**Amroth Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Llanrhath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 16th December 2021 online via Zoom.

**Councillors present:**  T Baron; A Cormack; A Evans; F Evans; R Harries (Vice Chair); M Harvey; J James; S Phillips (Chairman). R Tippett Maudsley.

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk); R Lake.

**Apologies**: B Mills, P Davies, M Morris

**Declaration of Interest. None**

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 18th November 2021 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Roger Harries

Seconded by Cllr. Tony Baron

Cllr. Phillips printed off a copy of the October Minutes and signed them on completion of the meeting.

**1.Matters Arising**

* Work has been carried out by PCC to the stone bridge on Wisemans Bridge beach to make it safer.
* Clare Williams, Pembrokeshire Road Safety Partnership has been contacted regarding the speed limit in Wisemans Bridge.
* Marc Owen Street manager PCC has been contacted for permission to erect a community notice board in Pleasant Valley.

**2.County Councillors Report**

**PCC Outline Draft Budget 2022-23**

The Full Council Meeting on 9 December was presented with the Outline Draft County Council Budget for 2022-23. This was developed amidst great uncertainty. In particular the Welsh Government will not publish the provisional settlement for Local Authorities until 21 December. The draft budget cautiously assumes a 4% increase in funding from Welsh Government. Given this and other assumptions, the funding gap for 2022-23 is estimated to be £18.6 million, which will have to be met by a mixture of Council Tax increases and cost reductions/efficiencies. A one percent increase in Council Tax raises about £0.6 million. Any easy cost savings in providing services have already been made and there can be no doubt that some services cannot continue to be provided at current levels. I would urge residents to let their views be known to PCC by completing the consultation, open to 5 January 2022 at <https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/>

Council was asked to note the Financial Planning timetable and to consider the Outline Draft Budget. We were also asked to endorse the Cabinet’s recommendation of a 5% Council Tax increase. I proposed an amendment noting but not endorsing a proposed 5% increase. I did so because of the uncertainty surrounding the conditions residents would be faced with in 2022. In particular, there were strong indications that inflation would continue rising, bringing with it the risk of rising interest rates. I also believe that there is a strong argument that Welsh Government should increase funding to Local Authorities by more than 4% since the UK Government has announced that it will provide the Welsh Government with an extra £2.5 billion over its baseline funding of £15.9 billion. I thought it prudent that Council should decide on the increase in Council Tax when there is more clarity about the funding PCC will receive, the economic conditions facing residents and the outcome of the public consultation. There was general support for my amendment with only one County Councillor voting against.

**Local Development Plan**

As previously reported, the review of the Local Development Plan has been delayed by Natural Resource Wales (NRW) unexpectedly issuing new phosphate guidance on Riverine Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)in January this year. PCC also wishes to make significant changes to the Deposit Plan, consequently Council granted delegated authority to the Director of Community Services to prepare a revised timetable and Delivery Agreement, including a second Deposit Plan consultation for consideration by Cabinet and Council.

**Additional Learning Needs Provision at Greenhill School**

Council also authorized the Director of Education to undertake a statutory consultation on establishing a Learning Resource Centre for pupils with complex needs and autistic spectrum condition at Greenhill School. Greenhill Governors are receptive to the proposal for a LRC to be established at the School.

**6 Wesley Close**

I have made various representations to PCC and in particular to the CEO, Will Bramble, concerning the health hazard caused by the problem of raw sewage emerging on the drive of No 6 Wesley Close. The formal response sent to me is contestable on a number of grounds. At the request of the residents of No 6, I have invited Mr. Bramble to visit their home to see for himself the problem and hear why they feel they have been failed by PCC.

**3.Planning**

**21/0332/PA. Quarry Park, Kilgetty Lane, Stepaside. SA67 8JL. Proposal,** Erection of shed. **This application has been conditionally approved**

**21/0466/PA. Ruel Walls, Llanteglos, Llanteg. SA67 8PU. Proposal,** Change of use from garage to annex**. This application has been conditionally approved.**

**21/0775/PA. Woodland Heights, 1 Clos Yr Ysgol, Stepaside. SA67 8NZ. Proposal,** First floor extension to and conversion of existing detached garage to provide habitable accommodation to provide holiday let. **Comments due by 21st December 2021 – Amroth Community Council have no objection to this application.**

**NP/21/0736/FUL, Jakar, Wisemans Bridge, Saundersfoot. SA67 9AU. Proposal,** Part demolition, alterations and extension to existing residential property to create 1 additional holiday letting apartment. Construction of new retaining wall on boundary adjoining public highway and associated external works. **Comments by 21st December 2021 – Several documents relating to the application could not be viewed on the portal. Clerk to report this and to ask for an extension to allow councillors to view documents and make comments.**

**NP/21/0784/FUL. Fern Hill, Amroth. SA67 8NG. Proposal,** Front Cabrio rooflights, rear dormers and roof lights. **Comments by 29th December 2021 –Amroth Community Council have no objection to this application**

**NP/21/0709/FUL. Furzewood, Amroth, SA67 8NQ. Proposal, Construction of two dormer windows, two rooflights & glazed gable as part of loft conversion. Comments by 31st December 2021 – Amroth Community Council have no objection to this application.**

**4.Correspondence**

* **Marie Curie Cancer Charity** have written to ask for a donation**. Agreed**, The Clerk will politely decline.
* [**Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fplanning-legislation-and-policy-second-homes-and-short-term-holiday-lets&data=04%7C01%7C%7C98658d4431bb4a0ae4da08d9af521d53%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637733589469710955%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=kvk51I5ZUXsURhBNNJfkD9QRjaEB3SX84srMzJCF2e0%3D&reserved=0)

This consultation is seeking views on the proposed amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 to amend the current use class for ‘Dwellinghouses’ and to create new use classes for ‘Second Homes’ and for ‘Short-term Holiday Lets’, and on related proposed amendments to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

The consultation also covers related proposed amendments to *Planning Policy Wales*.

Responses by **23 February 2022**.

* Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion. Follow this link to read the full letter.

[MCC TAN 15 letter - Eng.pdf](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Camrot%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C2ZNRGEBT%5CMCC%20TAN%2015%20letter%20-%20Eng.pdf)

* **Section 137 Payments**.

The appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2022-23 is £8.82.

* **Road Closure Notice** to enable tree cutting works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular traffic other than exempted vehicles from proceeding along that section of the Class III (C3185) road leading to Amroth – from its junction with the A477(T) Kilgetty to St Clears road, south to its junction with the class III (C3070) road at Kilanow.

The alternative route for traffic will be via the A477(T) Kilgetty to St Clears road and C3185 road through Stepaside towards Kilanow.

Pedestrian access will be maintained for the duration of the closure. It is intended that the restrictions, which will be signed accordingly, will come into effect on Monday 24th January 2022 and remain in force for approximately 14 days.

* **Roots to recovery**. In partnership with Mind Pembrokeshire, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park has recently embarked on an innovative people-led project called Roots to Recovery to increase people’s use of nature and the outdoors to maintain good mental health. The Clerk has more details.
* [**Future Trends Report Wales 2021**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ffuture-trends-2021&data=04%7C01%7C%7C1bb16417863d4c78e67508d9bfaef771%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637751580466000048%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=SAQUzJGeR8p%2FyZUP0VwcJ1o8DEezdsvPi6SMbhWuXaI%3D&reserved=0) The Shaping Wales’ Future programme, the Welsh Government has published the first wave of Wales’ National milestones under the seven well-being goals, an updated suite of national well-being indicators, and the second edition of the Future Trends Report Wales.

These are three important parts of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that tell us about the progress we’re making towards our well-being goals, help us better understand any challenges we might face on the way and ensure we seize the opportunities to do things better. You can access the publications here:

[**National Milestones**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fwell-being-future-generations-national-indicators-2021&data=04%7C01%7C%7C1bb16417863d4c78e67508d9bfaef771%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637751580466000048%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=EVAvgJmBtFEIol8uOcDIm4g08HXmGaMsecn%2FgFOF8lQ%3D&reserved=0)

[**Updated national indicators**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fwell-being-future-generations-national-indicators-2021&data=04%7C01%7C%7C1bb16417863d4c78e67508d9bfaef771%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637751580466000048%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=EVAvgJmBtFEIol8uOcDIm4g08HXmGaMsecn%2FgFOF8lQ%3D&reserved=0)

[**Future Trends Report Wales 2021**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ffuture-trends-2021&data=04%7C01%7C%7C1bb16417863d4c78e67508d9bfaef771%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637751580466000048%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=SAQUzJGeR8p%2FyZUP0VwcJ1o8DEezdsvPi6SMbhWuXaI%3D&reserved=0)

**5.Finance as of 30th November 2021**

Account 649 – £8,198.11

Account 856 – £15,094.28

David Rees - £1406.83

**Income**

Grant income from EP £810.40 (Signs Summerhill Play area)

Sally North for Plaque £25.00

**Payments;**

Clerk’s wages

Planning Aid Training for Fleur Evans £30.00

Wycraft plaque £15.00

Greenfields Turf Play area fence (already agreed & paid as part of the play area project) £5052 inc vat

Streetmaster memorial seats £5,138.26inc vat

Sign Speed Play Area £436.80 inc vat

Street signs (as per Historic Road sign project) £1037.11

Agreed at meeting to pay for a valuation on the Amroth Memorial Garden – see Minute number 10.

**All Payments were agreed**

**6.To discuss and resolve Asset and ward maintenance issues**

* **Broken seats in Summerhill** – These were originally installed by PLANED along with the information board. Councillors are unsure who has responsibility. It was proposed that contact is made with ADCA to propose a project is set up to replace the seats and look at renewing the information board. The Clerk will contact PCC regarding ownership and management.
* **Amroth Phone Box.** BT have confirmed that the Phone Box in Amroth will not be removed and has been recently refurbished
* **Saundersfoot Bus shelter –** vandalism was reported and the bus shelter has been repainted.
* **Safety Barrier at the New Inn end of the Promenade.** This was erectly promptly by PCC.
* **Stone Clearence on the Prom –** PCC cleared the stones this week following the two recent Storms. A note of thanks was sent to PCC.
* **The notice board in Summerhill** is in good condition and can be relocated to Pleasant Valley assuming PCC give consent.

**8 To discuss and resolve a Charitable Giving Policy for ACC**

A draft policy was distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. **Agreed;** Councillors agreed unanimously to adopt this policy

**9.To discuss and resolve the lease of Summerhill Play Area grounds from PCC**

**Agreed;** Due to additional maintenance costs (grass cutting) ACC will politely decline the opportunity to extend the lease on Summerhill Play Area at this current time. The Community Council may reconsider this decision at a future date should the opportunity arise again.

**10. To discuss and resolve the proposal to sell Amroth Memorial Garden**

This is still under discussion as there are rules from the Charity Commission and under the Local Government Act 1972 to be considered and followed. A public notice will be published in the New Year.

**Agreed;** ACC will instruct an independent valuer to carry out a full valuation on the land with the restriction that the land will not be built on or used for commercial purposes.

**11.To discuss and resolve possible changes to seasonal dog restrictions on Amroth beach**

This is still under discussion. Councillors will forward opinions to the Clerk by early January. These will be collated and circulated after whichan official approach will be made to PCC to establish a way forward, agreeable to all parties. The current situation is unacceptable and unenforceable.

**12.Report By Amroth and District Community Association**

The hall is in regular use. Booking enquiries should be directed to Mr Roy Lewis. The AGM will take place in the hall 0n 27th January 2022 at 7.00pm and the committee welcomes all interested parties.

**13. Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee**

* The Hall remains busy
* A grant has been received from the Coop and will go towards funding workshop activities, new kitchen appliances and other upgrades
* The book swap facility at Llanteglos is working well
* Bug hotels have been installed at Stanwell and in Mountain Chapel Garden
* There will be a talk on hydroponics (growing plants in water) by Bryony Gardener – date to be announced
* The Art Group and Book Club remain popular
* Short mat bowls takes place on Mondays and Thursdays – ring 01834 812605 for information
* There will be a New Year’s Eve Walk from Amroth to Wisemans Bridge – contact Jill Roberts on 01834 831142
* Defibrillator training will take place at the next coffee morning in the hall on Jan 28th2022.

**14.Report by Play Area Representatives**

**Stepaside –** The Clerk will arrange a meeting with PCC in January to identify a possible new location for a play area in the village.

**Summerhill**

* Replacement of Fencing. – The fencing work has been completed and to a high standard.
* Cllr Harvey will write to Big Lottery to report on the project and thanks them for their financial contribution.
* Cllr Harvey has acquired a communication board for nonverbal children, and this will be installed in the play area soon.
* It was suggested the New Chief exec of PCC be invited to open the play area officially once the junior multi-play has been renewed, assuming the funding bid is successful.
* There are still issues with inspection reporting. The annual inspection will be carried out in January and Cllr. Harvey and the Play area team will meet with PCC afterwards with the aim of agreeing a reporting template.

**15.Ultrafast broadband Update**

Broadway Partners, who were appointed as supplier, have submitted their detailed proposal to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) at Westminster.  This stage will take several months as the UK Government funding needs to be specifically approved and allocated so that Broadway can proceed to the build phase of the project.

It is still possible to register a (no obligation) expression of interest in having ultrafast broadband. Please [complete the survey](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pembrokeshire.gov.uk%2Fbroadband-survey&data=04%7C01%7C%7C548c7f71e6714adab18008d9bff32058%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637751873203899525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=KRPDwUT%2Bq%2Bm9OEavBAmY97eEyhdtztCTBNpdUTn2DJ8%3D&reserved=0) on the Pembrokeshire County Council website. You will then receive direct updates from Broadway.

**16.Project ideas and Updates**

**Amroth Free Wifi –** PCC are reviewing a draft agreement which is delaying installation. Cllr. Baron has contacted Cllr. Kilmister to suggest an exchange of letters could suffice. PCC legal have stated they had only recently been instructed by the Property department and will review the draft agreement as soon as is practicable.

**Exercise Jantzen –** Cllr. Harvey has drafted copy for the interpretation board. This has been forward to T Jukes and Seimon Pugh Jones for accuracy. The lectern will arrive in January.

**Historic Road Signs Project –** This project is now complete. The invoice has been received.

**Milestone Markers –** no update from CADW to date.

**Replace the Multi Play in the play area, Summerhill –** A full application has been submitted to EPF and will be assessed in January 2022

**Film club –** A full application has been submitted to EPF for funding support and will be assessed in January 2022

**NHS Tree –** The Tree has been planted at Stanwell. A plaque now needs to be made. ACC are grateful to Cllr. Harries for his work on this project.

**Tree Planting Grants –**Cllr Harvey reported that various tree planting grants were being launched that ACC could access. The Woodland Trust are offering packs of 150 trees while the Welsh Government will be offering a tree to every household in Wales in 2022. The National Trust may have land that could be utilised for planting. Cllr. Harvey will contact them and report back.

**Allotments –** Cllr Phillips suggested that the community be contacted to ask if they were interested in the Community Council establishing allotments in the wards. Llanteg Gardening group are already looking into this for Llanteg. Cllr Cormack offered to draft a survey to be sent out asking residents for project ideas/ interests that the Community Council could progress. Councillors unanimously agreed to this.

**17.Community matters –**

There were no additional community matters discussed.

**18.Determine matters Councillors wish to be added for discussion at the next meeting**

* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday January 13th 2022.
* Youth Representative

**Date of next Meeting is Thursday 20th January 2022.**

**This will be held Via Zoom** Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk amrothclerk@outlook.com . Virtual attendance will be possible via zoom.

**The meeting closed at 21.20 pm**

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