**Amroth Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Llanrath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 22nd November 2018

**Councillors present:** P Davies; F Evans; R Harries; J James; R Lewis; M Morris; S Phillips (Chair); R Tippett-Maudsley,

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk); County Cllr Tony Baron

**Apologies:** Alan Davies, Brian James, Mary Megarry

**Register of Interest –** None

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 18th October 2018 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Roger Harries

Seconded by Pauline Davies

Signed by Cllr S Phillips following completion of the meeting.

**Matters arising from previous minutes;**

* Following entry into Pembrokeshire Tourism Dog Friendly Awards, Amroth was runner up in Best Dog Friendly Beach and Best Dog Friendly Village categories.

**County Councillors Report**

PCC faces critical decisions in the weeks ahead following the Welsh Government’s Local Government Provisional Settlement. The provisional funding settlement is for a 0.4% cut in cash term for the financial year 2019-2020. This represent a major cut in real terms given the rise in the minimum wage and pension contributions (a large proportion of the Council’s budget goes on employment costs). Over 70% of PCC’s net budget goes on adult social care, children’s services and education.

The funding gap for PCC is over £20 million and would require a 28% increase in Council Tax to prevent major cuts in services. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Mr Bob Kilmister has asked all departments to prepare budgets producing 8% cost savings. Residents will be formally consulted.

However, I have arranged for Bob Kilmister to attend a public meeting for Amroth residents on 12 December at 6.30 pm in Llanteg Village Hall so that residents can express their concerns and priorities direct to the Cabinet Member. There is a Full Council Meeting on 13 December and I would want to reflect Amroth Ward’s concerns in that meeting.

It is important to recognize that, if the Provisional Settlement holds, there will have to be a combination of major service cuts and Council Tax rises. The funding formula used by the Welsh Government hugely discriminates against rural counties as opposed to urban areas and in particular punishes Pembrokeshire for being a relatively efficient Council. Our Council Tax rates are the lowest in Wales but our service provision is rated above average. The Welsh Government plans to give Pembrokeshire millions of pounds less than it estimates is needed to provide standard services but gives other, urban areas, substantially more than is required by their assessment of the funding needed to provide adequate services.

I would urge Councillors to encourage residents to attend the meeting on Wednesday 12 December and to take every opportunity to lobby the Welsh Government to give Pembrokeshire a fairer funding settlement.

On other matters, I have been appointed to the Scrutiny Committee on the operation of the Swansea Bay City Deal. Needless to say I am wary of any action that would have Pembrokeshire residents financing interest payments on projects that do not give direct benefits to Pembrokeshire and which should be funded by the private sector.

**Planning**

**18/0671/PA Tenby Tourers, Crofty, Llanteg, SA67 8QE.** Proposal; Change of use of agricultural land for siting of 43 touring caravan pitches and associated facilities buildings. **An objection was resent based on road safety concerns**

**18/0742/PA; Island View House, Summerhill, Narberth, SA67 8NS.** Proposal: Extension and Alterations. **Conditionally approved.**

**18/0770/PA** **The Old Victorian School, Kilgetty Lane, Stepaside. SA67 8LQ.** Variation of condition 4 of Planning Ref 07/0588/PA to allow for amended parking Plan. **Comments by** **23rd November 2018. No objection**

**NP/18/0642/FUL Craig Y Borian farm, Llanteg, Narberth. SA67 8QL.** Provision of domestic LPG bulk tank & Concrete base. **Comments by** **28th November 2018. No Objection**

**18/0799/PA In Field at rear of 7 Crunwere Close, Llanteg, SA67 8QP.** Proposal; Installation of ground mounted 8 kwp four row solar array (Renusol ConSole4.1) to provide electricity for private use (7 Crunwere Close, Llanteg). **Comments by** **5th December 2018.**

**18/0823/DC Land at the Old Victorian School, Kilgetty Lane, Stepaside. SA67 8QL. Proposal;** Discharge of conditions 7(foul drainage), 8 (grey water disposal) and 9

 (Landscaping scheme of permission 10/101309/PA (erection of three dwellings.) **Comments by 26th November 2018**

**18/0806/PA Greendale, Stepaside, Narberth. SA67 8LT. Proposal** New infill storm porch glazing to front elevation. Removal of chimney. New steel frame balcony to rear elevation accessed from entrance level lounge with minor internal structural alterations. Alterations to window on rear elevation onto new balcony area. New infill extension to lower floor level lounge with internal structural alterations and sliding glazed doors to rear elevation. **Comments by 28th November**

**Correspondence**

Councillor Bernard Lawrence wrote to resign from the Community Council after 39 years of service. Councillors were very sad to receive this news and agreed that Bernard had been a very loyal and supportive member of the council and his valuable contributions would be really missed. Councillors wished to thank him for all that he has done, and Cllr Stephen Phillips wrote a letter to Bernard thanking him for his service to the Community on behalf of ACC.

**PCC** wrote to inform ACC that the Diversion Order for public footpath SP10/24 (part) was made on 26th October 2018. A public notice appeared in the Western Telegraph on 31st October 2018.

**PCC i**s working on several initiatives to better connect the County and this work is continuing. Part of the solution is understanding the metrics behind current broadband provision across the County.  The important metrics being not spots, slow and indeed unreliable provision.

 PCC are actively mapping various datasets to help understand this problem, including data from OFCOM and the Wales Government Next Generation Access review in 2017.  Whilst this provides a very good baseline it is important to capture the real life stories too.

 Residents have been asked to detail any specific issues they are aware of within local Towns or Communities using the table below.  It would be useful when reporting poor speeds as the problem to attain a speed test and record the result.  Using the website [http://fast.com](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ffast.com&data=02%7C01%7C%7C7d9a8809d5a544a6a0e508d6376c4ec2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636757335659447980&sdata=GbiTwm2XDyVPaVwUFji1LkDpWv6UBcL4jnTRb0QwCH8%3D&reserved=0) takes less than 30 seconds to produce this.

 Send all replies to lee.mcsparron@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

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**One Voice Wales** are holding a number of events next year. The dates are as follows.

Innovative Practice and National Awards Conference – Thursday 28 March 2019

Innovative Practice Conference - Wednesday 10 July 2019

National Conference & Annual General Meeting – Saturday 5 October 2019

**111 Number - Hywel Dda Health Board**. From 31 October 2018 in Hywel Dda Health Board area the NHS Direct Wales and GP Out of Hours Services share an easy to remember number 111. It’s free and will help callers find the right advice, support and treatment. Call 999 for life-threatening conditions.

**Carmarthenshire’s Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)**

 Carmarthenshire County Council has published the third iteration of its Annual Monitoring Report 2017-2018.

 Whilst not a formal consultation, comments in relation to the content of the AMR are welcomed. They should be submitted in writing or by e-mail by 1st April 2019. Please note; any comments submitted will not be treated as confidential and they will be published.

The AMR is available to download from the County Council website on the following link.

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/annual-monitoring-report-amr/#.W9m2Kk27LIU>

In addition to the AMR, elements of the Plan are monitored through survey work. This has informed or supported a number of the Policy targets identified within the AMR. They include

* Employment Land Review 2018
* JHLA Study 2018

These documents can also be accessed via the link above.

**The Welsh Government’s Armed Forces team** is currently running a scoping exercise in order to identify gaps in services for Veterans and their families in Wales.
They would be delighted in hearing from you if you are Ex-Service / a veteran, a family member of someone who has served or an organisation working with veterans.
Please click on the link below to access the survey: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JBE08/>

**From the Auditor General, Wales**

Councils need to think and act differently to sustain rural services says a report published by the Auditor General for Wales.The report examines the changing face of rural Wales and looks at the demographic challenges in providing council services to dispersed communities. The loss of the cornerstone of village life, such as banks and post offices, and poor infrastructure are causing challenges and councils struggle to find sustainable ways to help.

The report concludes that, too often, councils continue to deliver a ‘one-size fits all approach’ which is creating and reinforcing rural inequality. Key to addressing the challenge, is to make a reality of coordinated and integrated services to maximise both the use of resources and the quality of service delivery. (Forwarded – paper copy for John)

**Pembrokeshire Bus Services Questionnaire**

Contact Amroth Clerk for an online copy

**Temporary road closure notice**

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| **Restriction Type:-** | Temporary Prohibition of Vehicular Traffic (Road Closure) |
| **Location:-** | Class III (C3014) Summerhill to Amroth road – from its junction with Cliff Road, north west to its junction with the access lane leading to the property known as Tinkers Hill |
| **Operational dates / times:-** | Sunday 9th December 2018 for 1 day |
| **Reason for restriction:-**  | Tree cutting works in the vicinity of the property known as Lledner Clam Cottage |
| **Alternative route:-**  | Cars and light goods vehicles will be diverted via the C3014 through Summerhill, C3185 via Kilanow, A477(T) and C3045 towards AmrothHGV’s will be diverted via C3014 through Summerhill. C3185 via Kilanow, A477(T) to Red Roses, B4314 Red Roses to Pendine road and the C3206 via Marros to Amroth  |

**Finance –**

All financial matters were discussed and resolved.

Full available details on application to the Clerk

**Budget**

Councillors reviewed and agreed the budget proposal for 2019/2020.

**Precept**

It was agreed to request an increase of £1250 for the financial year 2019/2020 taking the annual amount to £11,250. This decision is based on projected budget requirements.

**Visit by Cabinet Member for Finance on 12th December 2018**

Councillor Bob Kilmister, Cabinet Member for Finance has been invited by County Councillor Tony Baron to attend a meeting in Llanteg Village Hall on Wednesday 12th December at 6.30 pm. He will outline the current financial position of Pembrokeshire County Council and consult with residents as to which services they would like prioritised for support going forward. All residents are invited to attend.

**To discuss and update Standing Orders**

Councillors read through, discussed and agreed the updated Standing orders. All councillors signed a copy to be held by the Clerk.

**Report from Chairman on meeting with PCC Highways**

Cllr Stephen Phillips met with Darren Thomas (Head of Infrastructure) and Marc Owen (Parking Manager) at CountyHall to discuss issues relating to the community. Ten items were discussed including;

* Illegal parking on the bus stop in Summerhill. The Council have agreed to improve signage to prevent this.
* Stone is being stockpiled by the road at Hazeldene, Stepaside causing a visual obstruction. PCC agreed to send a letter sent to the owner demanding removal of the stone.
* Area at far end of sea defences and at start of Pembrokeshire Coast Path is being used for parking because the double yellow lines are in the wrong place. PCC to look into this when the road is being relined.
* Lack of street Lights at Mole End was highlighted.
* A replacement street light outside Beach Haven Guest house was requested. PCC will check if this was on the original asset register, and if so, it will be replaced.
* Queried who owned land between tarmac and Amroth Castle wall where many people park as there is quite a dip forming at the edge of the tarmac. The land is privately owned by the Castle.
* Obstructive parking in front of the Pirate Café was discussed. PCC suggested adding two more disabled bays by the Promenade. PCC will also look into other options to discourage parking in front of the Pirate and report back to Cllr Phillips.
* Amroth Car Park, proposed introduction of seasonal parking charges. All objections received by PCC were forwarded to PCNPA. PCNPA Board members will meet on 28th November 2018 when PCNPA Officers will put forward the proposal to introduce charging. The recommendations of PCNPA Board will be forwarded to PCC. These will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting in January. Amroth Community Council have sent a letter to all PCNPA Board members detailing the negative impact this proposal will have of the community and economy of Amroth and asked for them to vote against the proposal.
* Amroth village signs were discussed as they are deteriorating badly. The signs were paid for by two residents but located on Council land. **Agreed; ACC will look into replacing the village signs and include additional information to indicate that Amroth is a dog friendly beach and village. Quotes will be obtained from local business Sign Box**

**Update on Amroth car park seasonal charging issue**

National park members have been lobbied – see point above.

**Report on WW1 Memorial Event**

Chairman Stephen Phillips started by thanking Cllr. Martin Morris and Cllr. Roger Harries for all their hard work. Several councillors contributed to the success of the event. Phoebe Alderman, a pupil from Stepaside School was commended on her reading. It was a very meaningful event and well received by the community

**To discuss and resolve Amroth New Year’s Day Swim**

The event has been discussed with businesses in Amroth who are happy to support advertising of the event. The Council would be happy to help but are not in a position to take on the organisation. It was suggested that local businesses combine to organise and run it as this was how it was done in the past. Swimmers take part at their own risk.

**Report by Amroth and District Community Association**

* The Hall is used most days and evenings
* There is a Table Top sale on 24th November between 10 am – 1 pm
* On 30th November Pembroke Male Voice Choir will be performing in the hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased in advance from Roy and Joyce Lewis or available on the door on the night.

**Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee**

* The quiz on 10th November to celebrate WW1 was well attended.
* The Remembrance Service was also well attended and memorable.
* For information on monthly Community Walks contact Jill Roberts on 01834 831142
* The Book club is thriving
* Inaugural meeting of proposed Art group on Monday 10 am at Llanteg village Hall.

Police Meeting

* Poor quality fake £50 notes being used to purchase small items in local shops.
* Residents have received letter and emails claiming that their internet will be disconnected unless money is paid. This is a scam.
* Residents are being telephoned with requests to donate money to the police. This is a scam.
* PCSO Jim Moffatt can be contacted on jim.moffat@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

**Matters to be added to agenda for next meeting**

**N/A**

**Any other or Urgent Business**

* Possible road subsidence, Amroth. This section of carriageway was inspected on the 8th October by PCC road engineer and passed on to Street Care on AMX as a Cat 1a defect because the subsidence is on top of a Welsh Water sewer drain. Welsh water has been contacted and will send an engineer to inspect.
* Andrew Mason, resident complained that improvements to road drainage has caused water to flow over his garden. Clerk wrote to Marc Owen who has yet to respond**. Agreed; Clerk to follow up.**
* Bertie has moved to Saundersfoot so ideas on what can go on the plinth in his absence were discussed.

Amroth/ Wisemans Bridge played a major part in preparing for the D Day landings. Churchill is said to have visited. Some people were killed during the practises and boats and landing craft are still visible on Amroth Beach at very low tide. **Agreed; to look into producing an interpretation board with information about this. Cllrs. Roger Harries, Pauline Davies and Stephen Phillips to investigate and report back. In 2020 it will be 75 years since end of 2nd world war.**

**Date of next meeting Thursday 13th 2018 at Llanteg Village Hall starting at 7.00 pm**

**The meeting closed at 20.50pm**