

THE COUNCIL YEAR

2025

JULY

The Council agreed a donation of £250 for the 2926 Eisteddfod. Still waiting for the Memorandum of Sale from the University of Wales in spite of several requests for some action. The cost of providing Xmas Lighting on Mathry village green will increase from this year due to new costings received from SSE. Festival Arts will be staying in Mathry Community Hall during August. Its Mathry production this year will be Toad of Toad Hall.

JUNE

The Council is still waiting for the Memorandum of Sale for the purchase of the village greens. The North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum may pass on its work to another agency. It was instrumental in bringing railway passenger services to Goodwick. The Council adopted the Code of Conduct for Members of Community Councils. The Council increased the Toilet Caretaker's wages by a small amount.

MAY

Cllr. Alan Price was elected Chair of the Community Council at the Annual Meeting on the 19 May. Cllr. James Richards was elected Deputy Chair.

A new Internal Auditor has been appointed for the Annual Audit.

The Council is awaiting a Memorandum of Sale from the University of Wales for the purchase of the village greens.

APRIL

The Abercastle toilets are now open and are being run by Pembrokeshire County Council for the time being. Legal advice on the Community Council taking on a lease for these toilets advise the Council to proceed with caution due to the complexities and discrepancies involved with the land ownership there.

Mathry residents are concerned about a rat problem in the village. No further movement on the Council's purchase of the Village Greens in Mathry.

MARCH

Substantial donations have been received from two Mathry residents to enable the Community Council to purchase both village greens in Mathry and it is hoped that these gifts will allow the purchase to go ahead soon.

The Abercastle toilet saga goes on and on with confusion now as to the owner of the land where the toilets and cesspit are situated.

The Community Council has made donations of £25 to Wales Air Ambulance, Marie Curie, BrawdyHayscastle Young Farmers, Paul Sartori, Cerebral Palsy and Fishguard YFC.

The refurbishment work has been completed on Mathry Community Hall with the fitting of a new fire alarm system, new cooker and cooker hood and general repairs.

It is confirmed that Mathry Community Council will not be merging with Pencaer Community Council at the next elections in 2027.

FEBRUARY

The future of the Abercastle public toilets is still not clear – negotiations are taking place between the Community Council, Pembs County Council and the owner of the house adjacent to the toilets. Should these be successfully concluded the toilets will be open seasonally from April to October each year.

Refurbishment and general maintenance work is ongoing on Mathry Community Hall to ensure it is at its best for current bookings.

The Community Council is still in negotiations with the University of Wales over the purchase of the two village greens in Mathry.

JANUARY

In order to secure the future of the toilets and manage the other projects properly Councillors took a decision to increase the Precept (the amount added to the Council Tax to fund the Community Council) to £13,500 for the forthcoming year 2025/26.

The cost of this increase in the Precept is shared by all the Council Tax payers in the Community Council area and is proportionate to the Band that a property is in, ie. Band A households pay less than Band G households. Band D is in the middle and is used as an average when working out the cost of the Precept to homeowners.