**Cyngor Cymuned Amroth Community Council**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 17th November 2022.

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk)

**Apologies**: None

**Declaration of Interest. None.**

**Chair’s Welcome**

Chairman Tony Baron welcomed all Councillors to the meeting. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2022 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Roger Harries

Seconded by Cllr John James

Vote - unanimous

Cllr. Baron signed the October Minutes.

**2 .Matters Arising**

* The Post Office has been in touch about relocating the post box in Summerhill to a safer location. A site by the bus shelter has been identified. Royal Mail are writing to PCC, who own the land, for permission.

**3.County Councillors Report**

A plan has been circulated to Councillors showing that all the current 30 MPH speed limits in the Community Council area will be changed to 20 MPH in September 2023 with the exception of the seafront from New Inn towards the edge of the settlement in Amroth Village.  After discussion at the Community Council I will make representations to the County Council based on the views expressed.

*Cllrs proposed that the road between Amroth and the New Inn be limited to 20mph. All Cllrs agreed. The Speed along Wisemans Bridge sea front was also raised - this is a national speed limit area (60MPH). Cllrs propose that this section, and the section beyond the 30mph zone on Trelessey Road, are also included in the 20mph roll out.* ***It was agreed that the Clerk would write to PCC expressing Councillors views on this proposal.***

I attended a meeting of local county councillors with Matthew Evans of Activity Wales who organise the Long Course Weekend.  It was a useful meeting and one key announcement was that from next year the bike race will begin with a bunch or “Peloton” start rather than individual riders departing separately as previously.  This means that all roads across Pembrokeshire will be open by 2:30pm at the latest rather than 5:30pm previously.

Mr Evans expressed a willingness to attend a public meeting in Amroth ward in the next couple of months to listen to any concerns of local residents / businesses.  I said I would raise this with the Community Council. **Cllrs agreed that a public meeting should be held – the Clerk will contact Mathew Evans to organise a date.**

The Amroth & District Community Hall grant application to replace the current carpeted floor which currently prohibits certain types of activities, with a new hard-wearing LVT floor, was granted by PCC Cabinet on 7th November.

The Remembrance Day service was held at the St Issell’s Parish War Memorial, on Sunday, 13th November 2022.  Charles Carter read out the names of the fallen from the Amroth Parish and I laid a wreath on behalf of Amroth and Saundersfoot North residents.

PCC Is backing an initiative for unpaid carers. This means people who regularly care for a relative, friend or neighbour, who could not manage without their help and who don’t get paid for it.  You are still an unpaid carer if you receive Carers’ Allowance.

Unpaid carers of all ages in Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion will soon have access to a new regional website to help support them in their caring role. In conjunction with Carer’s Rights Day, Thursday 24th November 2022. The website is: <https://carerssupportwestwales.org/>

Seasonal Free parking - All Pembrokeshire County Council car parks will once again be free to use on Saturday and Sundays in December.

*Cllrs raised the issue of difficulty in booking a GP appointment at Saundersfoot Surgery. Cllr Cormack will follow up with the Surgery.*

*Cllrs reported that the end of the sea wall at the New Inn end had still not been permanently cordoned off. While the drop is not as deep due to the movement of pebbles, it was still dangerous and could result in a nasty accident****. Agreed, the Clerk will inform PCC***

Following the Autumn Statement, Cllr Cormack is meeting with Welsh Government to investigate distribution of the additional funds.

**4.Planning**

**22/0554/PA Llanteg Village Hall, Llanteg. Proposal,** Fitting Solar lights in car park.**. Following discussion, Cllrs have no objection to this application.**

**22/0600/PA Long Acre, LLANTEG, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8PU. Proposal:** Replacing flat roof with new pitch roof over existing garage & glazed gable as part of garage conversion to bedroom.

**Cllrs have no objection to the propsal itself but comments were raised regarding lack of capacity for the sewage and foul water soak away. Cllrs request that the Planning Officer investigates the capacity and suitability of the septic tank at the property before a decision is made and, if found to be lacking, to make a condition that the system must be updated to accommodate the additional bedroom and ensuite. Full comments have been submitted to PCC Planning Department.**

**22/0348/PA. Oakland Caravan Park, Summerhill. SA67 8NS. Proposal**, Change of use of land for the relocation of 7 static caravans, associated infrastructure and ecological and landscaping enhancements. **Comments by 7th December 2022**

**Cllrs did not raise any material objections to this application but pointed out that the topography of the land means that the relocated vans could potentially overlook and so impact nearby properties.**

**Concern was also raised about the date of photographs included in the submission by the Architect. These are very out of date and do not show the extent of Meadow House Caravan Park opposite. Many fields shown green in the photographs are now occupied by caravans. It is unclear why more recent and easily obtained photographs have not been included.**

**5.Correspondence**

* **The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report February 2023.**
The Panel considers members of Community and Town Councils should not be out of pocket for carrying out their duties. It therefore proposes the following.

**- The Cllr allowance will increase to £156 a year for those who wish to claim it.**
* **A set payment for consumables of £52 a year can be paid or alternatively, Cllrs can claim expenses**

The full report can be viewed by using the following link:
[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2023](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fonevoicewales.us14.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D11ab1846ab416c98ac182e020%26id%3D53e1e334bb%26e%3Dc2c8871b68&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cce242a36469445c5d07408dabb201037%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638028043635313968%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cpmlp3FjjwJQ3ULrOaiysKBS5rfUF4nv3ZTiKWpkjew%3D&reserved=0)

* **Fuel Support Scheme**. Eligible households can claim a one-off £200 cash payment from their local authority. The money is to provide support towards paying fuel bills. This is in addition to the winter fuel payment offered by the UK Government. **See** <http://gov.wales/fuelsupport>
* **Tour of Pembrokeshire** on Saturday 13th of May 2023.
The Tour of Pembrokeshire is a cycle sportive around the beautiful countryside of Pembrokeshire. Organisers are hoping to get communities involved in some way, whether that be marshalling, cheer station, or entertainment. The aim for this event is to have that local feel and support throughout the course as this is what the cyclists will remember.
 Interested parties should contact info@tourofpembrokeshire.co.uk
* **Building Communities Trust** are holding Cost of Living events leading up to Christmas. Information can be found [Building Communities Trust / Ymddiriedolaeth Adeiladu Cymunedau | tocyn.cymru (beta)](https://tocyn.cymru/en/organisation/88b153c4-7602-4d7a-8803-3dfc083594cd)
* **OVW** - INNOVATIVE PRACTICE CONFERENCE – THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2022**.** The theme is **‘**Gearing Ourselves Up to Provide for Successful and Vibrant Towns and Communities’.
* **Business Support**. PCC are running ‘Drop In Business Support’ sessions on the last Friday of the month between 8am and 12 noon for new and established businesses at the Bridge Innovation Centre, Pembroke Dock.

## **Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2023-24**

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 2023-24 is £9.93.

* **Second Home Council Tax premiums**. Welsh Government is consulting on draft Regulations to amend Class 6 of the exceptions to the council tax premiums for second homes.  There are consultation questions, and responses are invited by 22 December 2022.

 A copy of the consultation documents and the response form can be found at:

[Draft council tax (exceptions to higher amounts) (Wales) (amendment) Regulations 2023 | GOV.WALES](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fdraft-council-tax-exceptions-higher-amounts-wales-amendment-regulations-2023&data=05%7C01%7C%7C38767f7208c34b60bf4208dac88899dc%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638042786268618130%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PMGaDASk9CGUadgphmY6MRv8qEvvCGCWGJ%2BTjElWi8I%3D&reserved=0)

[Council tax premiums for long-term empty and second homes: guidance for local authorities | GOV.WALES](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fcouncil-tax-premiums-long-term-empty-and-second-homes-guidance-local-authorities&data=05%7C01%7C%7C38767f7208c34b60bf4208dac88899dc%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638042786268618130%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=e6PLEVcjmOkVXlRNZ49EU1cu6%2BOz%2FPnnA0ydyYn9E28%3D&reserved=0)

* **Woodland Trust** – A Tree is available for collection by all residents of Pembrokeshire from Folly Farm between 19th November to 17th December 2022. Between Monday and Wednesday 3-4 pm or Saturday 10 am – 4 pm. Entry to Folly Farm is not required.
* **A Resident of Summerhill** has written regarding chair-based exercise classes for Dementia sufferers and older people. **Agreed to pass to hall contacts and signpost to PAVS.**

**6.Finance as of 31th October 2022**

 **a. Statement of accounts**

 Account 649 – £4701.74

 Account 856 – £10,600.40

 David Rees - £1032.37

 **b. Income**

A donation of over £1000 has been received by the council. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. Amroth Community Council wish to express their grateful thanks for this very generous gesture.

 **c. Payments**

Clerk wages

 Daniel Court to remove tree branch overhanging Play area in addition to the work in the Old School grounds Estimate additional £250

 Balance of Notice boards £5440

 Payment to Filmbank Distribution for Operation Mincemeat £159.60

 Hall hire for film club £25

 Hall Hire Amroth for meeting £10

 Alec Cormack Expenses – Wreath for Armistice Day £12.50 contribution

 Insurance premium has increased by £120.55 due to increased assets.

**All Payments were agreed**

**Proposed Cllr. Harries Seconded, Cllr. Cormack Cllrs voted unanimously.**

**d. Set Budget and Precept**

The Finance and Resource Sub Committee presented a draft budget to Cllrs for approval. Following questions and discussion, it was accepted.

**Proposal Set precept at £20k**

**Proposed Cllr Harries Seconded Cllr. Harvey Vote unanimous.**

**Policy on the awarding of Contracts.** ACC is obliged to obtain quotes for work to be carried out and quotes are scrutinised by the Finance and Resource sub-committee for best value for money. Final approval is given by full council at the monthly meeting in order to safeguard public money.

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

* Amroth Castle Holiday Park have given permission for ACC to re-concrete the No Overnight Parking signs/ remove them. **Agreed, The Clerk will contact ACCP to ask if the signs can be refixed to the Park wall.**
* Memorial plaques. Several requests for memorial plaques have been received. ACC has nowhere in Amroth for them to be sited and so is unable to grant these requests
* A resident wrote raising concern about the speed of traffic on Rosemary Lane. PCC Asset Management have been in touch with the following proposal measures to help.

-Cut back hedge where bend deviation sign is located to make more visible on approach

-Place ARAF/SLOW road markings on carriageway

-An edge line following the outside of the bend

-A single ‘Sharp Deviation To the Left’ chevron on a high vis backing.

These have been added to the schedule of works

**Cllrs requested that a sign saying ‘Narrow Road, unsuitable for long vehicles’ is placed at Ludchurch end of the lane. The clerk will contact PCC.**

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

Games night is starting on Friday 18th November at 7.00pm as part of the warm rooms’ initiative. Film nights are going very well. The application to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire fund for new flooring has been successful. This will hopefully encourage new classes to start up. ADCA has requested support from ACC to hold a Coronation Tea.

**Proposed Cllr Harries asked that the Finance Sub Committee consider a request to donate to both halls for the Coronation.**

There will be a ‘Rent a table’ in the hall on Saturday 26th November. 10 am – 1 pm.

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

The new craft group has been well attended on the first and third Wednesday afternoon of the month between 1pm and 4pm. The Community library is also open on this afternoon.

Llanteg Literati group meet on the third Wednesday in the month in the evening.

Art group on the second and fourth Monday morning is still very popular.

The Garden groups talk on November 9th was by Rachel Barber from Carmarthenshire Meadows group, and on December 7th Piers Lunt from Tywi Gateway project Abergwili will be our speaker.

LARC, Llanteg and Amroth Renaturing Community, held an interesting and inspiring open meeting on November 11th with guest speaker Trevor Theobold, Pembs CC Senior Ecologist. Their next meeting is on January 27th with Chris Taylor from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

The next venue for the walking group is at Llansteffan led by Nigel Bailey on 27th November.

The Autumn Newsletter is in the process of being delivered.

Solar lighting for the car park is still an ongoing project.

**10 .Report by Summerhill Play Area Representatives**

* A constructive meeting was held in the park with the PCC inspector**.** There is a mis match between the tools used for the inspection and the report produced**.** The inspector reported that PCC are working with the software providers on a new system.
* Cllrs. Harries and Harvey met in the park to agree positioning of the benches remaining and which benches are to be relocated to the Old School Garden in Llanteg.
* An overhanging branch was identified as potentially dangerous. Cllr. Harries will ask D Court to add it to the tree felling contract
* The southern perimeter fence will need replacing in 2023. The entrance gates should be self-closing and the springs need re-tensioning. There is also a gap between the gates and floor which will need to be addressed. The Litter bin will also need replacing.

**Agreed. It was agreed that an application to EP for Phase Three to address the lower-level health and safety issues. Quotes will be obtained for the work**

**12.Project ideas and Updates**

* **Exercise Jantzen –**. To be completed by Christmas.
* **Allotments –**The Clerk has emailedSenior Estate Manager for the National Trust- Alex Rees -Wigmore requesting a meeting/discussion on possible land for allotments.
* **Provide more extended warm spaces within the community.** Via PAVS/Anti poverty fund. **Agreed the Clerk will contact both halls to find out costs etc.**
* **Notice Boards –** Waiting for Artwork from the company. It is hoped they will be installed before Christmas.

**13.Community matters –**

* Begelly Church Hall are providing a warm space between 1pm and 3 pm on Monday afternoons. All are welcome.
* Cllr Baron proposed that ACC give a donation to a suitable charity in memory of Malachi Bailey. Seconded Cllr Harries. Cllrs agreed unanimously that a sum of £100 be donated to a charity of his family’s choice.

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

* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday December 8th2022.

**15. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 15th December 2022 in Llanteg Village Hall.**

Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk amrothclerk@outlook.com . Virtual attendance will also be possible via zoom.

**The meeting closed at 8.53 pm**

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