

Lamphey Community Council Annual Report January 2024

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Introduction and Objectives:

Lamphey Community Council serves the three villages of Lamphey, Hodgston 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, normally in Lamphey village hall

Activities and Responsibilities:

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

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

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.

In 2023 we organised three highly successful community events.

The first was to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023, at the Lamphey playing field, which was a wonderful day.

On the 3th November 2023, for Guy Fawkes, we organised a professional fireworks display and bonfire which was extremely well attended by a large number of families.

On the 13th December 2023, we organised, the over 60's Winter Party in Lamphey village hall. This was well attended by senior citizens from the three villages and much enjoyed by all.

Lamphey Community Council has also taken responsibility for and undertakes routine monitoring of five AED's (defibrillators). One is located in Hodgston, two in Freshwater East, and two in Lamphey.

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 to cover the three villages for 2024 year, has been set at a very modest £16,560.00.

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, and also recently establishing a defibrillator in Hodgston.

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 2027. 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 Peter Bowling

Cllr Michael Colley

Cllr David Philips

Cllr John Purser

Cllr Lee Scourfield

Cllr Andrew Skeels

Cllr Rob Talliss



(photos are of Lamphey Palace, and Freshwater East Beach)