**Amroth Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Llanrath**

**Confirmed Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 24th October 2019.

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

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

**Apologies:** Martin Morris

**Declaration of Interest;**

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Roger Harries

Seconded by Cllr. Stephen Phillips

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

**Matters arising from previous minutes;**

* Donation to St Elidyr's for construction work to increase the size of the graveyard. Cllr. Mary Megarry has met with Nigel Towns to discuss requirements. Following this she submitted an expression of interest to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. This will be considered for eligibility by the grant administrators.
* Beach Sculpture Festival/event for 2020. Cllr. Mary Megarry will meet with Tina Cunningham to discuss the proposal Tina has sent through. Cllr. Megarry has submitted an expression of interest to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant which will be considered for eligibility.
* Cllr. Roger Harries has met with several contractors to survey the Ash trees on community owned land for Ash Dieback disease. 16 trees have been identified as infected and are earmarked for removal. Initial verbal quotes have been obtained. Cllr. Harries reported that due to the size of one of the trees, a specialist contractor will be needed and so it is likely two contractors will have to be engaged to carry out the work. **Agreed;** Councillors agreed to allow Cllr. Harries to accept the most appropriate quotes and to have the work carried out as soon as possible in order to make the land safe for public access.
* Cllr. Pauline Davies met with the Head Teachers of Stepaside and Tavernspite schools and has agreed a joint project to investigate the impact that the Clean Sea’s Project and Bertie the Sea Bass has had on the use of single use plastics. The schools will take the lead on the project which will be built into the school curriculum.
* A public meeting was held on 7th October 2019 in Amroth Parish Hall to hear comments from the public about the Heritage Park planning application. Seven Councillors attended the meeting and agreed to formally object to the proposal based on the comments made by members of the public attending the meeting and other communications received. **Declaration of Interest: -**Cllr. Alec Cormack, declared an interest and didn’t take part in the discussions.
* Understanding Welsh Places – a website has been launched giving information about towns in Wales. It has data about employment, schools, shops and much more, all at town level. See;  [www.understandingwelshplaces.wales](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.understandingwelshplaces.wales%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C6db5faddd1c1471c802c08d75177b6f5%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637067446942490860&sdata=Li%2F4xz%2BC2Ew4xtwdiIaWsvOY%2FsiO%2F8WU06yPdbPZpfQ%3D&reserved=0)
* Beach Wheelchair update – Cllr. Rosemary Tippett- Maudsley reported that the Slipways in Amroth are in very poor condition. The number of deep potholes make it unsafe to try to access the beach via the slipways with a beach wheelchair. **Agreed;** Cllr Roger Harries offered to arrange a site visit with Emyr Williams, Sea Defence Manager for PCC to look at maintenance requirements on the slip ways and to obtain an update on the maintenance work needed on the Groynes at the New Inn end of the beach. These had been reported previously.
* Cllr Tippett- Maudsley also reported that wheelchair access to the Promenade from the slipway by the Summer Lifeguard station is inaccessible due to a step, and a slope/ramp is needed. **Agreed;** Clerk to contact PCC Access Officer to inform him of the issue. The work will need to be carried out before a wheelchair is acquired.

**County Councillors Report**

**Local Development Plan (LDP)**

The Council is currently in the process of finalising a Local Development Plan, which will run until 2033. The current LDP ends in 2021. The proposed LDP will see a 60/40 split between urban and rural development with a target of 425 homes being built each year. The LDP will be put to Full Council on 12 December and it is intended that there will be an eight-week public consultation period from 8 January 2020. The proposed consultation period is longer than the six-week period required by law in order to enable Town and Community Councils time to meet and discuss the proposed LDP before submitting their responses.

**Woodland Band of Hope**

The land known as Woodland Band of Hope in Stepaside is owned by the County Council. There is a western strip, which is contaminated having been used for landfill. However, most of the land is not contaminated. I have learnt that an approach has been made to the Council to buy the land. I would suggest that this land should be kept in public ownership to be used as a recreational facility for the local community. I believe that there are grants that could be secured for decontamination of the land. There would have to be a study undertaken of the contaminated land in order to assess the cost of decontaminating it. However, I believe this area could be fenced off. I would recommend exploring the possibility of a community asset transfer and using Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant funding to pay for opening up the non-contaminated area for public enjoyment.

**Pleasant Valley/Heritage Park**

I have written to PCC fully endorsing the letter from Amroth Community Council, detailing the ACC's specific objections to Planning Application 19/0506/PA. While in general I am in favour of developments that improve the tourism offering of Pembrokeshire and that increase employment opportunities, I am convinced that granting planning permission to this application would result in a major over-development, which would adversely impact upon the quality of life and well-being of the local community.

I have received numerous communications from residents in respect of this application. All but one or two have raised valid reasons for objecting to the development. I have forwarded emails objecting to the application to Mike Simmons where residents have found it difficult to use the online process. I have asked that the problems encountered by those attempting to use PCC's website be investigated.

**Kerbside sorting**

Registration period is open for larger families to apply for larger allocation for residual bags.

**Planning**

**19/0482/AD land at West Llanteg Farm, SA67 8QA. Proposal;** Signage for residential development. **Reconsultation due to amended plans. Comments by 1st November.**

**ACC have no objection.**

**19/0320/DC. Euro Garages Ltd. A477 Llanteg to Red Roses. SA67 8QD. Proposal;** Discharge of Conditions 9,10,11,12 & 14 (ref 17/1051/PA).

**Refused by PCC due to Insufficient information.**

**NP/19/0394/FUL. Penglyn, Amroth, SA67 8NA. Proposal;** Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single storey lean to side extension together with a two-storey rear extension. **Application Approved by PCC**

**Correspondence**

* An email was received requesting the Community Council to arrange a dedicated taxi space on the front in Amroth. There is a new taxi business setting up locally and having a dedicated space would make it visible to residents and visitors.

Cllrs discussed the matter. The introduction of car park charges next season will result in there being very few free spaces available in Amroth village near the shops and Cllrs were reluctant to see one lost; especially as it could be empty for much of the time when the taxi is employed. In addition, taxi ranks are for licenced Hackney carriages only, not private taxis.

**Agreed;** Cllrs agreed to refuse this request. The Clerk will respond accordingly.

* **MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2020 - 2025**  
    You are invited to provide your views on our proposals for improvement within our [Draft Corporate Plan 2020 - 2025.](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmawwfire.us14.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc60ab15099f7c8ce6e91354a5%26id%3D6bc4284fe2%26e%3D53443b8041&data=02%7C01%7C%7C8603f4ac817c413ecdf208d74721356c%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637056080264204956&sdata=QLommCQ%2F4mji%2FGI%2FKpn0lbEwnaefRJeQu4glcur7oOU%3D&reserved=0) which sets out the Strategic Direction for the next five years. The plan also contains 4 Draft Strategic Aims and Improvement and Well-being Objectives for 2020/2021. The consultation will run for 10 weeks from Monday 30 September 2019 to Friday 06 December 2019.  [Please let us know what you think by completing our questionnaire.](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmawwfire.us14.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc60ab15099f7c8ce6e91354a5%26id%3D76cb301728%26e%3D53443b8041&data=02%7C01%7C%7C8603f4ac817c413ecdf208d74721356c%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637056080264234984&sdata=1DJOtWh5oCkbtbREjv6q8WENoanjtCCTloCq%2BDeKzl4%3D&reserved=0) The road show will be at Tesco’s in Pembroke Dock on 28th November between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm and at Tesco’s Milford Haven between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm.  
   If there are any difficulties in accessing or responding to the plan call 0370 6060699 or e-mail [haveyoursay@mawwfire.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@mawwfire.gov.uk).  Hard copies of the plan are available upon request
* **West Wales In kind Investment Fund**

**The fund supports regional and county intergenerational projects across West Wales that**

* **Improve social connectedness**
* **Reduce social isolation**
* **Support young and old people to learn from one another**

Grants are available up to £50k across regional projects and £25k across county projects. Deadline is 30th November 2019. Projects must run between 1 Jan 2020 and 31st Dec 2020. For an application pack contact [wwcp@Carmarthenshire.co.uk](mailto:wwcp@Carmarthenshire.co.uk)

* **The Planning Directorate has published three planning consultations:**

**1. Revisions to the Housing section of Planning Policy Wales and associated advice and guidance**

<https://gov.wales/delivery-housing-through-planning-system?_ga=2.15769526.1277300796.1570440687-479888744.1570440687>

* **2. Revisions to Planning Policy Wales regarding the use of compulsory purchase powers and updated guidance on the compulsory purchase procedure in Wales.**

This consultation is seeking your views on the proposed revisions to paragraph 3.53 of *Planning Policy Wales* to strengthen support for the use of compulsory purchase powers by Local Authorities in the public interest.

<https://gov.wales/compulsory-purchase-orders-cpos-updated-policy-and-guidance> The consultation closes on the **17th January 2020.**

* **3. Revised planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion.**

This consultation is seeking your views on the draft of the revised planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion.

<https://gov.wales/technical-advice-note-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion> The consultation closes on the **17th January 2020.**

* **Building Communities Trust** will be running workshops to discuss how do communities work with Government and how might we use a Community Wealth Fund in Wales? The workshop will be on the 28th November 2019 run in Partnership with PLANED.
* **State of the Nation Report**

The Older Peoples Commissioner has published a State of the Nation report and will use it as a baseline to guide future activity. It can be viewed at

<http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/en/reviews/sotn.aspx>

**Finance – as of 30th September 2019**

Full details on any financial matter are available on application to the Clerk

**Report by Amroth and District Community Association**

The last Bingo session of the season will be on 25th October. The Hall has acquired two new users offering Yoga on Sunday and a Dance class for Children on Saturday. New tables have also been acquired.

**Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee**

* Walking group. A full programme has been organised. For more information contact Jill on 01834 831142. Next month’s walk is Freshwater East and is being kindly led by Vicki Thomlinson. Sat 30th November – 2.00 pm
* All activities well supported with increasing community involvement.
* The Craft exhibition was well attended with a variety of crafts on display.
* Superfast broadband is up and running
* The Remembrance Service will take place in the hall on the 10th November starting at 10. 45am.

**Monthly Police meeting –**

* NHS now has own **non-emergency** medical helpline. The number is 111.
* The theft of farm gates is an increasing problem
* An increase in shoplifting has been reported as has an increase in the theft of bags/purses from shopping trolleys.
* Scam – telephone calls pertaining to be from Nat West request recipient to press 1 on their telephone to continue the call. Do not do so.
* Scam re Thomas Cook – Scammers are phoning regarding refunds and asking recipients to give bank account details.
* YOLO is an app informing children how to bully other children. The Police are looking into it and taking it very seriously.

**Update on Exercise Jantzen**

* The application to The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Application has been successful. Official confirmation has been received of a grant awarded for £2436.48p to be match funded with £609.12p by ACC. Following some administration, the project can now start. Cllrs congratulated Cllr Harvey on all his hard work.

**V.E. Day May 2020 Celebration**

* Confirmation that the event will include the official launch/unveiling of the Exercise Jantzen information board. Now the Exercise Jantzen project has had confirmation of funding, Cllr Harries is hopeful that more members of the community will now sign up to take part in organising the celebration.
* **Anyone interested in taking part please contact the Clerk or Cllr. Roger Harries**

**Update on the possibility of free Wi-Fi for Amroth**

Some details are still being clarified. Cllr. Cormack will present a firm plan to the November meeting with updated costs.

**To discuss a possible one-way system to/from St Elidyr’s Church to Amroth**

The Clerk informed Councillors that 16 responses had been received to date on this matter. Six were for the system and 10 were against. The Clerk has written to all the Emergency Services for their comments, but no responses had been received to date.

A full discussion took place. Cllr. Harries stated that submissions from the residents of the lanes should have the final say and Cllrs agreed with this statement. It was also reported that trees overhanging the lanes and making the road narrower, should be cut back more regularly.

**Agreed;** Councillors agreed not to proceed with this proposal based on the number of objections received, and especially those from residents of the lanes. Overhanging vegetation needs to be addressed on a more regular basis.

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

* Future Project’s

**Any other or urgent business**

* Woodland Band of Hope -Cllr Baron offered to investigate grants and if a Community Land Trust could be set up, so the land could be used for recreation by residents of Pleasant Valley. He will also investigate the cost of making safe the piece of contaminated land.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 21st November 2019 at Amroth Parish Hall starting at 7.00 pm**

**The meeting closed at 20.35**