concerned that it could affect the roots of the adjacent Sycamore tree. Members were in agreement that the den did look somewhat unkempt. However, they also considered that it was good to see children outside playing rather than indoors on computers. As the community council did not control the land in question, or have information on the land ownership, the general view was that it was best left in abeyance.

Discussion of Memorial Bench sponsorship request

C'llr Clive Griffith had received an expression of interest from a local resident for a memorial bench to be sited adjacent to the Middle Street bus shelter, on the site of the existing Elsie Barrah memorial bench. The location held particular significance for them

Members considered alternative locations for the Elsie Barrah bench in the event that the request was granted. Options included land on West Street, The Beacon, and St Ismael's Churchyard.

C'llr Jackie Prest to consult with the Church to ask if they would be interested in having the bench sited in the churchyard. It was felt that this could be a good option, as Elsie Barrah had been known to have close links to the church. Were this to happen, Members were agreed that the community council would be most likely to agree to continue to own, maintain and insure the bench.

Clerk to forward a copy of the Memorial Bench sponsorship scheme to all Members. C'llr Clive Griffith then to speak further to the family concerned, in the light of the document, and matters discussed. Agenda item to be tabled for further discussion in October, to consider options.

Discussion of possible representations for use of Sec. 106 contributions connected with ongoing housing development at The Beacon

C’llr Rob Summons outlined the sums that would become available on completion of certain phases of the housing development under way at The Beacon. These were understood to be around £7500 - £8000 for community facilities in the Village, and around £30,000 for highway-related improvements.

Clerk to write to P.C.C. to request that the sum of money for community facilities be made available for maintenance / repairs / replacement of play equipment on The Beacon when it was paid to the Authority. Regarding the Highway contributions, Clerk to seek more detail from P.C.C. on what type of measures this could be used to fund.

Update on position with replacement Village Hall project

C’llr Steve Davies understood that the Village Hall Committee Chairman had been in discussion with the solicitor regarding the terms of the legacy bequeathed for the hall renewal. It was understood that a meeting was scheduled for sometime in September, and it was anticipated that more information may be available to report in October.

Any other business

Ash tree, The Beacon. C’llr Jackie Prest had been approached by a neighbour concerned about the large Ash tree adjacent to the highway on The Beacon. They were concerned that it could fall on their house. She had recommended that the person concerned should discuss this with their family. The Clerk confirmed that the land in question was not owned by P.C.C., and was currently unregistered. As there was no information on land ownership, and the land in question was not controlled by the community council, Members felt that there was nothing that could realistically be done by the community council regarding the matter.

The meeting concluded at 7-50pm. Next scheduled meeting Monday 6th October 2025, 7pm.