**Amroth Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Llanrhath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 21st October 2021 online via Zoom.

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk); Kerry Morgan, Hilary Mason, Vicki Connop.

**Apologies**: B Mills, M Morris, R Lake.

**Declaration of Interest.**

Prior to the meeting Ms K Morgan addressed Councillors on the ongoing issues with sewage seepage on the drive at her property in Stepaside. She believes the sewage is coming from an unidentified neighbouring property. Ms Morgan has been unable to get help to deal with it despite many years of trying. Ms Morgan asked for Councillor’s support in requesting help from Welsh Water and the Environment Agency in getting help to deal with this situation. Councillors agreed to support her request.

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Roger Harries

Seconded by Cllr. Alec Cormack

Cllr. Phillips printed off a copy of the September Minutes and signed them on completion of the meeting.

**1.Matters Arising**

* Following previous enquiries into the use of the slipway opposite Amroth Castle Caravan Park, Amroth Slipway Association have published a website with information on how to join the Slipway Association and a copy of the Rules of membership as laid out by PCC, owners of the slipway. The website can be accessed at [www.amrothslipway.co.uk](http://www.amrothslipway.co.uk)

**2.County Councillors Report**

**Boundary Changes**

Welsh Government has, in the main, accepted the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales proposals to adjust the electoral arrangements in Pembrokeshire. The aim has been to equalise as far as practical the number of voters in each Ward. Amroth Ward, which currently has 991 electors, is below the target level of 1,574 electors, Consequently, it has been decided to create a new ward, Amroth and North Saundersfoot Ward, which is expected to have 1,562 electors at the time of the May 2022 Local Elections. Sometime in the 5 years following the May 2022 elections, there will be a review of community councils in Pembrokeshire. It is likely that the Saundersfoot Community Council will be ‘warded’ given that it will straddle two County Council wards.

Note also that the Boundary Commission for Wales has published a report outlining its initial proposals for the Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. These proposals envision the number of constituencies falling from 40 to 32. Pembrokeshire electors would be represented by two new constituencies named Mid & South Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion Preseli, replacing Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire and Preseli Pembrokeshire. A public consultation on the proposals is open to 3 November 2021.

**Second Homes Charge**

The County Council meeting on 14 October voted in favour of raising the second homes Council Tax surcharge to 100% with 75% of the revenue raised to go on affordable housing and 25% to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire scheme. I voted in favour of this increase because of the sharp rise in the housing waiting list, now standing at 5,100. The availability of private rented accommodation is falling as, increasingly, landlords are switching to holiday lets. The impact of second homes and holiday lets on local communities is significant, e.g. on school rolls. I am a stronger supporter of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire scheme and believe that the grants should be allocated according to the number of second homes in a ward. Not all Town and Community Councils are making such good use of the funds available under the scheme as Amroth Community Council. There is a push by some to have general community pot for the whole of the County. However, I believe that Amroth Ward shows what can be achieved with strong local commitment and I will continue to oppose moving the allocation of funding away from wards with the largest number of second homes

I also voted in favour of proposals to spend £38.5 million on improvements at Portfield School and at the Pembrokeshire learning Centre. These facilities cater for those with special educational needs and those with complex needs. It is essential that pupils with such needs are properly catered for, and I am pleased that Council overwhelmingly voted in favour of the proposals. Council also voted in favour of utilising the Mutual Investment Model (MIM) to provide new provision for the Milford Haven primary and secondary schools. MIM is a derivation of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), which has proven to be a very expensive way of funding public sector projects. MIM appears to have taken past issues with PFI into account and with Welsh Government picking up 81% of the cost, I voted in favour of funding the schools this way. Council also voted to increase Council Tax each year by 0.27% from 2022 to pay for the MIM funding. Of course, the current Council cannot bind the Council elected next year but I believe it is right that taxpayers are made aware of the cost of PCC decisions. Many other schools, such as Greenhill, are in need of improvement and I hope the MIM funding mechanism proves suitable for further school improvements.

**3.Planning**

**Meadow House Caravan Park**

A site visit has taken place.

**21/0483/PA Orden Grene, 6 Wesley Close Pleasant Valley. SA678NT. Proposal,** Alterations and extension**. This application was refused.**

**21/0382/PA. 18 Summerhill, Stepaside, Narberth, SA67 8LX. Proposal,** Erection of a dwelling (amended Plans)**. This application has been refused.**

**21/0451/PA. Land between 9 & 11 Church View, Summerhill. SA67 8LZ. Proposal**, New Dormer Bungalow.  **This application has been refused.**

**4.Correspondence**

* The Welsh Government has today made available new planning policy advice in the form of **Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: *Development, flooding and coastal erosion***.  This advice will introduce important changes to the way flood and coastal erosion risks are considered as part of development proposals in the planning process.

**-TAN 15: *Development, flooding and coastal erosion* can be viewed here:** [https://gov.wales/technical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ftechnical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion&data=04%7C01%7C%7C047836fede074499096f08d98279223d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637684279054230336%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gwVnBP5%2FjlPq%2BmGKPmTPxnKPSu%2BXE748jeExCm00D1g%3D&reserved=0)

**-A consultation report detailing how the new TAN 15 has evolved from the draft document can be viewed here:** [https://gov.wales/technical-advice-note-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ftechnical-advice-note-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion&data=04%7C01%7C%7C047836fede074499096f08d98279223d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637684279054240286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=aFhrR27bVRFjh9YpQBbsuNgUYhAuo8ZypUjKQlQg5h0%3D&reserved=0)

A new **Flood Map for Planning** has been made available by Natural Resources Wales. The Flood Map for Planning is designed to be used alongside the new TAN 15 to identify areas at risk from flooding and coastal erosion. It builds in future risks associated with climate change, thus ensuring those considerations will be taken into account in decision making.

**The Flood Map for Planning can be viewed here:** [https://flood-map-for-planning.naturalresources.wales](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fflood-map-for-planning.naturalresources.wales%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C047836fede074499096f08d98279223d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637684279054240286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JrgZuAH2ZMwL3wH8W35LTtgEYvuIzcdAk1Pejm8VeV4%3D&reserved=0)

**Please note: The new TAN 15 and Flood Map for Planning are currently being made available for information purposes only to allow planning authorities, developers and stakeholders to prepare for their formal publication. Both will take effect for planning decision making purposes from Wednesday 1 December. Guidance on the transition from current advice and map to the new TAN 15 and Flood Map for Planning can be viewed here:**

<https://gov.wales/technical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion>

**Until 1 December, the existing planning policy advice and mapping on flood risk and advice on coastal planning must continue to be used for planning decision making purposes. It can be viewed here:** [Technical advice note (TAN) 14: coastal planning | GOV.WALES](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ftechnical-advice-note-tan-14-coastal-planning&data=04%7C01%7C%7C047836fede074499096f08d98279223d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637684279054250241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zYoWTxtMkqD5dGyg7WBinGBa%2FGBJGoXjYku4yrpfd1c%3D&reserved=0); [Technical advice note (TAN) 15: development and flood risk | GOV.WALES](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Ftechnical-advice-note-tan-15-development-and-flood-risk&data=04%7C01%7C%7C047836fede074499096f08d98279223d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637684279054260201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=n3EHEK0kvGXkF%2BeyuyCvO%2FsM9S%2BBzpKVFzAPxGtlQIg%3D&reserved=0); [Flooding: development advice map | GOV.WALES](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fflooding-development-advice-map&data=04%7C01%7C%7C047836fede074499096f08d98279223d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637684279054260201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uj379zgkxqLAiCiQIJSCiv7bEnyenRN9YmxZdJYMEpU%3D&reserved=0)

Updated **Climate Change Allowances for Flood Consequences Assessments for immediate use** (replacing those from 2016) have also been published today.

**The Climate Change Allowances for Flood Consequences Assessments 2021 can be viewed here:** <https://gov.wales/climate-change-allowances-and-flood-consequence-assessments>

* In response to Section 14 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, local authorities and Local Health Boards must produce a Population Assessments (PA) that identify the need for care and support and support needs for carers in their area, the range of services required, how far these needs are being met and how services will be delivered in Welsh.

The team is undertaking a number of engagement activities currently however, to extend the reach of the engagement particularly as face to face activity is more challenging at the moment, two on-line surveys have been developed to capture the views of individuals and organisations (links below). The closing date is 31st October 2021.

  Population assessment - [https://carmarthenshire.researchfeedback.net/52f941](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcarmarthenshire.researchfeedback.net%2F52f941&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ca2b97002e2db42ca77a708d992d522af%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637702266376918802%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=RhOxVbyxuNwsxQtGzVplyLUb5B3%2BCdCdZw%2FQk30aKhY%3D&reserved=0)

  Organisations - [https://carmarthenshire.researchfeedback.net/bkujws](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcarmarthenshire.researchfeedback.net%2Fbkujws&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ca2b97002e2db42ca77a708d992d522af%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637702266376918802%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JZlB18gDadkXKiWvF2IZicdA%2FGbGYuQO5PY2nVWEsGI%3D&reserved=0)

* **Taking Action Against Ageism Training for Stakeholders**

Ageism underpins many of the issues currently faced by older people and results in negative stereotypes, older people being treated unfairly, and their rights not being respected and upheld.

Ageism can also mean that older people are discriminated against when trying to access the services, facilities and opportunities they need to help them to age well.

Before the Covid19 pandemic, the Older People’s Commissioner for Wales delivered training sessions for older people and those that work with them to help recognise and challenge ageism and age discrimination. The training has been adapted to an online session.

The session will be run on Zoom and will last for two and a half hours including a break. The Commissioner has also developed a new information leaflet - Taking Action Against Ageism - which includes a wide range of information about how to recognise and challenge ageism and age discrimination. If you would like to request copies of the leaflet, please let us know.  If you would like to book a place at the session, please use the link below:

<https://tocyn.cymru/event/fba98533-1817-41ee-8403-03c9adbd6b8b/s>

* OVW and Keep Wales Tidy have launched another opportunity to bid for starter pack. We can apply for a Fruit and Herb Garden or a food growing Garden. Llanteg Gardening group would be willing to carry out the work if we are successful.
* I have received a request for a temporary road closure as detailed below:- Pedestrian Access will be maintained

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| Our ref:  | 2021/354 |
| Applicant:  | PCC Asset Management Section |
| Location: | Chapel Road (U6378) Llanteg – From its junction with A477(T) Kilgetty to St Clears road, south east to its junction with the C3045 road to Amroth  |
| Date/Time: | Wednesday 8th December for 2 days   |
| Reason for restriction: | Carriageway resurfacing works  |
| Alternative route: | A477(T) Kilgetty to St Clears road and C3045 road to Amroth   |

**5.Finance as of 30th September 2021**

Account 649 – 10,615.61

Account 856 – £15,194.28

David Rees - £1358.23 inc

**Income**

Interest 38p

**Payments;**

Clerk’s wages

5 Streetmaster Seats - £4111.08 +vat

JRB Enterprises, Dog Poo Bags £39 -following small increase in price

**All Payments were agreed**

**6.To discuss and resolve Asset and ward maintenance issues**

* The public seat at the front of Rose Villa, Stepaside has been repaired by Cllr Alan Evans.
* The application to the Traffic & Highways Community Works Fund application for 2021-22 has been partially successful with two Speed Indicator Devices applied for accepted. The works will be subject to survey and site investigation, and confirmation of match funding.

The Pembrokeshire County Council Highways Design Team will be undertaking the work with input from the Traffic Team. The work is programmed for this financial year (2021-22) but is also subject to existing Design Team commitments and some administrative work.

The match funding cost to Amroth Community Council will be £2,100 as stated in Amroth Community Council’s application.

The suggestion of swopping locations on busy roads, which would include traffic management costs is not to be considered. The signs likely to be considered are solar powered Speed Indicator Devices.

* A query has been raised as to who would be liable for any damage to vehicles that may inadvertently hit stones placed on a verge on a narrow, unlit section of road in Pleasant Valley. Street Care Manager Marc Owen has responded to say they will be in contact with the property owners as the stones are too close to the road.
* The broken and loose fencing around the stone bridge in Wisemans Bridge was reported to the Coastal Engineer at PCC and has been replaced. New handrails and barrier have been installed at the steps down to the beach opposite Beach Haven in Amroth and work has been carried out to protect the road between Amroth Village and the New Inn. ACC are very grateful to PCC for carrying out this work.
* Electric charging points in Amroth. Cllr Harvey reported that more Electric Vehicles are being purchased and suggested that the addition of electric charging points in Amroth would be of benefit to visitors. Agreed; The Clerk will contact PCNPA for their policy on installing electric points in their car parks.
* Amroth Memorial Garden – This will be added to next month’s agenda
* Repositioning the Post Box in Summerhill

The current location is historical and located along the roadside to what was formerly a community shop and is now a private residence. The post box is "hidden" in the side of hedgerow which means access is sometimes difficult and a safety issue for both pedestrians and car drivers stopping to post letters.

Relocating the box to by the bus shelter was suggested as a safer option. **Agreed;** The Clerk will contact Royal Mail to request this.

**7.Dog Restrictions in Amroth.** A subgroup will meet to discuss dog restrictions, and how they can be made clearer to dog owners during the restricted period.

**8.Report By Amroth and District Community Association**

The Hall Committee has met, with Mrs M Davies taking the Chair until the AGM on 27th January 2022. This will take place in the hall starting at 7.00 pm, new faces are always welcomed. Several clubs are now back including Kick Boxing, Table Tennis, Sewing Club and Amazing Grace. Interest in starting a Gardening Club has been expressed. Support was given to an application by ACC to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund to restart a film club in the hall.

Parking remains an issue and a letter will be sent to PCC requesting the land above the hall be converted to a car park for hall users and resident of Summerhill Estate.

A meeting will take place in the hall on Thursday November 18th at 7.30 pm to discuss the future of St. Elidyrs Church

**9. Report by Llanteg Village Hall Committee**

* Most groups are back meeting in the hall including the Book Club, Art Club, Gardening Club and Bowls.
* Shrubs have been planted in the Clay Pits using funds from PCNPA
* Crunwere Church Yard has been maintained in recent years by volunteers however it is a lot of work for an aging volunteer group, and so the Church needs to consider funding the maintenance itself.
* The village newsletter will be published in mid-November.

**10.Report by Play Area Representatives**

**Stepaside**

A letter was sent to PCC in response to the public notice regarding the disposal of the play area in Stepaside. Concern was expressed at the possible the loss of a community amenity for young children in Stepaside. The possibility of a community asset transfer (CAT) of the play area to ACC was raised.

A meeting was then held of the ACC play committee and after a full and careful consideration of the matter it was decided that:

* ACC would not pursue an asset transfer of the Stepaside play area to itself, due to, among other things, the difficulty of maintaining the site.
* there was a need for an alternative play area for young children in Stepaside with more enhanced facilities than at present available.
* A request will be sent to PCC for a map showing all PCC owned land in Amroth Ward and in particular to ask for an indication of what PCC owned land there is in Stepaside that could be the subject of a CAT.
* PCC is requested to include in the conditions of sale of the existing play area a stipulation that the purchasers should pay for the removal of the existing play equipment and its installation in an alternative site in Stepaside and pay for a suitable safe surface around the new installation

**Summerhill**

* An Expression of Interest has been submitted to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Scheme for funds to replace the wooden junior multi play. This has been approved for a full application.
* There were two monitoring points picked up on the recent installed play equipment. Both low level and monitor status rather than a safety issue.
* The repair to the fencing has been delayed due to delays in obtaining new quotes. The cost of fencing has increased; however, this has been offset by savings made when the new play equipment was purchased.

**11.Ultrafast broadband Update**

A supplier choice meeting was held where quotes for a full fibre build in the community were presented.

The community working group decided to proceed with Broadway Partners.  Broadway will now begin to contact residents and businesses, introducing themselves, explaining the process and what happens next. As indicated at the meeting, the first step will be for DCMS to approve the PRP, after which Broadway will begin seeking voucher validation.  Once vouchers have been validated, there is a 12-month window for Broadway Partners to connect properties before receiving any funding.  The PCC Digital Team will be in communication with all residents and businesses to keep them informed of these proceedings, and very much on hand throughout the process.

This is a great opportunity for all residents and businesses in the Amroth & Stepaside Project Area to have access to full fibre to the premises. Costs for 100mb speed is £19.99 with higher speeds costing proportionally more. With the current telephone system to cease sometime in the next 5 years or so, calls will be made via the internet and this new infrastructure will be invaluable. Please support the project and spread the word to neighbours so more people can enjoy better connectivity in the Amroth area.

**12.Project ideas and Updates**

**Amroth Free Wifi –** PCC are still reviewing a draft agreement which is delaying installation.

**Exercise Jantzen –** Copy for the interpretation board is nearly finished.

**Historic road Signs Project –** The signs are made and awaiting installation by PCC.

**Wildflower Project –** Following planting in Summerhill**,** left over seeds were made into seed bombs with children at Stepaside school. Some were planted on school premises, and some were given to the children to plant at home.

**Milestone Markers –** Cllr. Phillips has taken new photos of the Milestones and Boundary Markers and submitted these with map references to CADW. A reply is due in 28 days.

**Replace the Multi play in the play area, Summerhill –** An EOI has been submitted to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund and been approved. A full application will be submitted.

**Film club –**  ADCA have been consulted and support the initiative. A survey will be drafted to gauge public interest and an EOI submitted to EPF.

**New benches for the play area –** Cllrs. have been looking at tables that incorporate play activities

 **NHS Tree –** the money collected by Just giving will be drawn and a tree purchased and planted.

 **Happy to Chat/Stare seats –** Further investigation is taking place into suitable positions and seating

**13.Community matters –** No matters were raised

**14.Determine matters Councillors wish to be added for discussion at the next meeting**

* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday November 11th 2021.
* To discuss and resolve a Local Resolution Protocol for Amroth Community Council (OVW/15/10)

**Date of next Meeting is 18th November 2021**

**This will be held Via Zoom** Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk amrothclerk@outlook.com . Virtual attendance will be possible via zoom.

**The meeting closed at 20.53 pm**

**If you would like to be kept informed as to information regarding matters affecting the parish, road closures, public consultations, sea defences etc please email the clerk and you will be put on our secure mailing list (GDPR compliant).**