**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREAMLOD / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

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

1. **Apologies** – Gail Davis
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (27.11.23)**

 Minutes of the last meeting had been distributed 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. Not done.
3. Continuous flow of clean water on the right-hand side of road towards Slouthy, Ambleston. Done.
4. **Highway matters**
5. Julian reported the chippings / surface dressing on the road from Slouthy has worn away – David Howlett will report.
6. Gareth said that someone, maybe PCC had placed bollards in the deep ditch by Cware Duon to stop people getting stuck in it.
7. Julian a deep ditch on the side of the road by Cromlech Lodge going towards Wolfscastle which is a potential hazard to road users which needs to be filled in with hardcore.
8. Kevin reported a faulty streetlight by the chapel in Woodstock.

1. **Planning**
2. 23/0635/PA – Alterations to dwelling, add an upper storey and extension – Carreg Las, Woodstock – Conditionally approved.
3. 23/0638/PA – Amended entrance to small holding – Cware Duon, Ambleston – Approved.
4. **Wallis Pond**

Due to the recent rainfall the water level remains too high; therefore, a decision has been made to delay the commencement of work until early 2024. Nestle have agreed to allocate the funding into this year’s financial year, commencing January 2024.

1. **Gail Davis Resignation / Casual Vacancy**

Gail has decided to resign with immediate effect. The reason for her decision is that she will be away on holiday for most of the year and feels it would be selfish if she is unable to attend most meetings. Eirian has notified Kim Puhl at Pembrokeshire County Council, and a Casual Vacancy Notice will be placed in the notice boards and Facebook later this week.

1. **Payments:**

Audit Fee 2022/23 - £200 – payment made.

1. **Correspondence**
2. One Voice Wales- Crymych Community Council secures funding for free activities to support unpaid carers in North Pembrokeshire – noted.
3. One Voice Wales – Invitation to an online session to learn more about Community Speed Watch on 8th February 2024 at 7pm. David Howlett said that the previous watch ended due to lack of volunteers.
4. PCC Press Release – Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant – Expressions of interests are now open for bids from all communities in Pembrokeshire for a share of the money generated by Second Homes Council Tax Premiums. Small grants of up to £15,000 or large grants up to £100,000. Following a discussion, it was agreed to ask the community for ideas on Facebook and add to February’s agenda.
5. **Any other business**
6. Rosie and Gareth will be attending the Working Better Together meeting on 23rd January 2024.
7. Withyhedge Landfill – residents have smelt the smell in Ambleston. David Howlett explained that National Resources Wales (NRW) regulate the site. An Enforcement Notice has been issued. Paul Davies MS, David Howlett, PCC Chief Executive, Will Bramble attended a site meeting a couple of weeks ago. The owners RML have submitted an action plan to NRW and are waiting for it to be approved. There is a ‘Stop the Stink’ Facebook group, and a petition has been submitted to PCC, though they have limited power to act, and it is NRW that have the power to enforce.
8. Rosie thanked Gareth for preparing the consultation response for the Boundary Commission Review.
9. Kevin suggested sending Gail a card from the Community Council. Eirian will buy one for everyone to sign at the next meeting.
10. Trecwn Green Energy Hub Project Update – following feedback during the early engagement, are investigating an alternative location for the electrolyser within the Valley Site. The area being considered for solar panels has been pulled back from the north, moving it further away from neighbouring properties. The solar farm layout is being designed to avoid land that is considered the best and most versatile agricultural land, in line with Welsh Government priorities. Further engagement will be done, and further updates will be issued as the project progresses.
11. Dai asked for the grit bin outside Lower Pencastell, Wallis to be replenished. It was suggested that the CC purchase more grit bins for the community. To discuss further next month.
12. **Date of next meeting**

26 February 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

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

**Date………………………………………………….**