**Cyngor Cymuned Ambleston / Ambleston Community Council**

**Annual Report 2022/2023**

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (except August and December). Ambleston Community Council has six councillors, Eirian Forrest is Clerk and can be contacted by email [amblestoncc@gmail.com](mailto:amblestoncc@gmail.com) or 07896 591221. Meetings are open to members of the public to attend.

At the Annual General Meeting on 27th June 2022 Mr Gareth Owen was elected as Chair with Mrs Rosie McDonald elected as Vice Chair. A new Chair will be appointed in the Annual General Meeting on 26th June 2023.

The minutes and other documents are available to view on the Ambleston Community Council’s website, and the Community Council has a Facebook page.

**What has happened/happening:**

* Ambleston broadband project toimprove connectivity in the area is complete.
* National Resources Wales (NRW) did apply for funding for removing the silt and overgrowth at Wallis Pond, however, became very risk adverse which meant they were not able to assist with funding. The Community Council will source funding elsewhere.
* National Resources Wales are working with Jim Dunkley, Common Land Officer at Pembrokeshire County Council ona three-year project to reintroduce grazing on Wallis Moor.Fencing has been erected to contain the cattle to stop them venturing out onto the road.
* The two defibrillators have been installed inside heated cabinets on the outside wall of Ambleston Memorial Wall, Woodstock, and next to the notice board in Wallis. In total there are three in the community, the third one is inside the telephone kiosk in Ambleston.
* Defibrillator training sessions have been held with positive feedback received from the community.
* Section 6 Biodiversity & ecosystem resilience duty report submitted.
* Dog fouling is an ongoing issue. Signs have been put up in Ambleston, Wallis and Woodstock.
* **Highway matters reported**/**discussed:**
* Potholes and road surface issues are an ongoing problem and are reported to Pembrokeshire County Council.
* Faulty streetlights, drainage problems, signage, fly tipping and other general issues are reported as they arise.
* Cornel Bach to Whiteleys is on the resurfacing list for the financial year.
* 20mph legislation will come into force September 2023.

**Finance:**

* Council Tax Precept set for the financial year 2022/2023 remained at £2700.00.
* End of year financial account up to 31.03.23 – Total receipts £3893.15. Total payments £2102.28. Barclays account balance on 31.03.23 £1790.87.
* Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – A mandatory payment of £150 is offered to all Community Councillors who can choose to opt-out of receiving this payment.
* Insurance is in place with Zurich Municipal Insurance and complies with regulations.
* The 2021 /2022 annual audit received a ‘Unqualified’ audit opinion with no matters arising.

**Donations given:**

* Wales Air Ambulance - £25.00
* Citizens Advice - £25.00
* Paul Sartori Hospice at Home - £25.00
* Pembrokeshire Young Farmers Club - £25.00

Appeals for donations are considered for local charities or of direct benefit to the local community.

**Planning:**

* The Local Development Plan review (LDP2) is ongoing and has been delayed due to new guidance from National Resources Wales on Phosphates.
* Planning applications considered have been development on private land.
* Pre-planning consultation Cellnex COM-0022076 -Proposed communications installation for Cellnex at NGR E: 202900 N226201 – Woodstock – formal planning application to be submitted by WHP on behalf of Cellnex for an upgrade to existing equipment.

All planning applications can be viewed on Pembrokeshire County Councils website.