CAMROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SECTION 6 REPORT

Camrose Community Council serves a population of around 2,800. The Precept for 2022/23 was £8,213.00. Camrose Community Council meet in Camrose Community Centre once a month and operate from the Clerks home which uses solar panels both for hot water and generating electricity. Any additional electricity is 100% renewal. Wherever, possible all Councillors use ipads, mobile phones or computers to access any correspondence, Minutes, Agendas to avoid excessive printing.

Camrose Community Council is a small rural Community Council. The Council are responsible for Plumstone Mountain a SSSI Site on the outskirts of the Village of Camrose, Camrose Village Green, Sutton Mountain, Keeston Village Green and. Common Land at Keeston. Local Resident Associations such as Lambston Residents Association, Keeston Residents Association and Friends of Plumstone Mountain, are all heavily involved in looking after these assets under the umbrella of Camrose Community Council.

Plumstone Mountain: 21st May 2022 was the unveiling of the new information sign on Plumstone Mountain which had been developed in conjunction with Pembrokeshire College. Large boulders have been placed surrounding the car park to stop unauthorised access to motor vehicles and quad bikes on the Mountain. Working closely with Pembrokeshire County Council it is hoped to cut now access ways so that members of the public can walk on Plumstone Mountain without straying into protected areas.

Camrose Village Green: This area is extremely boggy and overgrown. During lockdown the possibility of putting paths down was explored, but due to the poor access and cost involved the decision was taken to leave this area to “re wild”.

Sutton Mountain: Ryan and I are planning to cut a new circular path west of Sutton West when the ground has dried out a bit.

**On fruit tree planting on the common**

I have had a very positive conversation with a fruit tree expert who is confident that he can prescribe appropriate rootstocks to manage to grow well in our rather exposed conditions. I would hope that we would have at least 20 free trees to plant before the end of March. They will be slow growing and will take several years before they bear fruit so we will have to be patient!

Ryan, would it be possible to cut some planting bays along the highest of the loop paths on the north slope between Berry Hill and Sutton west so that we have places off the path, already cut, that we can plant into when the trees come?

We have had a nice supportive letter from the community council for our work on the common which will be helpful as evidence in any grant bid.

**On Sutton Mountain Bridlepath**

I have sent an email to Sean Tilling at PCC asking about them cutting the Lamber Hall Bridlepath - no response as yet.

**On the Quaker Burial Ground**

I have met with Kim Gowney on site and agreed to replace the broken grave stone in the wall and the metal sign at the entrance.

**Going Forward:**

Two or three big ( roughly 2' x1'x 9")  sized stones with 2 flat faces for stepping stones delivered to Sutton Mountain.

A couple of gate posts are needed for a gate where the path to Plash lane joins the lane. Hopefully, Pembrokeshire County Council will donate them

A strimmer to cut down the new path from the Plash Lane end to widen it.

Sutton Green – In 2018 The Lambston Parish Residents Association in Camrose Comm unity celebrated the registration of an open space in Sutton as a Village Green, The one acre site just west of Haverfordwest has been enjoyed by local people for informal recreational events. Since the owner is not known Lambston Residents organised volunteer days on the land to clear the scrub and remove dumped rubbish.

Keeston Village Green & Keeston Common: The Village Green is used by local residents. Planters and benches have been placed on the Village Green to encourage bees and insects. Keeston Common is mainly used by locals and dog walkers for their wellbeing. The land is relatively untouched and has been left.

Going Forward: Framework of governance and support for delivery. - Support local Residential Groups to continue going forward with their endeavours to care for their local areas. Camrose Community Council are committed to caring for our environment and ecosystems within our area.