**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 26th July 2021 Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present were: - Gail Davies (Chair) Kevin Morris, Gareth Owen, Julian Harries, Rosie McDonald, Cllr. David Howlett, and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. Apologies: - Dai Ambrey
2. **Minutes of the AGM and last Meeting (28.06.21)**

 Copies of the minutes of the AGM and the last meeting had been distributed to

 Members, it was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Julian that they were a true record and

 they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. DWR Cymru Welsh Water – The Clerk has sent another letter asking for an update, no response yet.
3. Annual Audit – Audit paperwork has been sent to Audit Wales.
4. Casual Vacancy – Sian Waters had confirmed that the Community Council were at full capacity. The Clerk will ask Dai Ambrey to notify the interested person.
5. Potholes in Wallis – No update.
6. Notice of application of Register for Amendment of Register – Gail fed back the comments from the last meeting to the resident and had found out that the amendment was just a change of name.
7. **Declaration of acceptance of office – Rosie McDonald**

Rosie signed the acceptance form.

1. **Highway matters**

Gareth reported a pothole outside Slouthy, he will send the Clerk a photograph as required. The Clerk will report once the photograph has been received.

1. **Planning**
* No applications for consideration.
* Parc Y Llyn Nursing Home application is being presented to the Planning Committee on 27th July – it is recommended for approval.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

There have been posts on social media from residents regarding the lack of progress being made. Cllr Howlett said that whilst it is taking longer than anticipated, some connections have taken place and those who have, are happy. Everyone should have received an email from the Chief Executive of Broadway Partners. It is in Broadway Partners interest to connect as many people as quickly as possible because Ambleston is their pilot scheme and they get paid when connections have taken place.

1. **Wallis Pond**
2. Stone Plinth – Two quotes received: Dai Ambrey and Gwilym J Morris & Son (Kevin’s). Kevin left the room to allow a discussion over which quote to accept. It was proposed by Gail, seconded by Julian to accept the quote from Dai as it was the cheapest quote. Kevin came back and was told of the decision, and the Clerk will notify Dai of the decision.
3. Silt & overgrowth –The Clerk had chased the matter up with Mair, who advised that a meeting had been arranged, but Nathan had to cancel, and is waiting for a new date to be arranged. She also advised that she would look at the cavern at the side of the sluice gate during that meeting. Gail reported that the pond has dried up over the summer. It was agreed to chase Mair on a meeting date.
4. **General Allowance Payment**

The Clerk has received forms declining the offer of the payment from Kevin, Julian, Gareth and Gail. if no form received from Dai, payment will be made in the next meeting.

1. **Mr Lewis – Llysyfran Dam**

A letter has been received from a resident in relation to concerns to the site having no vehicular access to the Children’s Garden of Remembrance, western car park and the foot of the Dam wall, which makes access to these areas difficult for the elderly, disabled persons and parents with young children. Mr Lewis has been advised by the Manager that with prior notification, visitors would be escorted to these areas. Cllr Howlett had spoken with Mr Lewis and explained that the children’s play area is located opposite the memorial garden and if vehicular access to these areas was granted, the volume of traffic would make it dangerous and that he supported their decision. Gail suggested asking the Manager if regular buggy trips could be set up, and Rosie suggested closing the play area for one hour per week to allow the bereaved to visit the memorial garden. Cllr Howlett agreed to put forward the suggestions to the Manager.

1. **Donation requests**

Three requests from local charities received for financial help received

* Paul Sartori
* Cruse Bereavement Care
* Wales Air Ambulance.

It was proposed by Julian, seconded by Kevin and agreed to donate £30.00 to each charity.

1. **Clerk’s Salary Review**

A discussion was held on the amount of increase to offer the Clerk. The Clerk started with the Community Council in July 2017, and this was the first salary review since starting. The current salary is £1050.00 per year, and it was agreed to increase this to £1200.00 per year. The Clerk accepted this offer.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Welsh Government Consultation on a default 20mph speed limit – noted.
3. PCC Local Development Plan Review LDP 2 – noted.
4. **Any other business**

Rosie sent her apologies in advance of the next meeting.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 08.35 pm. The next meeting will be 27th September 2021 at 7.30pm.