

Rosemarket Community Council
Annual Report 2025-26

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 2025/26 financial year.

Expenditure The Community Council’s budget for the 2025/26 financial year was £25422. The following report on anticipated expenditure for the year, and projected expenditure for the 2026/27 financial year, was presented to the January 2026 monthly meeting :

Rosemarket Community Council – Approved budget 2026/27

	2025/26 Precepted amount	2025/26 Actual / projected	2026/27 Projected expenditure
Clerk salary / expenses	£ 6483	£ 6120	£ 6531 ⁽¹⁾
Insurance	£ 875	£ 653	£ 718 ⁽²⁾
Grass cutting (Upper Beacon)	£ 300	£ 300	£ 330
Hedge & grass cutting / Lower Beacon	£ 700	£ 780	£ 850
Bus shelter / noticeboard maintenance	£ 1000	£ 1000	£ 1000 ⁽⁵⁾
Community donations	£ 750	£ 250	£ 750 ⁽⁵⁾
Remembrance Day wreath	£ 30	£ 20	£ 25
Administration / I.T.	£ 250	£ 350	£ 400 ⁽⁵⁾
Westaway Park	£ 15	£ 15	£ 15
Work to maintain Village Amenity	£ 500	£ -	£ 500 ⁽⁵⁾
Election potential cost	£ 600	£ -	£ 600 ⁽³⁾
Members' allowances	£ 1248	£ 1748	£ 1748 ⁽⁴⁾
External audit fee	£ 300	£ 400	£ 300
Internal audit fee	£ 75	£ 85	£ 90
Play equipment purchase	£ -	£ -	£ -
Playground inspections	£ 800	£ 495	£ 550
Playground maintenance/improvements	£ 2500	£ 1700	£ 2500 ⁽⁵⁾
Memorial bench installation	£ -	£ -	£ 1250 ⁽⁵⁾
Tree-planting	£ 500	£ -	£ 500 ⁽⁵⁾
Tree inspection report	£ 200	£ -	£ 200
Contribution towards C.W. grant	£ 1000	£ -	£ 1000 ⁽⁶⁾
Training	£ 250	£ -	£ 250 ⁽⁵⁾
Newsletter	£ 300	£ -	£ -
Defibrillator spares / maintenance	£ 550	£ 125	£ 550 ⁽⁷⁾
Community Christmas tree	£ 750	£ -	£ 750 ⁽⁵⁾
Provision of pedestrian shelter	£ 5000	£ -	£ -
Website support & maintenance	£ 446	£ 446	£ 490
Total	£25422	£14487	£21897
Balance brought forward in bank to April 2025			: £15517
Add income received during year (precept)			: £16800
Add further income received (VAT refund)			: £ 486
Deduct actual / projected expenditure for year			: <u>(£14487)</u>
Actual projected cash balance on hand in bank on 01/04/2026			: £18316
Deduct ring-fenced sums / outstanding payments from previous years :			
- Elections potential cost (23/24, 24/25, 25/26)			: <u>£ 1800</u>
- Bi-annual tree survey (25/26)			: £ 200
Therefore, projected available funds on hand at 01/04/2026			: £16316
Add precept set for 2026/27 (AS SET IN COUNCIL)			: £16800
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE IN 2026/27			: £33116⁽⁸⁾

NOTES

- 1) Assuming 5% N.J.C. pay award for 2026/27,
- 2) Assumed 10% increase over current year. Required to meet Council's legal requirements and obligations.
- 3) Based on 20% of estimated election cost. Election due in May 2027.
- 4) Based on £208/Member for six Members, + £500 Chairman allowance
- 5) Provisional sums.
- 6) Provisional sum in case grant opportunity is re-introduced.
- 7) Based on potential need to replace both sets of adult pads, and both sets of paediatric pads.
- 8) This figure indicates that, if the precept is kept unchanged from the 2025/26 year, and all projected expenditure items for 2026/27 are fulfilled as per budget, the projected budget surplus will be just over £11,000.

Audit

Audit of 2024/25 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:** The community council has continued to monitor 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. Implementation of this requirement has included the community council making litter bin provision available on the Lower Beacon, as well as increasing the grass-cutting regime 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 £250 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.
- **Village Hall.** The community council has continued to lobby for the renovation / replacement of the village hall, as an important community asset.
- **Biodiversity enhancement report.** The triennial biodiversity enhancement report was prepared and published by the community council in late 2025. This outlines the achievement of the community council in endeavouring to promote biodiversity enhancement over the last three years, as well as outline its priorities for the next period.

Priorities for the coming year

- **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

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL APRIL 2026