**Cyngor Cymuned Amroth Community Council**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.00pm in Amroth Parish Hall.

**Councillors present:**  T Baron, A Cormack, A Evans, F Evans, M Harvey; R Lake, S Phillips, R Tippet -Maudsley, W Wood.

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

**Declaration of Interest.**

**Chair’s Welcome**

Chairman Cllr Baron welcomed all Councillors to the meeting, and asked for any apologies.

**Apologies**: J James, E Wyn Morgan, M Morris.

All Councillors send good wishes to Cllr John James in his convalescence. His continued interest in the council is welcomed by all and we look forward to the day when he is well enough to rejoin a meeting in person.

**1. To deem the minutes of previous meetings as correct documents**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Rob Lake, Seconded by Cllr. Mark Harvey Vote – unanimous.

Cllr. Baron signed the February 2024 Minutes.

**2..Matters Arising**

* Another email has been sent to Pembrokeshire Road Safety partnership regarding a meeting on speed limit anomalies in the wards. (Chapel Lane).
* New Website - Cllr Cormack was to speak to IT in PCC for guidance. PCC will update at the next Working Well Together meeting.
* A letter asking for support in requesting additional water quality tests by NRW has been sent to Mr. William Bramble, Chief Executive of PCC. An acknowledgment has been received. Following communication from Cllr Cormack, NRW have emailed to say that a minimum of ten excellent readings over the 2024 season should enable an application for the Blue Flag Award in 2025. NRW will get in touch when testing starts.
* Letter of support was sent to the National Trust for a grant application.
* Dangerous drops from the highway to the verge at the bottom of Factory Lane have been reported to PCC Highways.

**3.County Councillors Report**

**Coastal Path Closure Coppet Hall to Wiseman’s Bridge.**

I met with representatives of the Welsh Government Active Travel team onsite in February to support the Council’s application for funds to undertake the necessary cliff stabilisation works.

The March PCC Cabinet Meeting resolved to approve the cost of c. £600,000 for the works to restore the Saundersfoot to Wisemans Bridge cycle and footpath.

This was an important decision since it allows the Council to proceed with the works immediately without waiting for the results of the grant application to Welsh Government,  Sustrans and others.

The Council is aiming to complete the works and have the path fully reopened prior to the July school summer holidays

**Cllr Harvey proposed, Cllr Lake seconded a proposal to investigate a shuttle bus service from Saundersfoot to Wisemans while coast path is closed. Disabled access may be required.** All in favour with 1 abstention

**Saundersfoot Surgery**

Along with the County Councillors for Kilgetty and Saundersfoot South I met with Saundersfoot Medical Centre on March 4th to discuss the ongoing challenges at the medical centre.

There is continued high demand for appointments and during the week commencing 19 February there were 2,224 phone calls of which 1,264 were between 8 and 9 am.

As an alternative to ringing 01834 815115 for an appointment, for patients with access to the internet, is to book online using the [NHS Wales App](https://app.nhs.wales/login) which you can find on the [medical centre’s website](https://saundersfootmedicalcentre.gpwales.com/).

This should be a quick way to book an appointment, providing a same-day appointment is not needed. It will also ease some of the pressure on the reception staff who are taking calls.

If you want advice from your doctor, self-help information or have an administrative request (such as a sick note or test result) you can use [e-consult](https://saundersfootmedicalcentre.gpwales.com/e-consult/) which can also be accessed from the medical centre website. This takes you through a series of questions to help establish what the issue is and within 72 hours you will get a response from the medical centre.

As councillors, we felt there has been an improvement in being able to get an appointment at the medical centre and we believe staff at the centre are working hard to provide a good service when the NHS is under enormous pressure. Whilst it can be frustrating, we ask that everyone is considerate towards the reception staff who are working hard to see to everyone’s needs.

Please let me know if there are any issues you would like me to raise on your behalf.

**Superfast Fibre Broadband - Voneus**

As was mentioned briefly last month, following Broadway Partners going into administration, another company Voneus has agreed to take over some of the projects previously planned by Broadway.

Voneus have decided not to proceed with many of the more rural areas of Pembrokeshire.  So while they have agreed to proceed with the Stepaside area as shown on [this map](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JPVjSxfYTm6IObNBIcXl7mHNBAByUGLQ/view?usp=drive_link), This excludes Amroth Village, Llanteg and areas to the East of the ward.

At the request of Amroth Community Council I asked the PCC head of IT to raise with Voneus, whether it would be possible to extend the Stepaside zone to include the Amroth Village area, since that is adjacent to the area shown on the map.  He agreed to raise this matter at the next meeting with Voneus.

It is still not clear when Voneus intends to proceed with the Superfast Broadband in the Stepaside area.  I‘ll provide an update as soon as I get an update.

**PCC Council Tax Increase of 12.5% was agreed by PCC for 2024-25**

On March 7th County Councillors agreed a Council Tax increase of 12.5% equivalent to £3.22 per week for a Band D household.  This balances the budget by the use of approximately £13.5m of budget savings, £7.1m from CT Premiums and £2.2m from Council reserves.

The Council still has one of the lowest Council Taxes in Wales, 19th out of the 22 Local Authorities.

**4 .Planning**

**23/0754/PA. Fynnon Hafod, Tavernspite. SA67 0AZ.** This Application has been conditionally approved by PCC.

**23/0806/PA. Caldey View, Llanteg. SA67 8QJ**. This application has been conditionally approved by PCC.

**23/0781/PA. 31 Llanteg Park, Llanteg. SA67 8PZ**. This application has been conditionally approved by PCC.

**23/0929/PA. land Between 9 & 11 Church View, Summerhill. SA67 8LZ.**  Futher objections have been received. ACC have submitted their objection to this application.

As requested, the Clerk contacted Matt Cloud at PCC regarding a right of way across the land between 9-11 Church View, based on usage over 20 years. There is a prescribed process for making an application to modify the definitive map.  **Agreed** Cllr Tippett Maudsley proposed that ACC investigate this, seconded by Cllr Cormack. All in favour with 1 abstention due to a declaration of interest in the planning application.

**23/0882/PA Pinecroft, PLEASANT VALLEY, SA67 8NY. Proposal:** A comment of No Objection was submitted.

**20/0348/PA. Land at Clos Yr Ysgol. Proposal**, Residential development (Outline with all matters reserved for future consideration). **Proposal has been withdrawn**

**NP/24/0101/FUL. The Leys, Amroth, SA67 8LY. Proposal-** Alterations and Additions, convert double garage into gym and store, create new entrance canopy and alter/remove some internal ground floor walls to max space, demolish outside room and replace with new single storey extension incorporating bedrooms and recreational space.

**Following discussion Councillors have No Objection to this application.**

**23/1011/PA. Llanteg Service Station, SA67 8QD. Proposal:** Demolition of existing canopy and removal of existing fuel dispensers and islands. Supply and fit of new raised canopy and new fuel dispensers and islands. Removal of existing offet fillers and repositioning between fuel islands. Infil of existing roadway to match pavement.

**Councillors have no objection to this application and a query raised regarding dirty water and sewage was felt to be irrelevent to this particular application.**

**23/1036/PA. Maes Yr Haf, Ludchurch, SA67 8PG.** **Proposal**, Dormers to first floor and 2 new windows. **Councillors have no objection to this application.**

**5.Correspondence**.

* In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, see below the link to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’s Annual Report, February 2024. This has also been sent to the Minister for Finance and Local Government and other interested parties. You can find the report by using the following link

[**Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’s Annual Report, February 2024.**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.wales%2Findependent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2024-2025&data=05%7C02%7C%7C5ce655d3e77c40e5835408dc38849875%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638447389357110705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lSI3s79DzIm993o0%2BojZQ2QNI%2BOM7iFmaBhj4t9Y0dw%3D&reserved=0)

[All other Determinations set out in 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024 remain valid and should be applied.](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.wales%2Findependent-remuneration-panel-wales-determinations-2023-2024&data=05%7C02%7C%7C5ce655d3e77c40e5835408dc38849875%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638447389357117564%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8nWtjs905UZN2B3TzJeFMOkhiGlESY2noCVqfVkkrHk%3D&reserved=0)

* **Local Development Plan updates.**

Relating to the Pembrokeshire Local Development Plan & Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2, PCNPA and PCC have published Joint Supplementary Planning Guidance on:

-Seascape Character Assessment

and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2 has published Supplementary Planning Guidance on: Trees and Woodlands & Loss of Hotels and Guesthouses

The information is available on their websites.

| Supplementary Planning Guidance | Replaced by |
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| Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Seascape Character Assessment (interim September 2020) | Joint Supplementary Planning Guidance on Seascape Character Assessment – Adopted by PCNPA 20 September 2023. Adopted by PCC 2 October 2023. |
| Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Loss of Hotels and Guest Houses (interim September 2020) | Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Loss of Hotels and Guest Houses – Adopted 20 September 2023 |
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* **Urdd Fund for All.** The Urdd's Fund for All will offer this year 300 free places at the Urdd's summer camps for children and young people in Wales. Applications can be made on the website: [Urdd Gobaith Cymru](https://www.urdd.cymru/en/)

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

* Speed limits in the ward- This is an open issue to be resolved. Councillors are concerned that the 20mph speed limits are having the opposite effect and traffic is travelling faster because of it. The Clerk will request data from the Speed Indicator Devices in Summerhill and Stepaside. The defaced signs have yet to be cleaned.
* The Allotment lock was sent for repair under guarantee and a new lock received.
* Groynes on beach. Further maintenance work needs carrying out for safety. Clerk to report to PCC
* The new Amroth sign for the Summerhill junction is due. This is required urgently for Easter Traffic.
* A new bus timetable holder needs to be purchased from PCC for the ACC owned bus shelter in Amroth @ £99.00. PCC have replaced all the worn and damaged holders in their shelters after a request from Cllr Harvey. Cllr A Evans will investigate paint to touch up the damaged paint on the shelter to improve its appearance. New Perspex is still needed in the Stepaside shelter. Other Perspex shelters need cleaning.
* Signage for Amroth East Toilets- Cllr Harvey proposed that better signage be obtained for the Amroth East Toilets to inform users that they are open due to the generosity of council tax payers in the wards. He also suggested looking at methods of accepting donations from users towards the toilet maintenance. Some businesses have offered financial support also.
* Painting of Amroth East Toilets. The Clerk will request paint from PCC and arrange to get them painted.
* Tractors have caused serious verge damage in Llanteglos on the Amroth road. Tractors have been seen travelling at excessive speeds, drivers have been seen on mobile phones and also driving on the verge. This is to be reported to PCC Highways. Advice will also be sought from PCSO Ffion Thomas.
* The main Slipway opposite the Amroth Castle Caravan park is very slippery especially at the sides. This has been reported to PCC for urgent attention.
* The SID into Stepaside is not working. The Clerk will report this to PCC Highways.
* Summerhill Playground – The Clerk will check if the annual report has been carried out. Some maintenance needs doing. Cllr Harvey will contact the suppliers. Also Cllr Harvey reports that the Quarterly inspection is still flagging up issues that have been dealt with. He requested a meeting with Inspectors to discuss this. The Clerk will contact PCC to arrange. Also the hedgerow between the Hall and Play ground is growing into the playground and needs cutting back.
* Notice board – 5 Perspex panels have cracks in from weather/ temperature variations. Cllr Harvey to contact Supplier to have them repaired.
* Bus service moves to summer timetable from Saturday. The Clerk will set up another meeting with PCC transport officer in an effort to improve the service.

**7. Report following the Coastal Adaptation Working group Meeting**

A statement has been prepared and published based on the notes from the meeting. The road from Mole End to the New Inn was the main topic. PCC accept the communities wish to keep a road connection and will engage consultants to start a WelTAG process that is required to access funding for a new (diverted) road. The funding will be from highways not sea defence budgets. Other points agreed were..

* PCC will continue to carry out small repairs to the road and continue to protect the village by reprofiling the pebbles and rock armour in front of the shops.
* The groynes will be removed for Health and Safety reasons
* The working group will inform residents of progress.
* The working Group will take an active role in influencing the preferred solution ( WelTAG Study) and take into account the economic, social and well-being impact on residents
* A date for the next meeting will be set once PCC have met with consultants and have a better understanding of the WelTAG timeline.

The WelTAG process is likely to take three years.

**8. Date to meet National Trust**

It was agreed to invite NT to meet with councillors at the April meeting. A request was made for maps to pinpoint planting in the wards.

**9. D Day June 6th 2024 – 80th Anniversary**

A D-Day 80 Flag of Peace is available to purchase. It is suggested it be flown from**9am** on 6th June, leaving it up for one week.

**Agreed**- Clerk to purchase a 5 x 3 Flag.

**10.Finance as of 29th February 2024**

**a. Statement of accounts**

Account 649 – £9,442.08 plus £5728.79 that is grant money and donations allocated to Film Club

Account 856 – £4,833.90

**b. Income Feb/ March24**

Banking of Film Club donations - £77.20 Feb included and £53.13 for March

**c. Payments**

Clerk wages & expenses (renewal of Microsoft 365 on April 9th 2024 =£59.99)

Free Wi-Fi- £67.20

Filmbank Distribution March payment £164.40.

Amroth Hall Hire for Feb/March Film club 2 x £25.00 (Missed one payment from Feb)

Llanteg Hall Hire £10.00 for Trustee meeting

OVW Training (2 Modules) for new Councillor - £38 (A bursary of £38 was awarded)

Renew Membership of One Voice Wales -£287.00

Payment of invoice from UKT – up to £1800.

Order D day Flag 5 x 3 -£28.80

*Payments for Allotment items using grant funding (Agreed*

D harries Invoice for150m x25mm alkathene pipe for allotments -£121.09 ( from grant)

New gate installation - £100

Posts - £132 (max)

CCF invoice for Gate, second water trough, plus accessories - £314.52

Aggregate from Trubloc - £210

Shed -£460 + delivery.

Levelling of entrance and shed floor (quote being obtained on Sunday)

**d. Donation requests** – None

**e. Councillors allowances –** The clerk has emailed all Councillors regarding annual allowances.

**f. Approve Payments**

**All Payments were agreed.**

**Proposed** Cllr. Tippet Maudsley **Seconded**, Cllr. Phillips **Cllrs voted unanimously.**

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

For latest information on activities, groups and clubs please refer to the ADCA website-

See [Amroth Parish Hall | AMROTH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION](https://amrothparish.co.uk/amroth-parish-hall/)

**New Activity**

* Childrens and adults craft afternoon on Tuesday 26th March
* The Film Wonka will be shown on 12th April
* 19th April -quiz night for Charity in the hall.

**12. Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee-**

For information on Clubs, events and groups please refer to the hall website at [Llanteg Village Website (Crunwere Parish) | The Official Llanteg Website (llanteg-village.co.uk)](https://llanteg-village.co.uk/)

**13. Project ideas and Updates**

**Knight’s Way – A Survey is required. The route requires new** signage and an information publication. It is a ten mile walk and an alternative to the coast path. It is way marked on the OS maps. Look to Enhancing Pembs. Grant fund to support this project.

**14.Community matters –**

* Cllr Tippet Maudsley proposed that Councillor photos be put on the notice boards and other media to make Councillors more visible.

Cllr Cormack to find out how much for professional photographer.

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

* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday April 11th 2024.
* Review of PCSO surgeries.
* Dog restriction in May – request access as previous two years.

**16. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 18th April 2024 in Llanteg Village Hall.**

Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk [amrothclerk@outlook.com](about:blank) . Virtual attendance will also be possible via zoom, if required. **The meeting closed at 8.49 pm.**

If you would like to be kept informed as to information regarding matters affecting the parish, road closures, public consultations, sea defences etc please email the clerk and you will be put on our secure mailing list (GDPR compliant).