**Amroth Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Amroth**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 28th July 2022.

**Councillors present:**  T Baron (Chairman); A Cormack; A Evans; F Evans; M Harvey; R Lake; M Morris; S Phillips (Vice Chair). R Tippett Maudsley; E Wyn Morgan.

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk) Dr K Caley, A Dawes.

**Apologies**: J James, R Harries

**Declaration of Interest. None.**

Dr Kevin Caley of Llanteg and Amroth Renaturing Community (LARC) addressed Councillors on the aims of the group and activities to date prior to the start of the meeting. They work with the Rivers Trust and the NT at Colby Gardens. They have worked with PCC to delay the cutting of some roadside verges until later in the year to preserve rare plant species, although road safety always takes precedence. They are looking to make small incremental changes to encourage fauna and flora to flourish. New members or volunteers are welcome. Contact Amroth Clerk for contact information.

Councillors asked that footpath access across verges be kept clear and that road signs are kept visible.

**Chair’s Welcome**

Chairman Tony Baron welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd June 2022 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Alec Cormack

Seconded by Cllr. Martin Morris

Vote - unanimous

Cllr. Baron signed the June Minutes on completion of the meeting.

**1.Matters Arising**

* **CWBR Youth Project** meeting report by Cllr. Eleri Wyn Morgan.

Recruitment remains the main issue with many councils targeting schools only. It was suggested that a direct approach to activity or interest groups may be a better option. Additional communication may need to include Snap Chat, Tik Tok and You Tube to reach the target audience. The support resources will be updated by the new support Officer at PLANED.

**2.County Councillors Report**

**County Matters**

The County Council Budget Outturn Report for 2021-22 was presented and approved by Cabinet and Governance and Audit committees.  The report now goes through various scrutiny committees.

The Outturn position was positive, primarily due to the substantial amount of additional grant income received from Welsh Government, £11.0m in the final quarter of the year, an additional £2.4m in Grant Funding, an additional £1.9m Council Tax income above budget, as well as £2.4m underspend in service budgets.  However, without Welsh Government assistance might have been very different!

I hosted the first County Councillors 2022-23 Budget Seminar last week and the situation looks like it will be particularly difficult, with a much smaller increase in Welsh Government financing, the Covid Hardship fund having finished last year and increased service demand from the cost of living crisis.

PCC Confirmed that there will be an overnight switch of 30mph restricted roads to 20mph in September 2023.  This may also require 40mph buffer zones where a 60mph road would otherwise go straight down to 20mph. Alec to investigate who will fund this.

**Amroth Matters**

As Mark Harvey reported work has been done on the leaking drain in Green Plains.  Stephen Moreby of PCC Public Health has confirmed it wasn’t his team that did it.  He is trying to find out who/what was done. Anyway, we need to keep monitoring the situation and I will escalate again.

Cllr Martin Morris and I met with PCC Highways and confirmed two of the three locations (one in Summerhill, and the other before the bridge on the approach to Stepaside from the A477).  The third site needs more work by PCC Highways to confirm the best location.

I am still waiting to hear back from Hean Castle Estate about the request for a safety rail on the Wiseman’s Bridge Slipway.

I received significant negative feedback with regard to the Long Course Weekend and its effect on the ward.  There was also quite a lot of negative feedback from Tenby as well I understand. There will be a meeting between the County Council and race organisers, and I will report back.

I have been accepted as a school governor at Saundersfoot CP School

**3.Planning**

**21/1290/PA. Zoar Chapel Funeral Home, LLANTEG, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8QH Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage and proposed construction of new garage. **This application has been conditionally approved**

**22/0159/PA. Old Stable Cottage, LLANTEG, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8QA. Proposal:** Two Storey Side Extension & Alterations. **This application has been conditionally approved.**

**22/0240/PA** **Orchard View, Old Amroth Road, LLANTEG, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8QN** **Proposal:** Replacement garage. **Comments by 9th August 2022. ACC have no objection to this application**

**NP/22/0437/FUL Katong, Highlands Place, Amroth. SA67 8NA. Proposal,** Single storey side extension, new detached garage and new window fenestration and roof. **Comments by 16th August 2022. ACC have no objection to this application.**

**4.Correspondence**

* **PCNPA FDS Grant.** PCNPA have launched their next round of FDS Funding. Applications are invited for projects to develop carbon reduction and projects that contribute toward the climate emergency, such as waste reduction, sustainable transport initiatives and plastic reduction. Max grant is £1000. Application date is Noon on 7th September 2022.
* **Hywell Dda University Health Board**

Elected members are invited to meet with Hywel Dda senior leaders to discuss and question future plans on 1st August 22. Information on the new Strategy and FAQ can be found on [visit our website](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhduhb.nhs.wales%2Fabout-us%2Fhealthier-mid-and-west-wales%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7Ca580a8b7aa1a4635317e08da65716f49%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637933835167183149%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7SVO2bMExOH8Fp%2Ff87%2BpkPwAWwgAOWnPKn6U1xnE%2FIc%3D&reserved=0).

**Agreed.** Cllrs Cormack, Baron, Phillips, Harvey and Tippett Maudsley plan to attend.

* **Save Withybush Campaign**

The Save Withybush Campaign has written to all Town and Community Councils requesting that Councils consider adopting a Model Motion in support of the Save Withybush Campaign.

**Agreed**. It was agreed by all Councillors that no decision will be made on this before Councillors meet with Hywell Dda University Health Board on August 1st 2022 so that all opinions can be taken into account.

* **A Fairer council Tax**. The Welsh Government has published the consultation, ‘A Fairer Council Tax’. This consultation is live between 12 July and 4 October 2022. Respond to the survey by following the instructions on the below link: [A Fairer Council Tax | GOV.WALES](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ffairer-council-tax&data=05%7C01%7C%7C31ac3cd358ed4f7a476e08da64d1c062%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637933149289276111%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s1vWVl0RWwEGL8nS7A6NP0ldFUwoVnfV%2Bhw6qwuz7J8%3D&reserved=0)

Cllr. Alec Cormack reported that WG are looking at including a lot more tax bands, plus a tourist tax and land transaction tax. There may also be changes to Planning law on the change of use from residential to short term holiday lets.

**5.Finance as of 30th June 2022**

**1. The creation of a Finance and Resource Sub Committee**.

Members will be Cllr A Cormack, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr. T Baron who will have the authority to investigate and discuss matters of Finance and HR and report back to full council for ratification of proposals.

Proposer Cllr. Phillips, Seconded, Cllr. Morris. All Councillors voted unanimously.

**2. Statement of accounts**

Account 649 – £3412.24

Account 856 – £15096.18

David Rees - £1431.44 (Clerk to find out the principle Sum).

**3. Income June/July**

HM Land Registry - £30 refund

Summerhill Play Area Phase 2 grant claims - £2369.18

Refund of £7 for overpayment of Clerk

**4. Payments July 22;**

Clerk’s wages & Expenses for Lap top repair + Travel £56.20

Clerks Training CiLCA £410

Amroth Parish Hall Hire for Monthly meeting – £10

Wycraft - £15 for Plaque – Babs and Geoff Cartwright

Signbox – Free Wifi Signs – agreed at project start £151.80 inc vat

Councillors allowance pro rata to Bev Mills. - £50.00

Phase 2 Summerhill Play Area – Payment for activity tables to No Butts- £2760 inc vat (Paid)

Kebel Summerhill Play Area £1410.10 inc vat

Expenses Cllr. Phillips - £37.21

Ivor Rees (Free Wifi Project) - £241.64

**All Payments were agreed**

**Proposed Cllr. Harvey Seconded, Cllr. A. Evans. Vote, Unanimous.**

**Annual Audit – The Audit return was sent to Audit Wales to arrive before June 30th 2022 deadline.**

**6.To discuss and resolve asset and ward maintenance issues and transport**

* Interpretation Board from Stepaside. Proposal to fit it in the bus shelter in Stepaside. Clerk to contact Owen Roberts for permission.
* Proposed Bus shelter removal (Saundersfoot CC). Cllr F Evans reported that it had been built by the community. Vandalism has been minimal and so it was proposed to keep it. Proposer Cllr Cormack, Seconded, Cllr. F Evans. Cllrs voted unanimously to keep it.
* 351 Bus Service – The tender has been extended in a bid to retain the service. Poor connections to county towns leads to poor use so talk about active travel seems mute. Improvements could be made at minimal cost. ACC continues to lobby to maintain a service through the ward.
* Obstructive parking in Amroth – The Clerk has requested additional enforcement visits from PCC Traffic Wardens as obstructive parking could prevent a timely response by emergency services if needed. PCC will aim to increase patrols.
* Barriers at the end of the sea wall have been removed and need replacing.
* Work has been carried out on the verge which seems to have solved the leak by Green Plains. A note of thanks has been sent to PCC.
* Road resurfacing. The corner by Merrixton is in poor state following recent resurfacing followed by hot temperatures. No road markings following resurfacing leading to obstructive parking. The Clerk will report both issues to highways.
* Recent accidents have drawn attention to the speed on the A477, especially through the village of Llanteg. The Clerk will report concerns to PCC Highways and the South Wales Trunk Road Agency.

**7. To discuss and resolve new community Notice Boards**

Cllr Harvey provided a current cost for five free standing boards comprising 2 lockable panels, a three panel one in Summerhill to share with ADCA and two wall mounted. An application for funding support will be sent to The National Lottery Grant programme. Permission has been granted by Llanteg Hall Committee to locate the new board on the ramp wall going up to the hall. Permission has been granted from the land owner in Wisemans Bridge to replace the current board with a new one.

**8. To discuss the 70 Year Celebration of PCNPA – Planting 70 Trees**

It was agreed to set up a sub group to discuss and report back by 12th August. Clerk to inform PCNPA Ranger that report will be in by 15th August. Additional guidance will be sought from LARC. Cllrs. to write to Clerk on possible locations, variety etc.

**9. Training**

One Voice Wales Training sessions are highlighted monthly, and Cllrs are encouraged to attend. The budget includes provision for Cllr. training. Cllrs are asked to inform Clerk of training courses already attended and the Clerk will set up a spreadsheet to record attendance.

**10. To review current Welsh Language Policy and amend as necessary**

There has been discussion as to the correct Welsh name for Amroth with versions including Llanrhath and Llanrath being used as well as Amroth itself and so the Clerk contacted The Welsh Language Commissioners Office for clarification.

The Expert Panel from the Welsh Language Commissioners Office emphasised that *Amroth* is in fact a Welsh name itself, and so their first preference was to adhere to their recommendation of using *Amroth* as a single form rather than recommending two different Welsh forms. Evidence was provided.

*Llanrhath* , which in their considered opinion refers only to the Church, may have gained currency as it appears in [The Welsh Academy English-Welsh Dictionary](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgeiriaduracademi.org%2F%3Flang%3Den&data=05%7C01%7C%7C7cd2a459926d40b389be08da6f1f4a00%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637944477740554637%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7RTfj0KTQyS1m286XnkOZcnXD0HsbDCG0KrLwkVuvEI%3D&reserved=0), was noted as an archaic form with the rather vague abbreviation ‘A.’ And as not everyone would know this is to indicate a form ‘in former use’, translators and others could have thought *Llanrhath* to be the current Welsh form, thinking that *Amroth* must therefore be an English form.

A discussion took place and Cllr Eleri Wyn Morgan offered to contact the Commissioner’s office for further information with all correspondence copied to the Clerk. The issue will be discussed again at the next meeting and a vote taken.

**11. To Update on the sale of Amroth Memorial Garden**

Work is progressing, Cllr. Phillips has drawn up a map detailing the area to be retained by ACC and pre contract queries have been answered. The Solicitor is still awaiting a reply from the Charity Commission

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

The Hall remains well used by a variety of groups. The Hall Committee are looking for funding for the proposal to install new flooring as this will widen the scope of users to include more exercise/ dance classes.

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

* The Summer Show will be held on Saturday 13th August between 2pm and 4pm at the hall. Schedules for entries are now available from Sue01.meg@gmail.com for this event, this will be the first actual show to be held in the hall organised by the Llanteg garden group.
* New notice boards have been installed in the hall, and exterior painting to take place this year.
* 100 club is now fully subscribed.
* The Chat Bench has been delivered, and Solar lighting for the car park is still an ongoing project.
* The Garden group enjoyed a visit to Llwyngarreg on 16th July, next visits are to Glyn Bach Llangolman on 7th August, and Old Bishops Palace in Abergwili on 3rd September.
* There was a walk at Carew in June, Rosebush in July and the village walk will be on August Bank Holiday Monday.
* A Commemorative pear tree for the Platinum Jubilee has been planted at the Old School Garden.
* Coffee mornings at the village hall on the last Friday of the month continue to be well supported
* Llanteg workshops take place on the second Monday in the month, at Middleton , Llanteg, with Dave Tubbs.
* Art group is held on the second and fourth Monday in the month at the hall.
* The book group meet at the hall on the third Wednesday in the month at the hall.

**14 .Report by Play Area Representatives**

**Summerhill**

* **Phase two – replacement of the Junior Multiplay.** The new climbing Frame is being installed. Two new benches have been ordered and are due imminently, but the Activity tables are delayed. The play pieces will need storing somehow. A soil contamination form has been completed and returned.
* **Bug hotel-** The Clerk will contact Ranger Chris re filling bug hotel soon.
* **Rubbish bin –** There needs to be an official procedure for bin emptying as it is well used. The Clerk will contact PCC to request that it is added to the refuse collection rota.

**15.Project ideas and Updates**

**Amroth Free Wi-Fi –**The Wi-Fi is now working**.** Notices will be put up to advise users. A Press release will be drafted.

**Exercise Jantzen –** The new board was fitted on 15th July. It includes QR codes to link to the Heritage Trail. Data reports that the QR codes in place are being used.

**Film club – I**nstallation date is 8th August. Llanteg Hall are interested in a Film Club too. Cllr. Harvey to make contact.

**Allotments –**Senior Estate Manager for the National Trust- Alex Rees -Wigmore has been in touch to say he will meet with ACC in October to discuss the possibility of suitable land. – Defer to October Agenda

**Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch –** To be discussed in September

**16.Community matters –**

* ACC will respond to the Long Course weekend consultation regarding road closure issues and loss of business.
* The Slipway barrier is now operated electronically with a code to members phones. The emergency services have been given a code.
* Iron Man takes place on 10th & 11th September. The road closures have been posted on Facebook.

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

* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday September 15th 2022.
* Effective communication with residents
* Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
* Allotments – October agenda

**Date of next Meeting is Thursday 22nd September 2022 in Amroth Parish Hall.**

Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk [amrothclerk@outlook.com](mailto:amrothclerk@outlook.com) . Virtual attendance will also be possible via zoom.

**The meeting closed at 21.43 pm**

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