**Amroth Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Llanrhath**

**Confirmed Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 19th May 2022.

**Councillors present:**  T Baron; A Cormack from 7.45 pm; A Evans; F Evans; R Harries (Vice Chair); M Harvey; J James; M Morris; S Phillips (Chairman). R Tippett Maudsley.

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

**Apologies**: R Lake, E Wyn Morgan

**Declaration of Interest. Cllr. Fleur Evans declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application NP/22/0260/OUT Pinewood, Duncow Hill farm, Wisemans Bridge.**

**Chair’s Welcome**

Chairman Tony Baron welcomed all Councillors to the meeting. He expressed his grateful thanks to everyone for volunteering their time to the Community Council and for the work that is carried out behind the scenes for the benefit of the local community. Many Community Councils struggle to fill their seats and so it is gratifying that Amroth Community Council has such a strong and committed team.

**First point of business to Co-opt new Councillor Eleri Wyn Morgan. Proposed Cllr. Roger Harris. Seconded Cllr. John James. Councillors voted unanimously and Eleri Wyn Morgan was duly co- opted for the ward of Amroth.**

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 21st April 2022 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Roger Harris

Seconded by Cllr. Stephen Phillips

Vote - unanimous

Cllr. Tony Baron signed the April Minutes on completion of the meeting.

**1.Matters Arising**

* **Traffic Calming**. The consultation is still open for comments on proposed traffic calming Vehicle Activated signs in Stepaside and Summerhill. Any comments should be directed to the Clerk.
* **Staggers Lane**. The visual obstruction caused by parked cars at the exit from Staggers Lane has been reported to the police on advice of Pembrokeshire Road Safety Partnership.
* **Foul Water**. The foul water leaking by Green Plains has again been reported to PCC. Public Health responded that there were no funds to carry out an investigation into the 27 houses which may be the source. The issue has then been reported to Highways who are planning to resurface the road.
* **Post Box Summerhill.** The Clerk is still pursuing Royal Mail to relocate the post Box in Summerhill to a safer location. She was advised to contact Royal Mail Swansea.

**2.County Councillors Report**

**Outgoing Cllr Tony Baron - Appointment of New Head of Planning**

Essential work by County Councillors continued during the purdah period ahead of the 5 May Elections. On 28 April the Senior Staff Committee appointed Ms Nicola Gandy as the new Head of PCC’s Planning Department. Ms Gandy is being recruited from PCNP who now need to find a replacement. The Department has been understaffed for some time and there is an attempt to deal with backlog issues by bringing in trainees and employing consultants. The Chief Executive, William Bramble, is clearly attempting to improve the service provided by the Planning Department but it is likely to be six months before the department is up to full strength.

**5 May 2022 Elections and the New Amroth and North Saundersfoot Ward**

From my perspective the Local Elections in Pembrokeshire were well and fairly run with all Candidates being given good support by PCC.

I congratulate Alec Cormack on being elected as the County Councillor for the new Ward of Amroth and North Saundersfoot. I am sure he will prove to be a conscientious and hard-working Member of Council, diligently representing the interests of residents. I wish him well in his endeavours on our behalf.

**New County Councillor Alec Cormack**

It is my intention to do everything in my power to maximise the links and cooperation between Amroth and Saundersfoot communities, which is why I am on both Councils.  They meet on different nights, so I look forward to participating fully in both.  Unfortunately, they both have meetings tonight which was why I was late.

There is not much to report yet!  Since the election I have been attending various training courses / induction meetings at County Hall.  The Annual meeting of the Council will take place on 26th May after which the business of the Council will get underway.

I have already been working very closely with Cllr Chris Williams in Saundersfoot South.  We have had several joint meetings already and will collaborate closely.

Please continue to raise community matters as you have in the past with Kathryn, as our clerk, so she can raise them with PCC.  Then Kathryn or the Chair can ask me to escalate them if necessary.

Of course, if urgent, then contact me directly 07 818 450 273 or alec.cormack.amrothcc@gmail.com (cc to the Clerk and Chair)

I will have more to report next month, I am sure!

**3.Planning**

**21/1182/PA. Pen Y Daith, PLEASANT VALLEY, Narberth, SA67 8NY. Proposal**. Alterations and Extension**. This application has been conditionally approved.**

**21/0483/PA. Ordon Grene, 6 Wesley Close, Pleasant Valley. SA67. Proposal.** Alterations and Extension.

This application was refused and an appeal has been made to PEDW ( Planning Inspectorate Wales) with respect to the above site. The appeal is to be decided on the basis of written representation. Any commenat already made at the application stage will be sent to PEDW. No additional comments will be accepted.

**NP/22/0253/CLP. Amroth Castle Holidays Ltd, Amroth. SA67 8NN. Proposal,** Certificate of Lawfulness proposed – use of land as caravan site without any limitation. **Comments by Monday 23rd May 2022.**

**A full discussion took place. Councillors agreed that a 12 month license would open the park to residential occupation rather than tourism and this was to be resisted. There were several other concerns expressed including**

* Flooding in the winter
* The application opens an opportunity to change the caravans to chalets which take up more room, potentially extending the area of the park. This is at odds with the LDP.
* No other parks in the Amroth area of the National Park are allowed to offer 12 months residency on site (9 months max) and so approving this application would set up a precedent for other parks to follow.
* The summary at the end appears to allow the development of the site without restriction, as the only restriction on the use of the site, as they see it, is the time period. ACC oppose any changes within the caravan park without planning consent.
* There is concern that a 12 month license would bring additional pressure on local services and infrastructure

**Decision. It was proposed that ACC Object to this application. Proposed Mark Harvey. Seconded Cllr. Martin Morris. Vote was unanimous.**

**NP/22/0260/OUT. Pinewood, Duncow Hill Farm, Wisemans Bridge, Narberth. SA67 8NU. Proposal,** Construction of4 x detached dwellings**. Comments by 23rd May 2022**

**Cllr Fleur Evans removed herself from the discussion after declaring a prejudicial interest.**

**A Discussion took place which concluded**

* Insufficient detail has been provided in the application and some omissions and inaccuracies noted
* Highways have objected and ACC agree with their comments.
* The location is not in the settlement Boundary.
* The Coal Board have objected as no report has been submitted.
* The location is immediately adjacent to the biggest tree in Wisemans Bridge (a Monterey Cedar) and building work could have a detrimental effect on the root system which will be extensive
* Residents of the development would have to reverse out on to the busy road causing a safety issue.

**Decision, it was proposed that ACC object to this application. Proposed Tony Baron, Seconded Mark Harvey. Vote was unanimous.**

 **NP/22/0271/FUL. Shell Haven, Amroth, SA67 8NQ. Proposal.** Upgrade and redesign of conservatory**. Comments by 25th May 2022.**

The current wooden conservatory is rotten. The new conservatory will sit on the same footprint but with a solid roof. **Councillors had No Objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Roger Harris, Seconded Cllr Stephen Phillips. Vote was unanimous**

**4.Correspondence**

* **A resident has been in conversation with ACC Chairman regarding the LDP.**

 He seeks a formal assurance that

1. Any future discussion of the LDP2 will be an agenda item.

2. Discussion will be fully reported in the minutes

3. Will exclude input from any council members who have put forward their own land for development.

Outgoing Chairman Cllr. Stephen Phillips has responded with a copy of the email sent by the clerk to PCC requesting that Llanteg/Llanteglos are recategorized to Local Village status, due to the change of circumstances, prior to any review or approval of the LDP by PCC. He has also assured the resident that councillors with vested interests in the area will not be party to any future submissions regarding the LDP

* **A street trading License** has been applied for on Amroth front in the position usually occupied by an ice cream Van (top of the slip way. The application is to sell Welsh Crepes, Galettes, Coffee Tea, cold drinks etc.

A full discussion took place. Comments included

* An ice cream van has occupied the space for many years with, it is believed, permission from Amroth Castle Caravan Park ,offering low impact vending with virtually no litter.
* There is not space for a second unit especially once the Lifeguard station is on site.
* ACC support the Clean Seas project and have concerns that the unit applied for will contribute to extra litter as customers are likely to take food down onto the beach.

**Decision, it was proposed that ACC object to this application.**

**Standards Committee**

* It is a statutory requirement that the Pembrokeshire County Council Standards Committee includes a Town or Community Council member when dealing with town or community Code of Conduct issues. The two Members currently are Councillor David Edwards (Stackpole and Castlemartin) and Councillor Hugh Watchman. (Llawhaden). This Communication is to consult with Community Councils to ensure that you are happy that both Councillors serve a second term on the Standards Committee as Community Council Members.

**Decision; Councillors are happy for both Councillors to continue in their role.**

**5.Finance as of 30th April 2022**

Account 649 – £ 6,497.12

Account 856 – £15,095.04

David Rees - £1431.44

**Income (May to date)**

EP Grant Payment £1752 (Film Club)

VAT reclaim for 2021 £2584.25

**Payments;**

Clerk’s wages

Hall Hire – Llanteg and Summerhill £10 & £30

Streetmaster seats £6,265.20 inc VAT

Malware Bytes Computer protection (June) £44.99-

**All Payments were agreed – Cllrs agreed to support any recommendation from Cllr Cormack for a computer Malware programme**

**Proposed Cllr. Roger Harries, Seconded Cllr. Alan Evans . Vote, Unanimous.**

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

* **The notice board for Wisemans bridge** has been temporarily repaired by Roger and Alan.
* **The registration of the Clay Pits** could take another 18 months to be actioned by Land Registry. The application was sent in February 2021.
* **Dog Waste Dispensers** - Request for unit at New Inn end be removed. Cllr Phillips has made some adjustments and it is now working normally so Cllrs. have decided to keep it in service.
* **Tree on Wisemans Beach**. This was reported to PCC but will not be removed as it is considered as part of the strand line and are a natural source of the food chain. Cllrs reported that it has now moved from the Wisemans side over to the stream and right up against the car park. Now necessary to step over it to access the beach. **The Clerk was asked to report it as a trip hazard**
* **Foul water on the road by Green Plains** was reported to PCC.

Richard Thomas of Pollution Control, PCC reported that a number of visits have been carried out to Green Plains and on occasions where sewage was visible it appeared to be grey water (washing machine / sink / shower effluent) rather than toilet waste. No faeces or rags have been present on the bank or road. Due to its location, on a B Road away from residential properties, the presence of the grey water is not considered to be a statutory nuisance in that it does not pose a significant risk to health and does not unreasonably impact nearby residents through odour.

**Discussion.** Councillors thought that a washing machine in a garage could be the source and suggested PCC investigate this initially.

* **Overgrowth at the entrance to the toilets at the New Inn** end, Amroth have been reported to PCC and referred to PCC maintenance team. **The Clerk was asked to raise that it also needs painting.**
* **Community Speed Watch.** The Clerk has confirmed that Councillors would like Amroth and villages in the ward to be included as a community Speed Watch site and has asked for information on how to proceed.
* **Welsh spellings on road signs –** The Welsh for the toilets on the signs has been poorly translated and should be changed.
* **Exercise Jantzen Board –** Unfortunately the word prosperity has been poorly translated in the Welsh copy whichwas not picked up on proof reading.

**Decision. Cllr Harvey will investigate options and costs to have word changed/ board reprinted.**

**7. To review current Policies and amend as necessary**

Policies reviewed include Environmental, Welsh Language, Diversity and Virtual Meeting Policy. Some updates are needed to strengthen policies. **To be added to next meeting agenda.**

**8. To Update on the sale of Amroth Memorial Garden**

Solicitors Ungoed, Thomas and King have been appointed as solicitors and have started proceedings. The Solicitor has written to the Charity Commission to check that permission has been given for the sale.

**9. To discuss and resolve new community Notice Boards**

* **Notice board** – Cllr Harvey has sourced information on some all-weather Notice boards from 4 companies, to include a celebratory reference to the Queens Jubilee.

He has requested quotes are for 8 dual door boards with each section holding 4 x A4 papers. Quotes include supply and delivery and installation for those that offer the service. Costs are estimated to be in the region of £12,000 - £16,000.

He identified 8 locations in the ward. Councillors discussed the various locations. Funding was also discussed as the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Panel is only sitting in September this year so if the decision was successful, it would delay order and installation, with prices likely to increase.

**Decision. Cllrs will review the proposed locations and board design and report preference to the Clerk. The item will be added to the June agenda for a final decision.**

**10. To discuss the need for allotments in the ward**

The Clerk has written, via Colby, to the National Trust Countryside Manager to ask if there is land locally that ACC could buy or rent and is awaiting a reply.

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

The hall remains busy with bookings. Defib training took place on Monday 16th. The Committee are busy planning the Jubilee Tea Party on Friday 3rd June and Invites have been sent out. There will be live music with Taryn William, Various competitions and a bottle stall. All Amroth Parish are welcome.

The new committee are planning new activities for the autumn which will help bring the community together.

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

* The Platinum Jubilee bring your own Picnic will be held at Llanteglos , thanks to Tony and Jane Baron for providing the venue and facilities for this event on June 4th. 12pm -5pm. Lots of activities. Any money raised will go to the Red Cross and RNLI.
* The Community Library at the hall is now open on Wednesdays 2-4pm, Fridays 10am-12pm. 2nd and 4th Mondays 10am-12pm. The book swap at Llanteglos is well stocked.
* Our May coffee morning at the village hall will be attended by the Narberth based PCSO
* Village Newsletter will be delivered in the next two weeks.
* The Garden group summer programme of visits has begun, the group enjoyed a walk and talk at the Old Rectory , Lampeter Velfrey , recently and again at Aberglasney on Friday 13th May. Next visit is to Norchard , Manorbier in June 12th. There is a grow and share at Milton, Llanteg on Sunday the 29th May.
* The Bug Hotel(Pollinator project) is being installed at the Clay pits on the 25th May.
* A Summer Show will be held at the hall on Saturday 13th August at the hall.
* There was a walk at Freshwater East on April 23rd, and on Saturday 28th May there is a walk at Neyland.
* The new DEfib at Llanteg park is now fully operational.

**13 .Report by Play Area Representatives**

**Summerhill**

* **Overhanging tree –** This was reported toPCC who cut it down promptly.
* **Minor issues** on inspection report have been addressed
* **A Repair** on one piece of equipment is required to retention the cable on the zip wire. This will be done soon.
* **Phase two – replacement of the Junior Multiplay.** The equipment has been ordered. Prices have increased since the original quote by 10%. Two tables/ benches ordered are in budget. Two activity tables to be ordered – again an increase of 9% on original quote.

**Cllrs Agreed;** order the tablesdespite price increase.

**14.Project ideas and Updates**

**Amroth Free Wifi –** The BT line has been installed by Open Reach. Thanks to James Cormack and Stephen Phillips for waiting for BT to arrive. The networking equipment is still on order. The Lease with PCC to use the toilet building was signed in the meeting by the Chair- Cllr Tony Baron and the RFO.

**Exercise Jantzen –** Work continues on QR codes.

**Milestone Markers –** CADW will shortly be opening a consultation proposing to list the four milestones they were asked to consider, details of which will be published on their website here:

[Statutory listed building consultation notices | Cadw (gov.wales)](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcadw.gov.wales%2Fadvice-support%2Fhistoric-assets%2Flisted-buildings%2Fstatutory-listed-building-consultation-notices&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cfb1c833a94934332654c08da2d1e7a94%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637871906166893238%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hQtDmeYh%2FaT%2FWvEeB2s7wJfLjmvTC5Q8n%2BgPjCTJFbg%3D&reserved=0)

**Film club –** The equipment has been ordered and waiting for it to arrive. Llanteg Hall committee is also interested. It will £250 to run each evening. There will be no charge, but donations would be welcomed. An advertising license has been included to allow the films to be publicised. Capacity is 100. A members group could be set up or a booking system but these details are still to be agreed..

**Allotments –** see Minute item 9

**Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch- postpone to next month**

**Broadband-** DCMS has approved the Amroth and Stepaside projects. Broadway Partners should now have sent an email to everyone who has registered asking them to claim their voucher to allow Broadway Partners to claim the money for the infrastructure installation. Some Cllrs reported that they had not received the email despite registering. Cllr. Harvey will investigate. Important to register interest in vouchers. Limited time to claim as Welsh funding is being removed.

**To claim voucher go to www,broadwaybroadband.co.uk/pledge**

**Note- It is still possible to register and pledge the voucher without committing to sign up to a new broadband service.**

**15.Community matters –**

* **Beach Access at the New Inn end –** ACC has gained agreement from PCC that access to the unrestricted area of the beach at the New Inn end can be via the slipway. Dog walkers must keep their dogs on a lead and turn left immediately at the bottom of the slipway. Dog must be kept on the lead until they are in the unrestricted area. ACC has requested notices explaining this.
* **Survey Analysis (**53 responses)

**ACC sent out a survey to gauge interest and satisfaction with ACC.**

**Two key questions were**

1. satisfaction with ACC communications - result - average 8/10
2. satisfaction with ACC service to the community Average 8.1/10

**Respondents asked for their top three priorities. These were**

1. Balance between tourists and residents (no expansion of holiday parks)
2. Infrastructure
3. Dogs/ restrictions
4. Parking
5. Community Coherence
6. Litter

 **Other items of interest include**

Maintenance

Fun events to be organised

Campaign to improve sea defences

Free parking for residents esp. in Amroth

Pavement repairs

Dog Fouling

Speed calming

Blocked drains/gully’s

Allotments – 10 respondents expressed a positive interest

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

* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday June 16th 2022
* Tree planting to celebrate the 70 anniversary of PCNPA – PCNP Ranger to attend
* Move date of July meeting to Thursday 28th July – no meeting in August
* Discuss Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch
* June meeting Apologies from Tony & Alan

**Date of next Meeting is Thursday 23rd June 2022 in Llanteg Village Hall**

 Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk amrothclerk@outlook.com . Virtual attendance will also be possible via zoom.

**The meeting closed at 9.29 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).**