**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held remotely via Skype on Monday 24th May 2021 Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present were: - Messrs. Julian Harries (Chair), Dai Ambrey, Gareth Owen, Gail Davies, Cllr. David Howlett, and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. Apologies: - Kevin Morris
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (26.04.21)**

 Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. It

 was proposed by Gail, seconded by Gareth that they were a true record and

 they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. DWR Cymru Welsh Water – No update.
3. Road surface by Cwarre Duon – Response received saying this section of road has been picked up during an inspection on 12th April 2021 and there is nothing at present that requires immediate intervention. It has been issued for Engineering Works to carry out remedial works as part of their patching schedule. The Beat Gang have been asked to monitor the area as and when they may pass through, to check for any further deterioration.
4. SLOW sign at Wallis – this has been done.
5. Blocked drains on road to Woodstock Farm – Unsure if these have been done.
6. Annual Audit & requirements – Draft contract – It was proposed by Julian, seconded by Gail that this was to be agreed and signed.
7. Bridleway PP1/14 – This has been reported to Sean Tilling at PCC, who responded saying due to two members of staff covering the whole of Pembrokeshire has requested further information i.e., photographs, exact location etc. and will survey it as soon as they are able to.
8. In response to a request for help by Marian Doward on the community Facebook page in relation to a litter problem, Cllr Howlett has sent Marian details of a contact in Keep Wales Tidy.
9. **Casual vacancy/Co-Option – Rosie McDonald**
10. Rosie joined the meeting, was welcomed by everyone, and was asked to introduce herself. She explained that she is interested in becoming a Community Councillor, works away as a medic and has lived with her husband in Wallis for 10 years. Gail proposed and Gareth seconded to co-opt Rosie to join the Community Council. Welcome aboard Rosie.
11. Dai Ambrey said he knows of another person who may be interested in becoming a Community Councillor. The Clerk will send the criteria to Dai to forward onto this person.
12. **Highway matters**

Nothing to report.

1. **Planning.**

Nothing to report.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

Progress is being made. Gareth’s and a few other nearby properties have had cables installed to the house, and in approximately two weeks the cables into the house for the router are due to be done. Wires are on the pole at the crossroads, and Julian has coils on a post outside his property. Dai has not been approached yet.

1. **Wallis Pond**
2. Stone Plinth – No quotes received.

1. Silt & overgrowth – Nathan Walton has been in touch with Chris Lawrence at NRW and has been advised to contact Mair to arrange a meeting which he has done and is waiting for a response. Someone posted on Facebook community page an old photo of how the pond used to look, it was like a lake which highlights how much the pond has recessed over the years. Gareth suggested adding a post also asking for any other photos and ask for community support for the proposed works to the pond to get it back the way it used to be. Community support will help the community council’s cause. Dai said he had some old photos also which he could find.

Dai reported water has been running past some rocks which has formed a hole through the side of the sluice gate, and concerns for the stability of the path. Dai agreed to take photos and send them to NRW.

1. **Zurich Insurance renewal**

Policy is due for renewal 1st June 2021, and renewal premium is £193.20. It was proposed Gareth and seconded by Gail to renew the policy, and payment was agreed.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Pembrokeshire County Council – 1st payment of Precept for 2021/22.

2. West Wales Rail Consultation called ‘Metro Rail Project’ – currently live on the Welsh Government’s website https://gov.wales/swansea-bay-and-west-wales-metro closes 8th June.

 3. Pembrokeshire Versus Arthritis in Pembrokeshire update.

 4. EU Settlement Scheme application deadline – This email had been circulated to

 members prior to the meeting, and posters displayed in the notice board in Woodstock

 and Ambleston and on the Facebook page.

 5. Hywel Dda University Health Board Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2021 –

 Consultation – [www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk/pharmaceutical-needs-](http://www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk/pharmaceutical-needs-)

 assessment-2021 Closes 6th July 2021.

 6. Hywel Dda University Health Board Building a healthier future after COVID-19 –

 Consultation – [www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk) Closes 21st June 2021.

 7. Pembrokeshire County Council – Federation Consultation 2 – Puncheston CP School

 and Ysgol Llanychllwydog’s proposal to establish a Federation between the two schools.

 <https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/children-schools> Closes 31st July 2021.

 9. Solva Care Toolkit Booklet (also available online www.solvacare.co.uk/tookit) – Ready

 to Go Project.

1. **Any other business**
2. Dai asked when meetings will be held in the hall again. It was agreed to find out from Margaret Griffiths what the current situation is, and if allowed future meetings will be back in the hall.
3. Annual General Meeting date agreed 28th June 2021.
4. Gareth reported Japanese Knotweed on the roadside past the Wolfscastle turning on the Gwndwn-Gwyn to Haverfordwest road. The Clerk will report.

NB: Due to the meeting being held remotely the signing of minutes and cheques etc. will be done later.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 08.20 pm. Annual General Meeting and next meeting arranged for 28th June 2021 at 7.30pm.