**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREAMLOD / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Rosie McDonald, Carly Skyrme, Julian Harries, Gareth Owen, Dai Ambrey, E Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** – Kevin Morris
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (26.02.24) & extraordinary meeting (08.03.24)**

 Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to members; apart from one error (March

 was missing in the date of the EM minutes) it was agreed that both set of minutes were

 to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
2. Surface water not running off the road from the crossroads by Cware Duon, Ambleston towards Parc Y Llyn Nursing home. Response from PCC - *There is not nothing more we can do on this section other than ditching, it’s more than likely water run-off from the adjoining fields that’s causing the issue.*
3. Deep ditch on the side of the road by Cromlech Lodge going towards Wolfscastle - Not done.
4. Streetlight by the chapel in Woodstock. Not done. Eirian tried to report on ‘My Account’ - response - has already been reported.
5. Edge of the road leading to Rock House, Wallis SA62 5RA has subsided, and a large pothole. Done.
6. Subsidence on the side of the road from Ambleston to Parc-y-Wern.
7. Patches of tarmac have lifted and have created large potholes between Cwarre Duon and Stoney Hook (before Parc-y-Wern). Response from PCC on item 3e and 3F - advised that a pothole on this section of road has been repaired. The areas of tarmac that have lifted are not severe enough to warrant urgent intervention.
8. BT Openreach has left holes on side of the road the road from Woodstock Cross to Longstone. Done.
9. **Highway matters**
10. David Howlett has received the list of roads to be resurfaced this financial year, on the list is the Woodstock Cross to Cornel Bach, also in the Puncheston ward the road from Cornel Bach to Penlan.
11. Gareth reported the finger post sign on crossroads Parc-y-Llyn to Haverfordwest is illegible.
12. **Planning**

Nothing to report.

1. **Wallis Pond**
* ***Response from Ross Grisbrook, NRW - The issue with water flows in and through the pond is that the flows have been too fast, and water has been covering the silty area that was identified for removal. Too much water increases the risk that silt will be released in large amounts downstream with the action of the excavator bucket. It is not directly related to the height of water behind the sluice gate. Flows are still high despite the recent few days of clement weather. February has been very wet.***

***Bird nesting season is from March till around September, but this period can be longer depending on the location, weather, and bird species. Birds are using the pond now and have been through February and earlier. If water flows and funding for the job are favourable, we could check the pond for the presence of nesting birds before starting but I would have to discuss this, as we do not want to risk disturbance if our site checks cannot be sufficiently thorough.***

***Emily, can you tell us what the status of the funding is from Princes Gate? Has the window closed now? Is it possible that the money could be ring-fenced if conditions are right for the work to go ahead in the Autumn?***

* Pete Howe, PCC has arranged a meeting with Mair Rees, Ross Grisbrook on 4th April, Eirian will attend.
1. **Developing Ambleston Community Council website**
* David Astins, PCC has advised that they don’t minute the Working Together Seminars, part of trying to keep them informal.
* A test site has been created by PCC in Google Sites by way of an example of a free site:

<https://sites.google.com/view/llandudoch/home>

* Gareth volunteered to lead on this topic.
* The date of the next seminar is 26th March. Gareth and Rosie will attend. Eirian to register them both.
1. **Payments**
* Hall Hire (September 2023 – March 2024) - £60 – agreed (Chq No. 444)
* PCC - Grit Bin, Ambleston – £180.00 + VAT = £216 – agreed (Chq No. 445)
1. **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant**
2. Suggested ideas:
* Bird hide
* Improve local walks.
* Christmas trees and lights
* Pilates in hall
* Wi-fi in Ambleston Memorial Hall
1. Carly asked who the Caretaker of Bethel Chapel was, as it would be good to use the vestry for coffee mornings etc. to bring the residents of Ambleston together. Eirian will make enquiries.
2. Eirian to explore dates for submission of application etc.

1. **Correspondence**
* Paul Davies newsletter
* One Voice Wales – Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill
* One Voice Wales – March, April, May & June 2024 Training Dates
1. **Any other business**
2. Carly handed over her Declaration of Acceptance of Office
3. The defibrillator pads that Dai had for Wallis were out of date. Eirian to email Kevin to check if he took both sets home when Gareth handed them out. If he has not got the second set, Gareth will ask for new set of pads from his contact.
4. Rosie suggested arranging defibrillator training after 21st May.
5. Dai said that the scrap has started to be removed from the Common again.
6. David Howlett updated on Withyhedge Landfill
* Paul Davies and Stephen Crabb have raised the issue at the Senedd.
* On the agenda for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday 26th March.
* Deadline of Enforcement Notice is 5th April.
* Continue to report any smell to NRW.
* RML are setting up a Community Benefit Fund as compensation for the inconvenience caused to communities. Eirian will email the Project Team to advise that Ambleston have also been impacted by the smell.
1. **Date of next meeting**

22nd April 2024

There being no further matters, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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

**Date………………………………………………….**