

**Rosemarket Community Council**  
**Annual Report 2024-25**

Rosemarket Community Council incorporates the areas surrounding the villages of Rosemarket and Sardis. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (except August).

Rosemarket Community Council currently has six councillors. These are :

Rob Summons (Chairman)  
Jackie Prest (vice-Chairman)  
Steve Davies  
Clive Griffith  
James Milne  
Gery Rostan

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

- **The Beacon;** an area of approximately 1.1Ha of public access land designated as a Village Green, situated on the northern edge of Rosemarket. It has two distinct areas – the Upper Beacon, a grassed recreational area with a children's play area, and the Lower Beacon, a largely undeveloped area of land.
- **Westaway Park;** an area of 0.25Ha of levelled, grassed recreational land, situated within a built-up area of Rosemarket, and used by the public as general amenity land.

**Financial Information**

**Income** The Community Council's income is from precept collected via local Council tax. This was £16800 for the 2024/25 financial year.

**Expenditure** The Community Council's budget for the 2024/25 financial year was £25355. The following interim end of year financial statement was prepared to summarise the standing of accounts at the end of the 2024/25 financial year, and projected expenditure for 2025/26 :

**Rosemarket Community Council accounts statement 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (interim)**

Balance brought forward to April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	:	£ 9942-56
Income received during year to March 2025	:	£17101-00
Therefore total funds available for expenditure	:	£27043-56

Expenditure during year to March 2025 :

Westaway Park rental	:	£ 15-00
Internal audit	:	£ 75-00
External audit	:	£ 486-00
Member allowances / payments	:	£ 228-00
Donations	:	£ 500-00

Insurance	:	£ 796-61
Clerk salary	:	£ 5466-87
Open spaces (playpark, benches, grass cutting)	:	£ 3013-25
Miscellaneous / admin	:	£ 850-43

Total expenditure	:	<u>£11431-16</u>
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Therefore, balance in all accounts carried forward to April 2025 : £15612-40

Therefore, funds on hand at end of 2024/25 financial year : £15612-40

#### **Income anticipated during 2025/26 year**

Precept	:	£16800-00
VAT return	:	£ 460-56

Total income projected	:	<u>£17260-56</u>	£17260-56
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Total projected available funds for 2025/26		<u>£32872-96</u>
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#### **Expenditure anticipated during 2025/26 year**

Budgeted expenditure for 2025/26	:	£25422-00
Ring fenced funds from previous years	:	£ 1200-00

Total committed funds for 2024/25	:	<u>£26622-00</u>	£26622-00
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Therefore, projected available disposable funds in excess of budget £ 6250-96

#### **Audit**

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

#### **Relationship with the principal council**

The Community Council has no ongoing formal charters with Pembrokeshire County Council (the Principal Authority). However, the Community Council does hold a lease from Pembrokeshire County Council for the land at Westaway Park.

#### **Achievements during the past year**

- **Playground safety and maintenance:** The carrying out of inspections, repairs and maintenance to the play equipment was carried out as necessary, to ensure it being in a safe condition for use.
- **Dog control measures:** A public consultation exercise was carried out by the community council to seek the views of village residents on the subject of dog control measures on The Beacon. The results indicated well over 80% of respondents supported the introduction of measures to control dogs on the Upper Beacon as reasonable and proportionate. Therefore, the community council has introduced a requirement for dogs to be on leads on the Upper

Beacon, and kept away from play equipment. Dogs may still be exercised off the lead on the Lower Beacon.

- **Dog fouling** : The Community Council has vigorously continued its support of local voluntary litter-picking initiatives, and also efforts to reduce dog-fouling in the community, including ongoing measures to draw attention to the importance of responsible dog-ownership. Liaison with the Principal Authority over enforcement has also continued on a regular basis.
- **Community defibrillators.** Maintenance, inspections and upkeep of the two publicly-accessible defibrillators has been continued throughout the year.
- **Donations.** A total of £500 was donated by the community council to local causes.
- **Bus shelters.** Two community owned bus shelters have been cared for and maintained.
- **Planning applications.** All planning applications in the community council area were considered by the council.
- **Village Amenity.** Maintenance and upkeep of the Village Amenity continued, with clearance work being undertaken of overgrowth and undergrowth, to keep the area in good condition.
- **Litter picking.** The community council has continued its support of voluntary litter-picking in the village, including procuring litter picking kits and making these available to those wishing to help with this activity.

#### **Priorities for the coming year**

- **Biodiversity enhancement:** Further work to encourage biodiversity is prioritised, and the next triennial biodiversity enhancement report outlining the community council's efforts to promote biodiversity will be published during 2025.
- **Playground:** Ongoing maintenance of the play equipment will be carried out, to ensure the equipment is maintained in a safe condition for use.
- **Lease of land at Westaway Park:** The Community Councils will continue to lease the land at Westaway Park for general community use and enjoyment.
- **Dog fouling and littering:** The Community Council intends to continue its support of local voluntary litter-picking initiatives, and also efforts to reduce dog-fouling in the community.
- **Dog control measures on Upper Beacon:** The Community Council will continue its responsible stewardship of The Beacon, by seeking to ensure that its use and enjoyment for all residents is protected, and by promoting community respect for the reasonable and proportionate dog control measures introduced.

PETER HORTON

**CLERK TO ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

APRIL 2025