**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREAMLOD / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Rosie McDonald, Julian Harries, Kevin Morris, Gareth Owen, Dai Ambrey, E Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. David Howlett
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (22.01.24)**

Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to members; it was agreed that they

were correct and were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
2. Surface water not running off the road from the crossroads by Cware Duon, Ambleston towards Parc Y Llyn Nursing home. PCC have created ditches in this area. Eirian to enquire if further works are planned.
3. Surface dressing on the road from Slouthy has worn away – David Howlett sent an update prior to the meeting - *I spoke to the relevant officer regarding the road by Slouthy that was surfaced dressed last year but has disintegrated. He said that he was aware of a few roads in the County that had the same issue so added the one on our area to the list. The Council are in contact with the contractor to rightly look for remedy as something clearly went badly wrong.*
4. Deep ditch on the side of the road by Cromlech Lodge going towards Wolfscastle - Not done.
5. Streetlight by the chapel in Woodstock. Not done. Eirian will report again.
6. The card for Gail’s resignation was signed by all and Rosie will drop it off.
7. **Highway matters**
8. Dai reported that the edge of the road leading to Rock House, Wallis SA62 5RA has subsided, and a large pothole. Dai will send a photograph.
9. Kevin reported subsidence on the side of the road from Ambleston to Parc-y-Wern.
10. Patches of tarmac have lifted and have created large potholes between Cwarre Duon and Stoney Hook (before Parc-y-Wern).
11. Kevin reported that BT Openreach or another telecommunications company have been working on the road from Woodstock Cross to Longstone and have left a few holes on the side of the road.
12. **Planning**

Nothing to report.

1. **Wallis Pond**

* No update received regarding the commencement of work.
* No response to the question raised regarding what level on the sluice gate does it need to be before work can commence, Eirian to chase a response.
* Eirian to query if the window has closed due to nesting season.
* Eirian to update Facebook.

1. **Casual Vacancy/2 applicants**
2. Kim Puhl, Senior Electoral Services Officer advised that no request had been received to hold an election, there the community council is required to co-opt as soon as possible.
3. Two people are interested in the vacancy, and both were invited to attend the meeting.

* Howard Prior was present at the meeting. He introduced himself, told members about himself, why he was interested in the position and explained what he could offer the community. Members were impressed with what Howard had to offer and that he was a strong candidate.
* Carly Skyrme was due to attend but had advised that she was working in Glangwilli Hospital and would be travelling back from work and hoped she would arrive by 7.30 pm, however, she did not make it to the meeting.

1. It was agreed to offer Carly a meeting on Friday 8th March on Zoom at 7.30pm.
2. Eirian to email Howard to let him know that a decision will be made after 8th March.
3. **Developing Ambleston Community Council website**

Gareth and Rosie attended the recent Working Together seminar. On the agenda was the community council website which is currently hosted by PCC. Due to changes in legislation the platform is no longer compliant and will be withdrawing it as PCC doesn’t have the resources to redevelop it and the server technology is approaching the end of life and will be decommissioned by no later than 31st March 2025. Town and Community Councils have a duty to meet these Regulations, therefore, the community council will have to run and fund their own website.

The list of required publications is:

* Annual report
* Statement of Cllr Payments
* Training plan
* Audited statement of the accounts
* Register of interests
* Data protection policy

Eirian confirmed that she publishes all the above, apart from the Data Protection policy.

This policy will need to be drafted and approved at a later meeting.

Eirian to request a copy of the minutes of the seminar and circulate.

The date of the next seminar is 26th March.

1. **Payment – E Forrest £246 for the purchase of a replacement defibrillator battery for Ambleston**

* Payment agreed and made - £246.00 (Chq No. 443)
* Rosie said as the replacements are free with the Zoll defibrillators that it would be a cost effective to purchase one for the kiosk.

1. **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant**

Eirian did add a post on Facebook asking for ideas from the community, but unfortunately no ideas have been received.

A discussion was held, and a few possible suggestions were agreed. Eirian to add these suggestions to the post and see what response is received.

* Install Wi-fi in Ambleston Memorial Hall
* Courses in the hall i.e. Art, Welsh language, computer etc.
* Christmas tree, decorations, and lights

1. **Grit Bins**

* Agreed to purchase one bin for Ambleston village, to be situated on the green verge next to the bus shelter. EF to arrange.

1. **Correspondence**
2. PCC Electoral Services – Photographic ID required for voting in Polling Stations – poster displayed on the hall’s noticeboard.
3. Paul Davies community workshop poster – displayed on the hall’s noticeboard.
4. How to contact Pembrokeshire County Council – A guide for City, Town, and Community Councils – circulated prior to the meeting.
5. **Any other business**

Gail Davis had sent an email about the loss of broadband and was aware it was sabotage and asked if CCTV could be placed in the area where the damage took place.

David Howlett sent an update prior to the meeting -*I see that Broadband issues is on the agenda. I was aware that criminal damage took place recently just off Woodstock Cross recently. The police are investigating but it must be difficult to find out who did this. Only a few months ago someone severely damaged Ogi’s network in Pembroke Dock and a year or two ago the then Broadway network was attacked in Dale. The inconvenience caused by this is major, and we have to hope that the people doing it stop. If anyone sees anything suspicious, I encourage them to report to the police.*

1. **Date of next meeting**

25 March 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no further matters, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20.40 pm.

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Date………………………………………………….**