

Lamphey Community Council Annual Report 2022

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Introduction and Objectives:

Lamphey Community Council serves the three villages of Lamphey, Hodgeston and Freshwater East.

We are a voluntary organisation, and the grass roots level of local government

We have a maximum of 9 councillors and a part time Clerk

We meet monthly in Lamphey village hall

Activities and Responsibilities:

We bring local people together to try and make things happen in the three villages.

We try to support local activities and organisations to the benefit of our community. Examples of this in the past have been financial support to the playing field committee, the village hall, and the church yard.

We elevate resident's matters of concern to Pembrokeshire County Council, for example for highways this has included road safety, pot holes, speeding and grass cutting.

We are consulted and comment on planning applications in the three villages.

We have in recent years succeeded in getting grant funding, and managing the project of, establishing new children's play equipment on the Lamphey playing field.

Pre Covid we organised and funded the senior citizens Christmas dinner with carols sung by the school children.

Looking forward, we are currently in the process organising a community event on the 3rd June 2022 to celebrate the Queens platinum jubilee.

We publish agendas and minutes of Community Council meetings on our website, www.pembstcc.co.uk and post them on notice boards in each village.

Finances

We balance the twin objectives, of supporting the community but at the same time keeping the Precept low. The council tax is mainly used to fund the County Council activities, and things like the police and fire service. The Precept is a very small portion of the Council tax that is allocated to Community Councils.

The Precept for Lamphey Community Council for 2022 is unchanged from the past two years and totals £14,250

The Precept funds the Clerks part time salary, training and accountancy costs, community events, and financial support towards the village hall and the playing field etc.

Additionally we are currently looking at one off projects like some tree planting, and establishing a defibrillator in Hodgaston.

Further the precept has to cover election and by-election costs should more candidates stand than we have positions available. We have prudently over a few years built up some ring fenced reserves for this, so we can, if required, fulfil our legal obligations.

Councillors are unpaid but can claim allowances and travel costs. In the past Lamphey councillors have chosen to waive these, in order to help keep the Precept as low as possible.

Councillors and Clerk

The term of office for a councillor is 5 years. The current term ends in May 2022. A new council will then be formed, and the website will be updated with the new councillors

The current council is composed as follows

Clerk. Pam Davies. Email: clerk.lamphey@gmail.com

Chair – Cllr Nick Vince

Vice Chair – Cllr Steve Cannon

Cllr John Purser

Cllr Lee Scourfield

Cllr Andrew Skeels

Cllr Rob Tallis

Cllr Jenny Vince

Cllr David Windsor

