**Amroth Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Llanrhath**

**Draft Minutes** of meeting held by Amroth Community Council on Thursday 19th August online via Zoom.

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Kathryn Bradbury (Clerk); Vicki Connop.

**Apologies**: S Phillips; B Mills, F Evans; R Lake

**Declaration of Interest. None**

**Chair’s Welcome**

Vice Chairman Cllr. Roger Harries took the Chair and welcomed all Councillors to the meeting. He congratulated Cllr Mills on her appointment as Specialist Lay Member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales and gratitude that she will continue in her role as Community Councillor at this time.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Rosemary Tippett Maudsley

Seconded by Cllr. Tony Baron

Cllr. Harries printed off a copy of the July Minutes and signed them on completion of the meeting.

1. **Matters Arising**
* An old copy of the beach byelaws has been obtained showing that horses are limited to before 10 am and after 6 pm on Amroth Beach. This has been sent to PCC for verification to ensure it has not been amended since.
* Road speed monitoring equipment has been deployed for a short time across the ward to evidence average speed on roads where vehicle speed is a concern.
* Domestic rubbish filling street bins in Amroth. PCC have requested photograph evidence to support enforcement action.
* Cllr Harvey has secured free online toolkits to guide play following attendance at a Play Wales Seminar.
* Parking wardens will increase visits to Amroth to deal with obstructive or illegal parking on double yellow lines.
1. **County Councillors Report**

I have written to Cllr. Paul Miller, Cabinet Member for the Economy about the current inadequate train service provided by Transport for Wales for Pembrokeshire residents, asking him to take up the issue with the company. As yet I have had no reply but my past conversations with him assure me that he is keen for a better rail service for Pembrokeshire.

I have written to Richard Brown, Interim Chief Executive, asking why the Building Maintenance Department will not give paint to ACC members to paint the Bus Shelter in Summerhill. This seems to go against Cabinet policy to encourage town and community councils to take a more active role in the upkeep of their local environment. As yet I have had no reply.

Following contact from a concerned resident I have written to Cllr David Simpson, PCC Leader, to ask him to confirm that snares are not allowed to be used on Council land. Snares are indiscriminate and can cause prolonged suffering for both wild and domestic animals. Cllr. Simpson has asked Richard Brown to investigate. As yet I have had no confirmation that snares are not used on Council land. If no confirmation is forthcoming, I will submit a Notice of Motion to the next Full Council meeting asking for snares to be banned on Council land.

Another resident has raised the issue speeding farm contractors asking for the whole of Trelessy Road to be designated a 30 mph area. Before raising this matter with PCC I would like guidance from ACC. **Agreed.** Councillors support this action.

I attended the Ultrafast Broadband seminar set up by Mark Harvey on 16 August. This was a very useful meeting. One main takeaway from the seminar was that anyone who does a self-assessment tax return can register as a business. I know a number of self-employed people in the Ward who have registered as domestic customers not as businesses. It is important that they register as businesses as the grant afforded to the area is £7,000 for a business but only £3,000 for a domestic customer.

1. **Planning**

**20/0585/PA. Land adjacent to fern Villa, Llanteg, SA67 8QA. Proposal:** Demolition of outbuildings & construction ofnew house**. This application was refused**

**21/0153/PA The Haven, Pleasant Valley. SA67 8NY. Proposal**; replacement dwelling. **This application has been refused**

**21/0182/PA Merrifields, Amroth, SA67 8NW. Proposal;** Demolition of existing house and annex and construction of a new dwelling with outbuildings and associated landscaping**. This application has been approved.**

**21/0382/PA Carousel, Summerhill, SA67 8NS. Proposal,** Erection of a garage. **This application has been approved.**

**21/0266/PA Thorny Bush, Rosemary Lane, Ludchurch. SA67 8JY. Proposal;** Use of existing log cabin for holiday let purposes and erection of a garden room. **Comments by 23rd August 2021**. No Objection

**Meadow House Caravan Park**

PCNPA have responded to say that there were no planning issues with the field clearance or cutting the neighbours hedge for them. There is a planning application in and pending at the moment NP/21/0085/FUL.

**21/0382/PA. 18 Summerhill, Stepaside, Narberth, SA67 8LX. Proposal,** Erection of a dwelling**. Comments by 26th August 2021**

A discussion took place as several objections have been received. Councillors do not believe all the points, that resulted in a refusal last time, have been addressed. An objection will be submitted.

**21/0372/PA Cheriton, Wesley Close, Pleasant Valley. SA67 8NT. Proposal,** Replace and enlarge conservatoryat the front of the property**. Comments by 1st September 2021.** No Objection.

1. **Correspondence**
* **Road speed.** A resident has written again expressing concern regarding the speed of cars through Summerhill**. Agreed**; the Clerk will respond, and outline actions being taken to try to reduce speed.
* **Fire stations – Safe Havens**. Any member of the public, including children and young people can go to a fire station if they feel unsafe in any situation or call 999 if the crew is out and immediate help is needed.
* **Better signage**. A resident from Church View, Summerhill has written to request better signage to Amroth to prevent the number of cars overshooting the junction and turning in Church View. With the current increase in tourists in the area this is occurring over 20 times per day.

**Agreed;** Councillors agreed that the sign is not fully visible to drivers until it is too late to turn and would be better moved. The Clerk will contact PCC regarding this.

* **The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** has issued a draft consultation and proposals of the remuneration framework for Community and Town Councils, together with a covering letter from the Chair, Mr John Bader. The report is also on the IRP website at [Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Freview-remuneration-framework-community-and-town-councils-html%23section-76331&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cb1d9f6ede68a40dc678308d95361d887%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637632502029998747%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tThckb4VSDWTlt%2BbzmJd0ub9PzHap%2FPT2YRtE4A6pak%3D&reserved=0)

The Panel would welcome and appreciate comments or observations on the proposals by **27 August 2021** via: Email: IRPMailbox@gov.wales

* **The Community Ownership Fund** has been set up to help communities preserve at risk assets of benefit to the local community. The Clerk has all the details.
* Residents have written to ask if some roads in the wards could be cut later to preserve the environment for wildflowers and wildlife. **Agreed;** Road safety is paramount both for the visibility for drivers and safety for walkers who need to step off the road. It may be possible to take a smaller cut on some roads or identify roads where late cutting could be an option. The Community Council is supporting a policy of wildflower planting. A project is underway to introduce wildflowers at sites across the ward in conjunction with PCNPA. Also, the community gardens have been planted up to encourage wildflowers and pollinators.
* **The Queens Platinum Jubilee**. The Guide To Taking Part in The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons has been updated and can be viewed and downloaded from - [**www.queensjubileebeacons.com**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.queensjubileebeacons.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C3b2274185f1a4dc120fe08d955adaefd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637635026726546565%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OGJHyCBoGqMfD9oKd0BZTgPLm27H18X5SYCmVwLToHc%3D&reserved=0)**.**   **Agreed**; Add to a future agenda for discussion
* **Health and Social care**. During autumn 2021, the [Health and Social Care Committee](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsenedd.wales%2Fcommittee%2F737&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ccf5690ace10e4a9b366908d955bc95ed%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637635090723465879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nJN2e8u%2FYHt44nlWAyV%2B2jSyNgqREMj%2BJxRqV5mXQmA%3D&reserved=0) will be considering its strategic approach and forward work programme. In order to take into account what you think the most important issues are, the Committee is [consulting on its priorities for the Sixth Senedd.](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbusiness.senedd.wales%2FmgConsultationDisplay.aspx%3Fid%3D424&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ccf5690ace10e4a9b366908d955bc95ed%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637635090723475833%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=q%2BGxBE50goK9POaQwLBVRQ%2F%2FMh6VH1DO3lulDa3sV0A%3D&reserved=0)

In particular, the Committee would like to hear what you think about:

1. The initial priorities for the Sixth Senedd identified by the Committee (Visible via the link above)

2. What other key priorities the Committee should consider during the Sixth Senedd in relation to: health services, social care and carers, and COVID recovery. The consultation closes at **16.00 on 17 September.**

* **Request from Welsh Government for Bertie the Sea Bass** toattend a 2day event in the International Convention Centre in Newport on the 27th and 28th October 2021 called Blas Cymru/Taste Wales.  The theme overall theme is “Sustainability” etc. **Agreed;** Councillors have agreed Bertie can attend. The Clerk will respond regarding transportation and costs.
* A consultation has been launched with Welsh Government working with One Voice Wales on Town and Community Council responses to a consultation on the draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and draft Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021. The Clerk has all the information.
1. **Finance as of 30th July 2021**

Account 649 – 22,660.26

Account 856 – £15,193.90

David Rees - £1358.23 inc income £24.01

**Income**

£300 – balance for bench

£5k Precept

**Payments;**

Clerk’s wages

Payments for the new playground project.

Wyndrush Wild -£206 inc VAT has been paid for wildflower seeds, ref agreement in July Minutes.

Expenses Martin Morris for repairs to the Multi play in Summerhill Play Area – amount to be calculated

**All Payments were agreed**

**Audit Notice of Electors rights has been posted on line at** [**www.pembstcc.co.uk**](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk) **and posted on all community notice boards.**

1. **To discuss and resolve Asset and ward maintenance issues**
* An increase in dog fouling in Stepaside has been reported by Cllr. Mills. She has asked if a dog poo bag dispenser and bin could be installed in the village. Also, the bin by the bus stop was removed as it was being filled with domestic waste. The Clerk has requested it be returned **Agreed;** There are dog poo bag dispensers along the tramway in Heritage Park. The Clerk will write to ask who is responsible for them.
* Road maintenance. Another large hole has appeared on the road opposite the toilets by Amroth Castle Caravan Park. It has been railed off**. Agreed;** Cllr Baron to investigate when work will be carried out.
* PCNPA have said a new directional sign to the car park will be installed soon, following removal of the old one.
1. **Report By Amroth and District Community Association**

The hall is open, and clubs have resumed. Cllr Tippet Maudsley thanked Cllrs Morris and Harvey for all the work carried out to repair the multi play in the play area and for the installation of the new play equipment.

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

The hall is open, and clubs have resumed.

* The slate chippings have been laid in the Old School Garden and the Pollinator Project started in conjunction with PCNPA. Fruit Trees, and Wildflowers are being planted and a bug hotel installed.
* Coffee Morning will resume in person in the hall. Masks must be worn and Covid rules followed.
* The hall has received funding from the Coop for improvements.
* 1st September is the closing date for entries to the virtual show of Gardening, Art, Craft and Photography. To enter contact llantegshow@gmail.com or contact Sue James on 01834 831468
1. **Report by Summerhill Play Area Representatives**
* The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the council to Cllrs Harvey and Morris for all the work that has been carried out to install the new play equipment and repair the multi play.
* The Multi play is now back in use following repairs advised by the Playground Inspector. Work has started on sourcing funds for a replacement.
* The new equipment has been well received by users and is attracting families from neighbouring wards. All the manuals and maintenance information are stored with the Clerk on One Drive.
* The new signs are now in place.
* The grass has been cut by contractors. ACC are grateful for the care taken around the new equipment and safety flooring.
* A replacement fence will be installed in due course.
* Positive Confirmation reports following visual monitoring are still needed from PCC to comply with insurance terms. **Agreed;** The Clerk will set up a meeting with PCC Officers to discuss monitoring and reports
1. **To Discuss and Resolve responsibility for the small play Area in Stepaside**

PCC has posted a public notice under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 123(1), (2A) stating their intention to dispose of the area currently used as a Play Area (in Stepaside) for Garden Land. Objections relating to the proposed disposal should be made in writing and addressed to the Chief Property Officer, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverforwest. SA61 1TP or sent via email to propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk no later than 5 pm on 27th August 2021.

The area has been maintained in recent years by Cllr A Evans.

**Agreed;** The Clerk will write to PCC objecting to the disposal of this community asset. It is the only play area in walking distance for Stepaside and Pleasant Valley and contributes to the wellbeing of the community. The play equipment is in good condition. The Community Council will request that responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep be transferred to the Community Council.

1. **Ultrafast broadband Update**
* PCC report an increase in interest in the Amroth wards, but more is still needed to attract a service provider. It is likely that sometime in the next 5 years the current superfast copper lines will be decommissioned in favour of the Ultrafast Broadband infrastructure. This will affect landline telephone as well as broadband service.
* Current users in other project areas are receiving 100mb service for £20/month.
* A team from PCC will visit door to door, starting week of 23rd August 2021, to explain the project and encourage people to express an interest. PCC Officers will be clearly recognisable with branded clothing and ID.
* Installation will take place over the next 18 months.
* A Service Supplier choice meeting will be held at the end of September. No cost is involved until households sign up to a supplier. **Agreed;** ACC will post again on Facebook to encourage interest.
1. **Project ideas and Updates**

**Amroth Free Wifi –** Installation has been delayed and is now due to take place in time for next Summer. A key issue is agreeing a formal agreement with PCC. Cllr Cormack has drafted one and sent it to PCC for comments.

**Exercise Jantzen –** work on the interpretation board is ongoing

**Historic road Signs Project –** No further update

**Wildflower Project –** Preparation work is taking place in Summerhill on the 20th August and planting on the 23rd August.

**Milestone Markers –** The Clerk is pursuing this.

**Update from planning meeting**

Several ideas were discussed at the meeting and a short list drawn up including

* Replace the Multi play in the play area, Summerhill
* Look into restarting a film club
* Continue to identify sites for wildflower planting/ Village in Bloom
* ‘Happy to Chat’ Seats around the wards
1. **Community matters**
* The Welcome Visitor team are carrying out regular litter picks in Amroth. They report that most people are respectful of the dog restrictions and that PCC vans are patrolling regularly to discourage obstructive parking in the village.
* Discussion continues with PCC re adjustments to bus timetables to improve the service across the wards. Cllr Harvey and Cllr Baron are also pursuing better connection for trains to South Pembrokeshire.
* The Stone Bridge is still not repaired at Wisemans Bridge. The Clerk will request an update.
* The Tap is still not working outside the toilets in Amroth. The Clerk to contact PCNPA again.
* A Digital Over 50’s forum has been set up and they are looking for members of the community to join to support other members to improve their digital skills.
1. **Determine matters Councillors wish to be added for discussion at the next meeting**
* Please send through matters for discussion to the Clerk by Thursday September 16th 2021.
1. **Date of next Meeting is 23rd September 2021**

**This will be held in the large hall in Summerhill**. Anyone wishing to observe please contact The Clerk amrothclerk@outlook.com . Virtual attendance will be possible via zoom.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

**If you would like to be kept informed as to information regarding matters affecting the parish, road closures, public consultations, sea defences etc please email the clerk and you will be put on our secure mailing list (GDPR compliant).**