**Amroth Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Llanrhath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 22nd October 2020 online via Zoom.

**Councillors present:**  T Baron; A Cormack; P Davies; A Evans; F Evans; R Harries; M Harvey; J James; M Morris; S Phillips (Chair); R Tippett- Maudsley.

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk); Robert Lake; Hilary Mason

**Apologies**: None received

**Declaration of Interest. Alec Cormack declared a personal and prejudicial interest and Alan Evans declared a prejudicial interest to Planning item 20/0462/PA as both are members of Stepaside and Pleasant Valley Residents Group and Cllr. Cormack lives close to the site.**

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2020 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Roger Harries

Seconded by Cllr. Pauline Davies

Cllr. Phillips printed off a copy of the September Minutes and signed them on completion of the meeting.

1. **Matter Arising**

* Re; damaged waste bin. The excess on the insurance is more than the cost of new bin. The need for additional bins will be revisited in the Spring.
* Another hole has been filled in by PCC along the stretch of road towards the New Inn.
* Following the discussion last meeting regarding the 351 bus service Tenby to Pendine which serves the local community, an announcement has been made that the frequency of several bus services in Pembrokeshire are being increased to provide additional travel opportunities … especially in rural areas’ however this does not seem to apply to the 351. ACC has received communication from a resident of Stepaside on this issue. She and her family are unable to get to Kilgetty by bus to meet a connecting service to get to college.

Cllr Harvey reported that the 351 service had been reduced by 50% compared to pre Covid timetables. The service is sporadic, and the route is not joined up to connecting services. It does not serve residents travelling to Tenby for work and there is no connection to Carmarthen. Cllr Harvey is aware of three different services connecting Haverfordwest to the St Davids Peninsula. One of these is the pilot scheme for the Fflecsi Bus. This service leaves at set times but can be diverted to pick up passengers from or near their homes if they fall within the service zone. A scheme like this would work well for the Amroth and surrounding area.

Cllr Harvey suggested a short term proposal for the local area where by two current services are extended – to include an early morning and later evening route for workers and include small diversions to connect with services out of Kilgetty travelling to the main county towns.

Cllr Baron reported he had been in contact with Cllr Baker, PCC Cabinet Member for Infrastructure who will be meeting with neighbouring county colleagues to try to agree a regional bus service approach rather than a county one, which would improve connections across West Wales.

* Tenby First responders can provide a defibrillator including box and fitting for £1200. They would also be happy to provide training to residents. Cllr Roger Harries proposed ACC accept this quote, seconded by Stephen Phillips. All Councillors agreed.
* Cllr Davies attended to weeds in the Memorial Garden in Amroth. New seats are now required. Cllr Harries reported that there was space for 5 new seats in the Memorial Garden facing out to the Sea. Two have already been reserved. He proposed purchasing 5 new seats, seconded by Cllr. James. Councillors agreed.
* The Clerk has emailed the Pembrokeshire Road Safety Partnership asking for advice on how to limit speed on four roads in the Community Council area. They have replied and offered to meet with a working group of Councillors at the locations to discuss the best options. Any inappropriate driving behaviour or speed should be reported to the Police in the first instance**. Agreed**: Cllr’s Cormack, Harries, Davies and Tippet- Maudsley volunteered to meet with PRSP following Lockdown.
* The application to PCC, for paths in Stepaside and Pleasant Valley thatqualify under S31 of the highways act 1980 to be recognised as public rights of way, has been submitted
* Community Council websites must be fully accessible to all users. ACC will in future post required items of interest on the Pembrokeshire Town and Community Council website which complies with accessibility regulations. See [www.pembstcc.org.uk](http://www.pembstcc.org.uk)
* A response was sent to Lewis, Lewis and Co regarding the status of the Common Land known as the Old School Garden. Correspondence has been received from the Resident who indicated that further correspondence would be received from Lewis,Lewis and Co. ACC will discuss this further at the November meeting when all information has been received.
* Issues with overgrowth and slippery surfaces on Kilgetty Lane as reported by a resident last month. The resident has also queried the removal of a lamp post. Cllr Cormack met with the resident to investigate and reported back to the meeting. **Agreed;** The Clerk will contact PCC regarding the removal of the lamp post and Cllr Cormack will contact residents of Clos Yr Ysgol regarding the need and possible location of a Grit bin.
* Many of the maintenance jobs to be carried out in the area, which had been agreed previously and delayed by poor weather conditions/ Covid, have now been done including
* Widening of the gateway into Mountain chapel
* Installing collapsible bollards in front of the Clay pits
* Removal and reinstallation of seats from Amroth to Llanteg
* Installation of a bin by the bus shelter in Llanteg
* Reconfiguration of the gateway into the Old school Garden to enable machinery access for future maintenance

Cllr Harries was commended for organising this and for the quality of the work carried out by the contractor.

* A Zoom meeting was held with PCC on the future of the Sea Defences at Amroth and Wisemans Bridge. PCC outlined the issues facing both villages. The outcomes agreed were

1. Comments from residents and ACC following this initial meeting to be sent to PCC
2. PCC needs to finish off the study already started, about the impact of sea level rise around the coast of Pembrokeshire and prioritize the risks in in terms of time, so that they can apply for funding to do additional research work at each of those locations, including Amroth and Wisemans Bridge
3. Schedule meetings with the community around every 6 months to maintain communication and monitor progress of any actions agreed.

Cllr Davies reported that residents at the New Inn end of the village would be discussing the issue of the road between the New Inn and Mole End with PCC in the near future. She will report back any outcomes.

1. **County Councillors Report**

* **Firebreak Lockdown**

PCC’s leader, David Simpson, today published figures showing that the rate of Covid-19 in Pembrokeshire has risen a little above 50 in 100,000 people. The steady rise in infections in Pembrokeshire would have resulted in the county being considered for local lockdown restrictions even if there was no national ‘firebreak’ lockdown starting tomorrow.

The lockdown, however, will again have a major detrimental impact on local businesses and on the mental health of many people. One in five businesses in Pembrokeshire depends upon the tourism and hospitality sectors. It is essential that the business support announced by the Welsh Government is disbursed quickly by PCC. It would appear that some businesses will again miss out on the support, which is related to business rates. I will argue for discretionary grants to be given to those falling between the cracks.

* **Council Tax 2021-22**

PCC’s Medium-Term Financial Plan incorporates a 5% increase in Council Tax in the coming year. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Bob Kilmister, is starting to consult Members with a Members’ Seminar on the 2021-22 Budget scheduled for 29th October. I have already stated in a Council Finance Panel Meeting that I would oppose such a rise when so many families are struggling and the number of children qualifying for free school meals is rising rapidly. The pandemic is adversely impacting PCC’s programme for improving efficiency and reducing costs. (Note this programme missed its target by £5.25 million in 2019-20). The amount of funding that will be available from Welsh Government for 2021-22 is highly uncertain. In the current exceptional circumstances, it would appear reasonable to utilize the Council’s reserves rather than increase the rate of Council Tax. It must be recognized, however, that the reserves would have to be rebuilt in the future.

* **Flood Review**

The Welsh Government has just published its National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales. According to Natural Resources Wales, the floods Wales experienced in 1979 were pivotal for flood risk management and it sees this February’s storms as another pivotal moment. The strategy announced will not alter the outlook for Amroth. PCC has made it clear already that a policy of adaptation will be followed as the sea level rises and flooding events continue to increase. I would suggest that ACC consider setting up a project to record changes in Amroth’s coastal landscape and its impact upon the community.

* **Heritage Park**

As you are aware, the Planning Committee meeting on 6 October was due to hear the planning application to vary the conditions attached to the permission granted in 2016. The agenda item was pulled at the last minute by PCC’s officers. This was the second time that officers have withdrawn their report on the application following legal representation by the Stepaside/Pleasant Valley Residents Group. This situation is highly unsatisfactory for both the residents and the developer.

Even if the requested variations are eventually granted, the developer cannot put caravans on the north car park without the permission of the landowner, PCC. The 999-year lease granted by PCC to Heritage Leisure Developments in 2007 included clauses granting the general public the unimpeded right to use the north car park free of charge at all times and to have free access at all times over the driveways and paths to the said car park. PCC cannot grant a variation of these clauses and remove the public's rights without having first conducted a full public consultation. Such a consultation has not been held in the nine years since the original planning application in 2011.  After making a number of representations, I have been assured by several Cabinet Members that a full public consultation will be undertaken in the near future. I have also repeatedly requested PCC to enforce the current terms of the lease and at last they appear to be doing so.

**3.Planning**

**20/0462/PA Heritage Park, STEPASIDE, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8LN. Proposal:** Installation of bases for the siting of holiday lodges (which fall under the definition of a caravan), spa facility, holiday apartments, café and cycle hire, an equestrian stables, manège and associated office, main park office, car and cycle parking, residential garages, landscaping, access, retaining walls, foul and surface water drainage, related infrastructure and engineering work. **Comments** **by 29th October 2020.**

A discussion took place after Cllrs. Cormack and A Evans removed themselves. **Cllrs. agreed that an Objection will be submitted.**

**20/0407/PA HAYLOFT COTTAGE, East Llanteg Farm, LLANTEG, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8QA Proposal**: Proposed Extensions & Alterations to dwelling along with new access drive (partly in retrospect). **Comments** **by 11th November 2020.**

Note; Applications 20/0407/PA was only received in the prevous 24 hours. Councillors will view documents and send comments to the Clerk/ Chairman who will draft and submit a response.

**20/0393/PA. Land adj. 18, Summerhill, Stepaside, SA67 8LX. Proposal**: Erection of adwelling. **Comments by 12th November 2020.**

A discussion took place. Some documents seem to be missing from the application. Access is a big concern as the road is very narrow and the houses were built in a time when not everyone owned a vehicle, so parking for residents has become a problem. Cllr. F Evans, who had resided there previously, reported that the refuse lorry had difficulty in accessing the road as did an emergency ambulance in one instance so additonal vehicles would exacerbate the situation. The proposed dwelling would also overlook neighbouring properties. Agreed; An objection will be submitted.

**4.Correspondence**

* The resident, who has maintained the Mountain Chapel grounds for the last few years at no cost, has informed ACC that he can no longer continue to maintain it as the gate is not wide enough to accommodate a ride on mower. ACC are very grateful to the resident for all the work he has done in the past**. Agreed**; Cllr Harries will source quotes for maintenance work on all the land owned by ACC.
* A lovely thank you letter was received following a recent donation to a local cause.
* The Minister for Housing and Local Government released a statement on phase 2 of the Diversity in Democracy programme.

[https://gov.wales/written-statement-phase-two-diversity-democracy-programme-action-plan](https://eur05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fwritten-statement-phase-two-diversity-democracy-programme-action-plan&data=02%7C01%7C%7C78c582b428dd4579212508d86145d1a6%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637366299777019018&sdata=txI8G3Tx6XTyFZvCx1QPeIS1XDE8YXCOrcyNL%2BCcN6s%3D&reserved=0)

* **Playlist for Life** is a scheme focused on bringing some fun and positivity to people living with dementia who have been sheltering in lockdown. The soundtracks to their lives, the music they grew up with, can play a part in providing mental and emotional wellbeing to them in these times. The scheme works with the Alzheimer’s Society, Age Connects, Music for the Brain, care homes, carers, relatives and appointees to promote the value of playlists.

To find out more about Playlist, see -<https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/resources/>

* **MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2021 – 2026** [Draft Corporate Plan 2021 – 2026](https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/media/4281/jr1195-draft-corporate-plan-21_26_en.pdf).

The Draft Corporate Plan 2021 - 2026 sets out the Strategic Direction for the next five years. The plan also contains the four Draft Strategic Aims and Improvement and Well-being Objectives for 2021/2022.

# Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2

# ADOPTION NOTICE

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority adopted the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2 on 30 September 2020. The Local Development Plan 2 became operative on its adoption.

The PCNPA LDP 2 is the planning policy document for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. It sets out key policies and land allocations that will shape the future of the National Park and guide development needs up to 2031.

Copies of LDP 2, including its Proposals Map, and the Adoption Statement, are available for public inspection free of charge at either the National Park Authority Head Office, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, Llanion Park, Llanion, Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire, SA72 6DY  when buildings are open to the public.

Or Oriel y Parc Visitor Centre and Gallery, St David’s, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6NW when buildings are open to the public.

A copy of the Final Sustainability Appraisal Report (incorporating the Environmental Report) is also available to view.

Documents are also available on the Authority’s website at: <https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales> and public libraries with publicly-accessible computers when these buildings are open to the public.

The following documents have been published and are also available on the Authority’s website:

* Adoption Statement
* Final Sustainability Appraisal/Report (incorporating the Environmental Report)
* Habitats Regulations Assessment
* The Equalities Impact Assessment
* The Inspector’s Report
* The Consultation Report

Any person aggrieved by the Local Development Plan who desires to question its validity on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, or that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the adoption of the Local Development Plan, may, within six weeks from 30 September 2020, make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the 2004 Act.

If you require further information regarding the publication and adoption of the Local Development Plan 2 or you have difficulty in viewing documentation electronically please email [devplans@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](mailto:devplans@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk), or phone 01646 624800 and ask to speak to someone dealing with the Local Development Plan.

* The Older peoples Commissioner for Wales has published a Newsletter. It can be read by following this link <file:///C:/Users/amrot/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/P477TI9B/September2020.pdf>
* A resident has written asking if the Community Council could approach CADW about having the Boundary Stones in Llanteg listed. This was agreed.
* Hywel Dda health Board have published a Newsletter. The link to copy and paste is

<file:///C:/Users/amrot/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/P477TI9B/FINAL%20%20%20September%202020%20ENGLISH.pdf>

* The Minister for Housing and Local Government is launching a formal consultation on the draft regulations which will establish four regional CJCs across Wales.

The intention is for them to exercise functions relating to strategic development planning and regional transport planning; they will also be able to do things to promote the economic well-being of their areas.

The consultation paper and supporting documentation can be accessed via the Welsh Government website: [https://gov.wales/regulations-establish-corporate-joint-committees](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fregulations-establish-corporate-joint-committees&data=02%7C01%7C%7C45ffb2ded8504874813f08d86ebecd63%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637381113056982162&sdata=%2BD8McSutEZtkFWko94mdubQtfEyUlFdN7IeRnHh0RHM%3D&reserved=0)

The closing date for response is Monday 4 January 2021.

* An email received from a resident of Stepaside described their serious concern about the dangerous speed of vehicles between Summerhill and Stepaside on the old A477, and the lack of connecting bus services from the villages to Pembrokeshire towns. Both these issues are being investigated by ACC.
* The new [**National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales**](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fnational-strategy-flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-wales&data=04%7C01%7C%7C99fe2ae3c52b4905efba08d875ba300a%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637388789814869958%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tImxoXe5byy%2Fs37%2BkXInxnjVzcMWqlmK8PU0gVlISLU%3D&reserved=0) was announced by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

**5.Finance as of september 28th 2020**

Account 70121649 – £7,842.19

Account 40736856 – £15,192.76

David Rees £792.90

**Payments;**

**Clerks Wages £447.65 + travel expenses & Dog Poo Bags (wage includes agreed annual increase to SCP 11 backdated to April 2020)**

**Chairman’s expenses - £53.03**

**Vice chairman’s expenses - £27.45**

**Wycraft £15**

**P Turpin – work done in village –£2334.98 + VAT**

**Clerks Training with OVW £30**

**IWM - £364.50 for Exercise Jantzen project - will be partially reclaimed from EP grant fund**

**Tenby First Responders – defibrillator for Stepaside £1200**

**Memorial Seats for Amroth Garden**

**All Payments were agreed**

**Income**

Interest £2.10

**Annual Return 2019-20**

Grant Thornton have completed their audit of the Annual Return for 2019-2020. On the basis of their review the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with proper practises and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

**10.Discuss how to improve awareness of Dog restrictions on Amroth Beach**

Report from Clerk; Amroth and Wisemans Bridge water quality are currently classified as ‘Excellent’ although water testing has been on a limited basis in 2020 due to Covid Restrictions.  One of the 5 main points that affects water quality (highlighted in the NRW report) is dog faeces. A discussion took place.

The dog restrictions were queried. Blue Flag status lists dog restrictions among other requirements. It was suggested that Amroth adopts a similar scheme to the St Davids Beach Guardians. This issue will be revisited in the New Year.

**11.Proposal to register Community Land with Land Registry**

Proposed Cllr. Phillips. Seconded Cllr Harries.

This proposal was agreed.

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

The hall is still closed at this time.

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

The hall will remain closed during the Firebreak lockdown.

**14. Project Updates**

* **Amroth Good Neighbours** – Still active and able to provide support during the next 17 days of lockdown. The Pembrokeshire Hub is being extended until Spring. While cases in Pembrokeshire remain relatively low the health service is concerned about the impact on mental health. They also advise that cloth masks be are washed and swapped regularly to avoid bacteria build up. Any benefit of this short lockdown will not be immediate but will be seen approx.3 weeks later.
* **Exercise Jantzen –** Quotes have been receivedfrom IWM for digital images of £303.75 + vat. This is less than the original estimate. Once lockdown is lifted the information board can be manufactured and the history trail installed.
* **Road Names –** Following public consultation, it has been agreed that ‘locally Known as Allen’s Lane’ will replaced the initially proposed Rose Cottage Lane. Locally known as must be used for any names not current on the PCC register.
* **Amroth free WIFI –** Cllr Cormack has heard back from DANFO who manage the toilets in Amroth. They have agreed to allow the use of the toilet building for a WIFI antennae. They have also agreed use of the electric supply and access to the service cupboard for WIFI equipment assuming a contribution can be agreed. Cllr Cormack will contact the WIFI company about installation and will look at drafting a proposal for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund.

**Total cost £2500. Annual cost £1000.**

**15. Matters to be added to the agenda for next meeting**

* Notice Board repairs

**16. Urgent Business not on the Agenda**

* Perspex fronts on two of the notice boards are badly faded.
* Proposal to send flowers to mark the 100th birthday of an Amroth resident**. Agreed**
* Cllr Harries was thanked for his work in organising the maintenance work around the ward.
* The Local Government Election Bill was highlighted.

**Date of next Meeting is Thursday 19th November2020 at 7 pm.**

This will be via Zoom unless informed otherwise.

Anyone wishing to observe online, please send your email address to [amrothclerk@outlook.com](mailto:amrothclerk@outlook.com)

**The meeting closed at 9.23 pm**