**Cyngor Cymuned Amroth Community Council**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 18th May 2023.

**Councillors present:**  T Baron; F Evans; M Harvey; John James; M Morris; S Phillips, R Tippet Maudsley; E Wyn Morgan.

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk), P Knight.

**Phillip Knight** a keen local caver gave a very interesting talk to Councillors on the Limestone Karst which starts in Pendine, passes through Llanteg and Tavernspite and stops near Oakwood. The Limestone is approx. 350million years old and was formed from reef when Amroth was located near the Equator. Through Tectonic movements the UK slowly drifted north over geological time. At approx. the same time massive forests were squashed into coal forming the coal fields of South Wales. Water passing through the Limestone has formed many caves, a bear’s tooth being found in one.

Beneath the limestone is old red sandstone which will hold water but will not form caves. Nor will the gritstone that overlays it.

As the exploration project, known as the Marros project, progresses it is possible they will find a lake with miles of underwater passages to explore. Findings have been published in caving magazines and on the internet.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HCnlVT6X1Q&t=11s&pp=ygULb2dvZiBtYXJyb3M%3D](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D0HCnlVT6X1Q%26t%3D11s%26pp%3DygULb2dvZiBtYXJyb3M%253D&data=05%7C01%7C%7C39d15f99952240d5bb1208db586e0fa6%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638201001959366793%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iP6O7ZZovYLrK%2F11W8wHznJA9O9cX0XfTQj1RD3DNGs%3D&reserved=0)

**The talk was fascinating, and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of appreciation**.

**Apologies**: A Evans, R Lake, R Harries, A Cormack.

**Declaration of interest.**

**Mrs Joyce Lewis**

Councillors were saddened to hear of the passing of Joyce Lewis of Summerhill and held a Minutes silence in her memory. Mrs Lewis served the ward and residents faithfully for many years as a councillor and chairperson for Amroth and District Community Association and the Parish Hall Committee. Deepest sympathies were extended to her family and friends.

The Funeral takes place on Wednesday 31st May at Stepaside Methodist Church at 2 pm followed by internment at Amroth Parish Hall. Family Flowers only but EC Thomas will collect for the Air Ambulance and Stepaside School.

**1.Chair’s Welcome**

Chairman Tony Baron welcomed all Councillors to the meeting. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2023 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Mark Harvey, Seconded by Cllr John James. Vote – unanimous

Cllr. Baron signed the April 23 Minutes.

**2 .Matters Arising**

* Issues with contact at Saundersfoot Surgery seem to be getting worse. There is certainly no improvement and confidence in the service is waning. **Agreed**. Clerk to ask Alec to continue working with them. Electors are asked to formally write to Alec through the clerk explaining of specific instances of very poor management and will he take it up with the health board and public service board.
* The Clerk will also ask Cllr Cormack to raise with the health board that parking in Tenby for those attending the breast screening unit in the car park costs £5 and residents feel this is discriminatory. Cllrs request that Cllr Cormack contact the health board on this issue and ask for a solution.

**3.County Councillors Report**

No Report this month

**4.Planning**

**22/0785/PA. Plum Tree Hall Farm, Stepaside, SA67 8JX. Proposal,** Proposed engineering works, agricultural access, construction of stable block and tack room (partly in retrospect). **This application has been refused.**

**23/0040/PA Pleasant Valley Caravan Site. Pleasant Valley. SA67 8NY Proposal:** Alteration and change of use of existing garages and stores building to create one self catering holiday unit. **Comments by 19th May 2023**

Following discussion**,** Cllrs found no grounds for objection and were supportive of turning a run down building into a useful unit. Comments include a query on access to the site and would not wish to see the road side hedge removed.

**23/0068/PA. St Non, PLEASANT VALLEY, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8NY. Proposal,** Demolition of existing canopy structure & replacement rear extension with new roof line. **Comments by 25th May 2023.**

**Following discussion Cllrs have no objection to this application.**

**NP/23/0221/S73 (Variation/Removal of condition) Fern Hill, Amroth. SA67 8NG.** **Proposal** Variation of condition No. 2. NP/21/0784/FUL (Front and Rear roof lights, rear dormers)- Amended plans- New external Fire escape and reconstruction of external store to side. **Comments by 24th May 2023**

**Following discussion Clls. Have No Objection to this application.**

**23/0052/PA.Tucking Mill, STEPASIDE, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8JS. Proposal:** Construction of an extension and detached garage. **Comments by 6th June 2023. Following discussion, Cllrs have no objection to this application.**

**23/0073/PA Rose Park Caravan Site, LLANTEG, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8QJ. Proposal:** Proposed relocation of 2 static caravans and 2 touring pitches, alterations to parking arrangements and landscaping (partly in retrospect). **Comments by 7th June 2023**

**Following discussion Cllrs had no objection to this apllication but noted our concern that the application was partly in retrospect**

**NP/23/0051/FUL. Sea View House, Amroth. SA67 8NB. Proposal,** Change of use of dwelling and annex into one single dwelling. **Comments by 7th June 2023.**

**Following discussion, Cllrs have no objection to this application.**

**NOTE; Clerk to write to National Park to ask that ACC are notified of any applications within 500m of our boundary.**

**5.Correspondence**

* **Democratic Health of Town and Community Councils.** A written statement from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government has been published on the democratic health of town and community Councils. It can be viewed here. [Written Statement: Democratic Health of Community and Town Councils (26 April 2023) | GOV.WALES](https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-democratic-health-community-and-town-councils)
* **Dog Restrictions**. From a resident. Many people are still ignoring the beach restrictions at Amroth. I also note that the signs are quite small at the various access points. This is particularly so in the middle at the slipway. As a daily user of the beaches with dogs, who struggles with mobility, this is very frustrating. This is something that happens every year and needs to be addressed. I appreciate that the ban is difficult to enforce but perhaps bigger more obvious signage would help?

**A discussion took place**. Cllr Harvey has already posted restriction information in the notice boards. **Agreed.**Cllrs agreed to post a notice in the Car Park and asked the Clerk to contact Sign Box for another sign. It was suggested that restrictions are also posted on notice boards in Caravan Parks. Visitors and residents should follow the Pembrokeshire guide to walking and be aware of livestock when walking in the countryside.

* **Public Services Board publishes Local Well Being Plans.** The Fire Authority and other Statutory Partners have now approved for publication, all six Well-being plans and these can now be viewed and accessed on our website [https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mawwfire.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C518ddd29a6674d3b61f308db554b6eaa%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638197554695122377%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hFCbru55rTXjD20ZDR8lZJ8uCljt%2FYJ%2Fm76hd6vgGjk%3D&reserved=0)
* **THE COUNTY OF PEMBROKE (VARIOUS ROADS) (SPEED LIMITS) AMALGAMATION ORDER 2023**

The statutory consultation for the proposed 20mph, Part Time & 30mph by Exception Order for Pembrokeshire County roads commences on the 17th May 2023 and will conclude on the 7th June 2023.

All documentation including, the draft order, notice and statement of reason and further information can be found on the Pembrokeshire County Council web page, via the following links.

* [Traffic Regulation Orders - Pembrokeshire County Council](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pembrokeshire.gov.uk%2Ftraffic-regulation-orders&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cc0a5a39875464ee3c8d608db56c6ef58%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638199185002385421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UY5ikVOhIJC0Kiqy3yObZvC65Y6xFBUfaHhXUvXvwbw%3D&reserved=0)
* [Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd - Cyngor Sir Benfro (sir-benfro.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sir-benfro.gov.uk%2Frheoleiddio-trraffig-ffyrdd&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cc0a5a39875464ee3c8d608db56c6ef58%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638199185002385421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NuffxPlTSMqAzQPejvfe98EKNqoWUKyopVFSP7PR098%3D&reserved=0)
* [20mph: new legislation in Pembrokeshire and Wales - Pembrokeshire County Council](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pembrokeshire.gov.uk%2Fparking-roads-and-transport%2F20mph-new-legislation-in-pembrokeshire-and-wales&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cc0a5a39875464ee3c8d608db56c6ef58%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638199185002385421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Pq%2BYGWmvFaGQ08tO9Vm6F%2B6BUc2uzdkjTUrM2t7hdnw%3D&reserved=0)

In addition the extents of the proposed limits and exceptions for all of Pembrokeshire can be viewed on the [DataMapWales](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdatamap.gov.wales%2Fmaps%2Froads-affected-by-changes-to-the-speed-limit-on-re%2Fview%23%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cc0a5a39875464ee3c8d608db56c6ef58%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638199185002385421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=usV5OaWmQu0QPABF%2BpdUnsqsl1DC3%2F4A2YVujfa1fFU%3D&reserved=0), alongside the proposals for many of the other Highway Authorities. Alternatively, a set of the documents and plans may be viewed at County Hall reception, between 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Thurs & 09:00 – 16:30 on Friday.

Objections, specifying the grounds on which they are made and quoting reference number **AMAL 2023-S/L**, must be sent by e-mail to [TROComments@Pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:TROComments@Pembrokeshire.gov.uk), via the online feedback form or in writing by 7th June 2023 to **TRO Comments 3D, County Hall, Freemans Way, County Hall, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP**

**A discussion took place**. It was agreed to draft a response from ACC who are fundamentally not in favour of the reduced speed limit and would rather support traffic calming measures in areas where there are known issues.

Cllr. Harvey attended ‘20 is Plenty’ meeting and briefed Cllrs on exception roads such as the front in Amroth. WG are trying to encourage soft engineering as traffic calming measures rather than speed bumps.

**Ref proposed traffic calming measures on Amroth front.** Cllrs are not keen on the hard engineering proposals because of possible water retention following storms, Buses and ambulances will have difficulty in negotiating the raised crossings and they could make it difficult for Tractors when clearing stones from the road. If PCC decide to proceed with raised crossing Cllrs request that solar street lights are installed for safety. Accessible crossings could be achieved by dropping the kerb.

**6.Finance as of 28th April 2023**

**a. Statement of accounts**

Account 649 – £12,367.80

Account 856 – £4,789.77

David Rees - £1131.53

**b. Income April / May**

Grant Income £139.59 from Film Club project

Vat Claim £3,308.10

**c. Payments**

Clerk wages

Wifi monthly payment to West Wales Systems £54 inc vat

Payment to Filmbank Distribution for £164.40 (The Woman King)

Hall hire for film club £25

M Harvey Expenses for film club.

Hall Hire Amroth for meeting £10

Play area SLA £628.00

Allotment rent £200 approx invoice due

Insurance (Zurich) £1,197.88 - Increase allocated £200 following review.

Malware Bytes Lap top malware programme annual renewal £44.99

Lock for allotments - £41.08

**d. Donation** – request for financial contribution toward pioneering medical treatment for child (Clunderwen) diagnosed with Asymmetric Quadriplegia, a form of Cerebral Palsy. ACC operates a policy of supporting charities within the ward only and so regrets it is unable to help in this instance.

**All Payments were agreed.**

**Proposed Cllr. Stephen Phillips, Seconded, Cllr. Rosemary Tippett Maudsley. Cllrs voted unanimously.**

**e.** A VAT claim was submitted to HMRC and the claim received.

**f**. Councillor allowances – Councillors were asked to confirm in writing if they wished to claim the annual allowance of £153.00 for the financial year 23-24. Form

**7.To discuss and resolve asset and ward maintenance issues and transport**

* Following information on the 351, Two comments were received on regaining a bus service for Llanteg. Unfortunately, due to budget restraints this will not be possible at the current time.
* Cllr Harvey has posted bus timetables and dog restriction notices on the new notice boards and Facebook.
* **Dog waste bins on the Miners walk**. The path crosses into Saunderfoot CC area. The bins were initially installed by South Pembs District Council and are now rusting badly. It is an incredibly popular path and is flat, so popular with families. Two of the dog bins have just been taped up. **Agreed, Clerk to write to Neil McCarthy at PCC requesting new bins.**
* LARC Biodiversity Plan. – LARC are drafting a Biodiversity Action Plan for the wards. ACC has an obligation to report biodiversity measures to WG via section 6 and Cllrs indicated that, in principle, ACC would be supportive of the idea but would need to view it prior to offering full support.
* Litter/ Broken glass on beach and Castle verge. **Agreed.** **Clerk to write to PCC requesting more bins at the New inn end. Also, will contact****Street Cleaning and Amroth Castle Caravan Park as issue is on their land.**
* Groups partying on the end of the sea wall and leaving glass- **Agreed,** Clerk to Report to Police.

**8. Allotments – Update**

The Lease has been signed. ACC will need to contract for a trench to be dug for a water pipe. The Clerk has contacted Paul Turpin. If no response then will contact other contractors.

Emyr Jenkins of Pembrokeshire Fencing has been awarded the contract to erect the boundary fence for the allotments. Cllr Phillips has contacted a local farmer re grass cutting on the allotment field. The Clerk has written to interested parties to update them on progress to date. A new lock has been purchased for the entrance gate. Rent will be £52/year to be reviewed annually.

**9. Award Nomination**

Cllr. Tony Baron proposed that Cllr Roger Harris be nominated for a British Empire Medal in recognition of over 30 years’ service to the community, including membership of the Community Council. Seconded Cllr Martin Morris.

Vote was unanimous.

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

Cllr Tippett Maudsley thanked the Community Council for the donation towards the Coronation celebration which was enjoyed by many in the Hall.

Games night has stopped for the summer with table tennis coaching taking place instead. Keep fit will start in the Autumn. Film club will continue through the summer depending on interest.

‘Ticket to Paradise’ will be shown in June and ‘A Man called Otto’ in July. The committee are very grateful to Cllr Harvey for organising the club.

The hall will be holding strawberry tea on 7th July 2-5pm

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

**Committee**

A Committee meeting took place on 26th April wherein the draft constitution was considered. It was felt that it required simplifying, including making clear the role of Trustees as opposed to Committee Members. Hall hire rates were also discussed and it was agreed that, broadly speaking, the existing rates would be increased by 50% for commercial hires, with a small increase for locally based community users, all aimed at covering the significant increases in the cost of maintaining the hall. It was agreed not to change some existing long term hires, including the use of the hall by ACC.

**Events**

The main event in the period was the Coronation Tea Party held on Monday 8th May. We had over 40 attendees including some new faces. We ran a number of competitions and games themed around the Coronation. Guests were encouraged to bring a plate of savouries or cake but we also provided a range of savouries as well as all beverages. Thanks must go to ACC for their kind contribution to the costs.

The end of April coffee morning included a local history display.

**Grants**

**Sustainable Development Fund from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority** – 4 solar powered lights have been purchased for the car park. Wherever possible installation will be carried out by volunteers.

**Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant from PCC** – replacement external doors and windows are in the process of being ordered. Discussions are ongoing with the preferred contractor for the external insulation.

**The National Lottery** – part of these funds will contribute to the match funding that we need to find for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. The remainder is earmarked for a replacement boiler and quotations are being finalised to be able to place an order.

**Supporting Communities Action Fund Round 7 from PCC** – we are now preparing an application for this grant.

**Co-op Local Community Fund** – a further round of funding has become available and we will be making an application.

**Other matters**

After a frustrating period of no communications from Welsh Government regarding the damaged manhole in the car park we have seen some rapid progress and works to repair everything commenced on Monday 15th May. Works should be completed within two weeks.

Llanteg Summer show will be held on 12th August at Llanteglos with thanks to Jane and Tony Baron.

**12 .Report by Summerhill Play Area Representatives**

Last phase of the upgrade should start week commencing 22nd May. The bottom fence will be replaced. The gates will be adjusted so they are self closing, and lighter benches will be secured to the ground.

**13.Project ideas and Updates**

**Agreed.** Clerk to write to Sinead Henehan at PC also Cllr Cormack and Cllr Neil Prior, to clarify the future of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Scheme.

**14.Community matters –**

* **Health** - It is possible to self-refer to Physiotherapists if required.
* **Buses**- It was agreed to ask Taf Valley Coaches if they could run an extra journey to Pendine over the 6 weeks of summer. Clerk to write to Taf Valley.

**15.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 15th2023.
* Draft Privacy policy for ACC- (recheck with ICO)

**16. The date of the next meeting is Thursday June 22nd in Llanteg Village Hall.**

Anyone wishing to observe please contact the Clerk [amrothclerk@outlook.com](mailto:amrothclerk@outlook.com) . Virtual attendance will also be possible via zoom, if required.

**The meeting closed at 21.25 pm**

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