**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREAMLOD / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 27th November at 7.30 pm.

Present: Gail Davis, Julian Harries, Kevin Morris Gareth Owen, Cllr David Howlett, E Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** – Dai Ambrey
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (23.10.23) & Extraordinary meeting (14.11.23)**

Minutes of the last two meetings had been distributed to members which were agreed

that they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
2. Scrap vehicles on the common – No update.
3. Two potholes by the entrance to Hook Farm, Ambleston – Gail was unsure if these had been filled in.
4. Pothole on the bend by Bigws, Woodstock – Done.
5. Cwm Arian Renewable Energy (CARE) – Wallis Bracken cutting project - Following the Zoom meeting on 14/11/23, the list of questions was sent to Naomi Hope, her answers were read out. Remove from agenda until further update on funding application.
6. **Highway matters**
7. Julian reported - Surface water not running off the road from the crossroads by Cware Duon, Ambleston towards Parc Y Llyn Nursing home. Eirian will report.
8. Gareth reported - continuous flow of clean water on the right-hand side of road towards Slouthy, Ambleston. Eirian will report.
9. **Planning**
10. 23/0635/PA – Alterations to dwelling, add an upper storey and extension – Carreg Las, Woodstock – Kevin Morris declared an interest and left the room for the discussion. There were no objections to the proposal.
11. 23/0638/PA – Amended entrance to small holding – Cware Duon, Ambleston - Gareth Owen declared an interest and left the room for the discussion. There were no objections to the proposal.
12. **Wallis Pond**

Due to the recent rainfall the water levels are too high which could cause an environmental incident; therefore, a decision has been made to delay the commencement of work until early 2024. Nestle will consider releasing the funding in their next financial year which commences January 2024.

1. **Sale Broadway Partners to Macquarie & Tiger Infrastructure Partners**

It is business as usual. Prices may increase when the contracts expire.

1. **Review of Community Electoral Arrangements – Consultation response**

Gareth attended the Working Better Together seminar on 28th November. Community Councils are encouraged to submit comments. Gareth will draft a response and will circulate for comments prior to submitting. Eirian to look back through file for the comments submitted to the previous consultation approximately 10 years ago and forward to Gareth. Deadline for submission of comments is 17th December.

1. **Draft budget**

* Defibrillator pads & battery packs – Gareth had spoken to his contact at Welsh Ambulance Service who confirmed that the pads and battery packs for Wallis and Woodstock would be supplied free of charge, therefore this cost can be removed from the budget.
* Election recharge costs – Sian Waters advised that based on current recharges, we would estimate the follow costs for contested elections: £2,662.45, uncontested elections are £225. These charges have been factored into the budget.
* It was agreed that the precept amount should remain at £2700.00.

1. **Clerk’s salary and expenses**

Clerk’s salary - £600.00 and £40.70 expenses - payment agreed.

1. **Correspondence**
2. National Grid Wayleave payment received - £261.22.
3. Barclays – letter requesting further business information. Eirian had phoned them, but she is not listed on their records. Julian will phone to provide the information required and add Eirian to their records.
4. Welsh Government – Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2024-25 - £10.81 per elector.
5. **Any other business**
6. Gail asked why Ambleston is still 30mph when it should be 20mph. David Howlett explained that some villages have yet to have their signs changed.
7. Gareth said that a resident asked on the Facebook page if the village was having a Christmas tree. It was agreed to discuss further next year.
8. Gareth said that in the Working Better Together seminar on 28th November it was noted that PCC are looking at a new website for Community Councils and the cost will be passed onto each CC.
9. Gail sent her apologies for the next meeting.
10. **Date of next meeting**

22nd January 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Date………………………………………………….**