**Amroth Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Llanrath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 20th June 2019.

**Councillors present:** A Cormack; 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);

**Apologies:**  P Davies; T Baron

**Register of Interest**

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Roger Harries

Seconded by Cllr. John James

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

**Matters arising from previous minutes;**

* The letter reporting Councillors concerns on the safety of the A477, sent to the South Wales Trunk Road Agency, has been forwarded to Welsh Government for comment, as are all letters sent from elected officials.
* An enquiry into the level of use of the BT telephone box in Amroth established that BT have no plans to remove or offer the box for adoption. It is required to provide emergency call cover for the village.
* A flyer has been produced by ACC and distributed showing the dog friendly areas and restrictions on Amroth Beach during the summer season, to inform visitors and encourage them to comply with regulations.
* Following a review and feedback from communities regarding road closures over the Long Course weekend there has been amendments made from the original circulated plans. A key element has been starting the bike element at 06.30am rather than 7.00am allowing closures to be removed earlier. The link below connects to the live google map of the event. <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1EtbxYu0ojCTpPxzQwpiJSbn8ngIjNIvO&usp=sharing>
* David Rees Charity – 3 children have been identified as qualifying to receive an educational gift. Each child will receive an English/Welsh Dictionary this year.
* The Bus Stop in Summerhill has now been marked on the road and been successful so far in preventing cars parking in it.
* The 30mph speed limit extension in Summerhill has been approved by PCC and will now be publicly advertised as required for any change to traffic orders. The sign will be moved in due course.
* Following extensive coverage in the national press and Councillor Tony Baron’s interview on BBC Radio Wales, PCC are looking at official signage to prevent the removal of Pebbles from the beach as they are a significant part of the sea defences for the village.
* Planning enforcement enquiry re Meadow House Caravan Park. An email has been sent to PCNPA asking for an update.
* PCC are looking to see what repairs are necessary to the groynes at the New Inn end of the beach and are sourcing the wood required. It is a tropical hardwood and not easy to get hold of.
* Re Dangerous footpath by Amroth Arms. The footway surface by The Amroth Arms is a little uneven due to wear and tear (previously used as vehicular access to car park) and steeper than necessarily desirable, due to the difference in level from the carriageway to the private car park or beer garden. PCC will arrange for this section of footway to be resurfaced to improve the surface although the steepness will remain.
* New white lines to encourage responsible parking have been painted at the New Inn end of the village. PCC have informed ACC that a disabled bay will not be marked due to lack of funding.
* The reason for the refusal of planning permission at Goitre Farm was questioned and a discussion took place. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to PCNPA for clarification on the ruling, which stated that the refusal was due to distance from public transport services in the area. As financial cuts continue to threaten rural services this decision could have a negative impact on future rural development and its economy.

**County Councillors Report**

Cllr Baron was unable to attend this meeting.

**Planning**

**NP/19/0289/FUL. Temple Bar, Amroth Narberth. SA67 8ND. Proposal;** New Conservatory/ entrance lobby to front of existing property. **Comments by 25th June 2019. Agreed; No Objections**

**19/0231/PA. Woodlands, Pleasant Valley, Stepaside. SA67 8NY. Proposal;** kitchen and garage extension. **Comments by 2nd July 2019. Agreed; No Objections**

**NP/18/0548/FUL Temple Bar Amroth. SA67 8ND. Proposal; Partial conversion of public house to a 2-bedroom flat.** An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the above-mentioned site. Any comments made at application stage will be forwarded to the inspectorate and copied to the appellant and will be considered by the Inspector in deciding the appeal**. Further comments can be submitted to the Inspectorate within 4 weeks of the starting date of 12th June 2019. Agreed; Comments supporting this application were made. No further comments will be submitted**

**18/1189/PA Butterfly Haven, The Downs, Llanteg. SA67 8QE. Proposal:** Eco-tourist attraction with Conservation Biomes, Café / Reception, Education Centre, Birdhouses, ponds, landscaping, and associated access and car parking. Amended plans submitted. **Note this application will now be heard by PCC Planning Committe in July.**

**19/0155/NM Island View House, Summerhill, Narberth, SA67 8NS. Proposal;** Nonmaterial amendment to permission 18/0742/PA. **Permission granted.**

**Correspondence**

* ACC have received an invitation to the PLANED AGM and Conference on 9th July 2019 at the Merlin Theatre in Haverfordwest.
* Mr & Mrs S Adams wrote to ask for ACC intervention in getting the road repaired outside their property Mellieha, Amroth Hill. Poor drainage has led to severe furrows at the side of the road. The road is narrow here and Mrs Adams has seen a number of vehicles damaged after being forced to the side of the road. PCC had commented that the road is wide enough for two vehicles to pass. The Clerk asked Councillor Tony Baron to intervene and following this, Mrs Adams has been contacted to say that the road will be top dressed over the summer which should rectify the issue.
* Stephen Phillips also wrote to highlight a similar issue outside his property in Llanteg. He is still waiting for the work to be carried out.

## Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

PCC are carrying out a review of the polling districts and polling places in Pembrokeshire, as they are required to do by law.  The purpose of the review is to ensure that all polling districts and polling places are, as far as possible, suitable and accessible to all voters.

The polling place is the geographical area in which the polling station is situated.  It is common practice to define each polling district as the polling place, rather than designating a particular building, which allows some flexibility. The (Acting) Returning Officer decides on the location of the polling stations.

PCC will give notice of the formal commencement of the review and will publish the comments from the (Acting) Returning Officer. A public consultation period commences on the 3rd June 2019 and will end on the 26th July 2019. PCC will consider the representations received when making the final recommendations.

The final recommendations will be considered by full council in the meeting on the 10th October, 2019.

**Existing Arrangements/Acting Returning Officer’s comments can be viewed at**

[Existing Arrangements and Acting Returning Officers Comments](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pembrokeshire.gov.uk%2Fobjview.asp%3Fobject_id%3D6319%26language%3D&data=02%7C01%7C%7Caef8388c608d4228fc2c08d6e8c88e25%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636952345406042721&sdata=AdW48tbkgQF6SgYE%2BSDNJIQxn1Dzztls%2BA3tscYXVDc%3D&reserved=0)

**Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales review of the electoral arrangements of the County of Pembrokeshire**

Where a polling district/place review is to be carried out before the new electoral ward boundaries are fully in force, the review will need to be based on the current electoral ward boundaries, however, any review should also take any new ward boundaries that are not yet in force into account.The draft proposals made by the Boundary Commission can be viewed by following this link [Draft Proposals](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pembrokeshire.gov.uk%2Fobjview.asp%3Fobject_id%3D6323%26language%3D&data=02%7C01%7C%7Caef8388c608d4228fc2c08d6e8c88e25%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636952345406052725&sdata=jzwSppfkgvOdrgzjK%2FyMvm%2BJRPRQLxXpC8e8CIGLGSA%3D&reserved=0)

**NOTE;** Following a request from the Chairman of ACC, the Clerk has written to the Chair of the Boundary Commission for Wales asking for a formal reply to the alternative proposals sent on 8-9-2018. Councillors do not agree with the draft proposals that amalgamates North Saundersfoot with Amroth.

For further details on the review of electoral arrangements in Pembrokeshire see -<https://ldbc.gov.wales/reviews/06-18/pembrokeshire>

* **From the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust:**

Over the course of the last year the Patient Experience & Community Involvement Team within the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust have been engaging with and collating feedback from carers (especially older carers) that has demonstrated the importance for us to better understand their needs.  Carers have told us that they are reluctant to seek help for themselves due to carer responsibilities and their expectations when it is the person they care for needing help.  We have developed a survey that is being carried out to capture more in-depth information to help develop our approach to improving experiences and outcomes for carers.

The Carers Survey is now live and can be completed bilingually via the same link.  <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WAST-CARERS/>

* Hywel Dda Health Board are proposing to develop Glangwili Hospital in Carmarthen, as the interim Trauma Unit in the years leading up to the building of the new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital. This is alongside work by the national Major Trauma Network to locate a Major Trauma Centre for South Wales at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff.

 All current acute and emergency services will remain at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth and Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest and they will continue to deal with less severe traumatic injury.

The engagement period will run from 24 June 2019 to 5 August 2019. More information will be available on [www.hywelddahb.wales.nhs.uk/traumaservices](http://www.hywelddahb.wales.nhs.uk/traumaservices) from 24th June

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| 24 June 2019 | 3pm - 6pm | Post Graduate Lecture Theatre, Prince Philip  Hospital, **LLANELLI** | **SA14 8QF** |
| Date to be confirmed | 3pm - 6pm | Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services  (CAVS),  18 Queen Street, **CARMARTHEN** | **SA31 1JT** |
| 11th July 2019 | 3pm - 6pm | Pembrokeshire Archives, **HAVERFORDWEST** | **SA61 2PE** |
| 18 July 2019 | 3pm - 6pm | Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin, Boulevard de Saint-Brieuc,  **ABERYSTWYTH** | **SY23 1PD** |

* Tina Cunningham of Art and Education by the Sea has been in touch regarding the possibility of running a sculpture festival on the beach in Amroth. Last year five events took place around Swansea and the Gower. The Sculpture Festival in the Gower is run with 3 to 4 Artists a day, working with the public on a drop-in basis. They use only what is found on the beach and its unique landscape to create artworks that promote sea life and endangered marine creatures.

All ages, abilities and cultures, are welcome and there is something for everyone to enjoy. By the end of the day the beach is covered in sculptures, celebrating the marine environment and made only from that day's found materials. Any man-made materials are disposed of responsibly at the end.

Tina asks for advice in gaining permission and any help ACC can give as she needs to secure funds for insurance, artists, etc to make the festival happen. She also hopes to include another local beach too on another day. She hopes to run the event in mid-August with a neighbouring beach. **Agreed**; **Invite Tina to attend the next meeting to discuss.**

* The Older peoples Commissioner for Wales has published her Spring Newsletter. It contains information on how to view her three year strategy and future work and to respond to questions/consultations regarding issues that older people may face .It can be viewed by following the link below. [http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/en/Publications/pub-story/19-06-13/Spring\_2019\_Newsletter.aspx](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.olderpeoplewales.com%2Fen%2FPublications%2Fpub-story%2F19-06-13%2FSpring_2019_Newsletter.aspx&data=02%7C01%7C%7C1e763be59af94df8279d08d6f3df5625%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636964537921011783&sdata=zMFqmfhnJPwZUZc7Ro63GuF2ZTl8A2qDRWZ2EIyJSrU%3D&reserved=0)

**Finance**

All matters were discussed and approved. Full details on any financial matter are available on application to the Clerk

**Report by Amroth and District Community Association**

Nothing new to report. The Hall is busy and in use every night.

**Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee**

* Community activities are increasing and are well supported by the local community.
* The Walking group continues its programme. Details are available from Jill Roberts on 01834 831142. On the 26th August there is the annual village walk followed by a BBQ. Assemble at the Clay Pits at 5.00 pm.
* Ludchurch show takes place on Friday 2nd August 2 – 5 pm. Closing date for entries is 1st Aug. Contact Eve – 01834 814826
* Unfortunately, the fun day will not be held this year. The sum of £6240 has been raised over the last 4 years for local charities.
* On 22nd September between 2.30 -5 pm there will be a local craft exhibition in the hall. For information contact Ruth 01834 831298 or Sue 01834 831468
* The Hall has installed fibre Wifi with money from the Co-op Charity fund. The committee are also looking at better lighting for the main hall. Wifi is available to all hall users and will be an asset.
* A Nature group has started.
* The Hall Committee are busy with several different grant applications to try to secure money for other hall improvements.
* After 20 years the History group will be finishing in September which Councillors were saddened to hear.

**Monthly Police meeting –**

* County Lines Criminals are now thought to be targeting Pembrokeshire. This is mainly connected with illegal drug distribution.
* The Police are running a National Campaign to detect motorists using mobiles phones while driving.
* Recent intelligence has highlighted an increase in suspicious door to door salesmen active locally. If approached, please call 101 with a description of the person
* The gathering of cockles at Glen Beach is allowed for personal use, however a large transporter van, reg WYJ 888 has been recently sighted at the beach. Commercial gathering is illegal. Please report any sightings of the vehicle to the Police.

**Update on Exercise Jantzen**

Supporting information required for the grant is still being obtained. The application will be considered at the September meeting of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Committee. All information must be submitted by Aug 6th. Three quotes are acquired for the interpretation board. Cllr. Mark Harvey is comfortable that all required information will be in place in time.

A history trail with QR codes is being created in association with the National Park. Discussion is ongoing as to the best locations to place the QR codes. **Agreed;** A QR code will go on the board at New Inn end of the village.

**V.E. Day May 2020 Celebrations**

* Include the official launch/unveiling of the Exercise Jantzen information board

**Wifi Bench for Amroth**

* Various quotes are being gathered for Wifi benches. Cllr. Alec Cormack agreed to look at alternative technologies that could also supply an internet service for visitors to Amroth

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

* V.E.Day May 2020 Celebrations

**Any other or urgent business**

Nothing this month

**Date of next meeting Thursday 18th July 2019 at Amroth Parish Hall starting at 7.00 pm**

**The meeting closed at 20.49**