**Amroth Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Llanrath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 24th January 2019.

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

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

**Apologies:** P Davies; Brian James

**Register of Interest –** None

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all Councillors to the meeting, introduced new Councillor Mark Harvey and welcomed him to his first meeting

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2018 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. John James

Seconded by Cllr. Fleur Evans

Signed by Cllr. S Phillips following completion of the meeting.

**Matters arising from previous minutes;**

* Mark Harvey has joinedthe CommunityCouncil representing the ward of Amroth
* PCSO Jim Moffatt has been in contact regarding the issues of parking by Heritage Park in Stepaside and the strip of national speed limit road between Pleasant Valley and Stepaside. Jim has visited the village to look at both issues and been in contact with the Road Policing Sergeant about reducing the speed limit from national speed limit to 30 mph on the road between Pleasant Valley and Stepaside.
* In response to a letter from ACC asking for PCC cabinet’s support to block the introduction of seasonal parking charges in Amroth Car park, Cabinet member Cllr. Phil Baker responded to say that the car-park variation order relation to PCNPA was not going to PCC Cabinet meeting on 14th January 2019 as thought. He has asked officers of both PCC and PCNPA to update him regarding the programme for this variation order, as the main debate and discussion should be made at a future Park Authority meeting, in advance of a PCC Cabinet meeting.
* Darren Thomas, PCC head of Infrastructure, responded to correspondence sent by ACC regarding the issue of parking obstructions in Amroth in front of the shops. He asked for further clarification regarding number and location of disabled parking bays and on the proposal for an unloading bay on the seaward side of the road. He also commented that ACC’s suggestion of a ‘prohibition of stopping’ restriction is not well understood and respected by motorists and that such a restriction would have a notable impact on enforcement resources.

**Agreed;** Following discussion, it was agreed thatChairman Stephen Phillips will respond to Darren to;

1. Confirm that ACC would like a loading bay on the south side of the road opposite the Osborne shop and the Pirate Café to prevent long term parking here.
2. Confirm that ACC support the addition of two disabled parking bays located by the flag pole and one additional disabled bay to the east of the ramp.
3. Request that one of the disabled spaces by the toilets has a time limit imposed to allow for use of the toilet but also turnover of vehicles.
4. Request that the bus stop opposite the Temple Bar be removed and the space used for additional parking.

* Darren Thomas sent through for approval, a map of possible marked parking spaces on the triangular piece of ground at the east end of the sea wall, near the New Inn. The advantage would be to ensure that the ramp off the footway should not be blocked by parking. The markings will be added to the works programme for installation when the workload and weather conditions allow**.**

**Agreed;** Councillors approved the suggestions and will request an additional disabled parking bay to the east of the ramp.

* A Letter was sent to PCNPA CEO Tegryn Jones and Chair of the Board, Mrs Gwyneth Hayward formally requesting the asset transfer of the car park to ACC. If this was not possible then ACC requested to take on the car park on a 30year repairing lease. A reply was received from Gary Meopham which said that a Community Asset Transfer was not appropriate in the circumstances as the car park remained a core part of PCNPA operational estate and would only be considered if the car park was at risk of closure.

He went on to say that PCNPA are not seeking a party to undertake the operation of the car park on their behalf, but that ACC’s proactive enquiry will be reported to the Authority’s Property & Projects Group for discussion at its next scheduled meeting on the 7th February 2019 and ACC will be updated shortly thereafter.

* Amroth Road signs. Two new signs are being made which will highlight Amroth as being a dog friendly village. One will be placed by the 30mph sign at Waters Edge and the other will replace the sign at the Summerhill end of the village.

* **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Baron has attended two scrutiny committee meetings recently on County Council budget proposals. The Cabinet are likely to recommend 9.8% increase in Council tax rate. It is likely that the Police are going to increase their precept by 11%. PCC has received no indication from Welsh Government as to what will be the financial settlement for the next financial year.

The County Council has held Brexit meetings looking at how it is likely to impact residents in rural areas. Welsh Local Government Authority reports that even if Wales receives the same amount of grant from London as currently from the EU, Pembrokeshire is likely to receive significantly less. Current EU arrangements direct grant monies to West Wales, however Welsh Government is keen to see more go to East Wales. In the past 18 years Pembrokeshire has received £85m of structural funds.

Rural communities may also be hit hard if Brexit occurs under World Trade Organisation Rules (No Deal) as Lamb exports will be hit and threatened by cheap meat imports from countries with lower welfare standards. Pembrokeshire’s Ports should operate as normal and PCC do not anticipate queues of traffic on the A477 because of additional Customs although there may be a risk of traffic displacement from Holyhead and Liverpool. Dyfyd Powys police officers could be called upon to travel to other areas of the country to deal with issues, leaving less people on ground in Pembrokeshire for normal everyday policing. There are additional concerns that the county may lose EU nationals, many who work in social care and any negative impact on sterling will impact PCC budgets. Risk analysis is ongoing, and PCC have set aside a contingency fund of £1m.

Cllr Baron said that PCC are looking to manage its commercial property holdings better, to increase financial yield through lease and rent reviews in an attempt to mitigate the rise in Council tax.

Cllr Baron had also been in contact with PCSO Jim Moffatt about the delimited part of the road between Pleasant Valley and Stepaside.

**Planning**

**18/0671/PA Tenby Tourers, Crofty, Llanteg, Narberth. SA67 8QE. Proposal;** Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 43 touring caravan pitches and associated facilitiesbuildings**. Permission Refused.**

**18/0799/PA 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). **Conditionally approved.**

**18/0806/PA Greendale, Stepaside, Narberth. SA67 8LT. Proposal** Alterations and extension. **Conditionally Approved**

**18/1086/PA 1 Kilgetty Lane, Stepaside, Narberth. SA67 8JL**. **Proposal;** New access. Erection of double garage. Alterations to existing property and first floor extension. **Comments by 7th February 2019. ACC has no objection.**

**15/0365/MN Blaencilgoed Quarry, Ludchurch. SA67 8LD.** Proposal; Review of the mineral conditions for the site. **Comments by 1st February 2019. ACC has no objection.**

**Correspondence**

* The Welsh Government has published the next steps in implementing its policy approach for the community and town council sector. The information was forwarded.
* From CN Jones monitoring Officer Re: Webcasting of Standards Committee Hearings.

Mr Jones has asked for the Community Council’s views on whether Standards Committee hearings should be webcast as other official meetings are. Standards Committee Hearings are convened to hear cases of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by County, Town and Community Councillors following referral of such cases by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. There have been two such cases in the past three years. **Agreed;** The Clerk is to respond to say that Councillors do not agree that such hearings be webcast because guilt has yet to be proved.

* Consultation from the Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales

The Older People’s Commissioner for Wales wants Wales to be the best place in the world to grow older and is currently determining the work she will undertake over the next three years to improve the lives of older people. She has identified three key long-term priorities for Wales, against which she will deliver a wide range of work over the next three years. These are;

1. Ensuring everyone can age well

2. Ending ageism and discrimination

3. Stopping abuse of older people

The Commissioner wants the voices and experiences of as many older people and stakeholders as possible to inform her work and would welcome your views on what she should focus on under these priority areas, particularly the changes you want to see and your ideas about how to make these changes happen. **To respond to the Commissioner’s consultation online, visit:** [**http://bit.ly/OPCWEnglish**](http://bit.ly/OPCWEnglish) **.**

* **ROAD aims to raise the profile of the European Rural Parliament and demonstrate the importance of rural communities working together and sharing information.   This survey is the starting point for a discussion on why it is important to maintain links with rural communities across the UK and Europe post Brexit.** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MMVS2NC>
* **The Auditor General has published two reports, the Financial Management and Governance of Town and Community Councils 2017- 18 and internal audit arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales. Action; The Clerk has forwarded both reports to Councillors and will report back at the February meeting on any action required by ACC.**
* Comments have been received from Elizabeth Hall of The Prince of Wales, Stepaside in relation to the proposals for Heritage Park, Stepaside.
* A statutory pre-application consultation for Heritage Park, Stepaside has been published. **Comments are requested by 28th January 2019.**

Cllrs. Mary Megarry, Roger Harries, and County Councillor Tony Baron met with over 30 residents who came to Amroth Parish Hall to express their views on the proposed development at Heritage Park. The information was collated and reported back to the council meeting. The information was used to inform the comments of ACC which are published on the Amroth Parish Website. Many points were raised. The impact of the additional traffic the development will cause is a primary concern, not only from visitors but deliveries also. Wildlife, sewerage, population increase and the impact on the value of local properties were mentioned, among others. It was agreed that while the development is high quality, it will be very densely populated and with more people, cyclists and horse riders it will add additional pressure on local doctor surgeries. The actual Heritage Park development comes under the Begelly/Kilgetty CC area; however, it will affect residents living in the Amroth CC area.

**Agreed;** Clerk towrite to Begelly/Kilgetty Community Council to inform them about comments from local residents in the ACC area.

**Finance –**

All financial matters were discussed and resolved.

Full available details on application to the Clerk

**Report by Amroth and District Community Association**

* Everything has started up again following the Christmas break.
* The boiler broke recently but has been mended.
* The Hall remains well used by the community and different clubs.

**Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee**

* AGM was held on 21st January 2019 with all officers being re-elected unanimously.
* New gardening club has 20 members so very popular. Interesting visit to Greenacre.
* A Coffee morning takes place every month.
* The Book club thriving.
* A new social meeting has started called The Pudding Club which attracted over 40 local people to its first meeting.
* Community Walking Group, a full schedule has been arranged for the next 12 months
* Contributions for next newsletter to be submitted by the 15th April 2019 to Ruth Roberts
* The new art group has had excellent reviews being enjoyable and therapeutic. It takes place on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10 am – 12 noon.
* The Village Hall Committee has received funds through the Co-op in Kilgetty. The money will be used to improve lighting and projection facilities in the hall.

**Monthly Police meeting**

* 30 people attend the meeting regularly
* Following reports of a rape in Begelly, the offender has been arrested
* Suspicion that person/s travelling in a white van may be dealing in drugs, please ring 101 with any information.
* Scams – Phone calls pertaining to be from HMRC. Callers ring to say resident owes money and so resident hands over bank details. Also calls about internet being switched off.
* Dyfed Powys police are recruiting at the moment.
* The next meeting is in Saundersfoot on 4th Feb when police commissioner Dafydd Llewellyn will be present

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

* Arrange a meeting with Begelly/Kilgetty Community Council.

**Any other or Urgent Business**

* Exercise Jantzen – Amroth took part in the preparations for the D Day landings. There are several interesting videos depicting the operation. Cllrs Stephen Phillips and John James met with Simeon Pugh Jones who runs the Tin Shed in Laugharne and Tony Jukes a historian from Golden Grove, near Llandeilo who knew huge amounts about the operation. Apparently, there were US forces in the area too. Llanelli Historical Society have some historical display panels, which it was considered would be appropriate to display information about Exercise Jantzen.
* It was proposed, to possibly have an information board to stand on the plinth while Bertie the Sea Bass is on tour, then moved to a location near the flag pole when Bertie returns. QR codes on the board could bring video’s to life via smart phones. ACC are looking for any historical photographs on the event which should be of interest to both locals and visitors. A possible monument was suggested to draw attention to the part Amroth played in the WW2 preparations. Councillors were asked to think of idea’s for Amroth and Wisemans Bridge. A subcommittee was set up to take the idea forward of Cllrs Stephen Phillips, John James, Roger Harries, Pauline Davies, Martin Morris and Mark Harvey.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 21st February 2019 at Llanteg Village Hall starting at 7.00 pm**

**The meeting closed at 21.30 pm**