**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREAMLOD / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council followed the AGM which was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 7 July 2025 at 7.40 pm.

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

1. **Apologies** – Carly Skyrme
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (28.04.25)**

Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to members; it was agreed that the

minutes were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

* Finger post signs – not done.
* Guidance on operating the sluice gate – response from Ross Grisbrook - *I don’t know of any guidance on operating the sluice for that reason, only to say that silt is a potential pollutant if it’s flushed out in one go. Maybe the best way is to keep the sluice open a little so that stream flow is maintained at a constant rate out of the sluice, which might help to keep a deeper channel. If it rains hard, any excess flow that’s unable to go via the sluice will escape via the side channel. I wonder whether an historical society would be able to help you further.*
* Electric supply for Christmas tree – The pole is a National Grid pole and a form will need to be completed so a new Record / Mpan can be raised. Eirian to email the form to Gareth.
* Side of the road by Gwyndwn Gwyn – done.

1. **Highway matters**

Julian reported a carriageway due to repeat flooding and heavy lorry traffic is breaking up. Julian to send Eirian the What3words location.

1. **Planning**

Nil.

1. **Payments**

* General Allowance payments - £156 & Consumables Allowance £52 (if any) –Kevin and Gareth opted out and were given the forms to complete and will be handed back at the next meeting.
* Clerks Salary - £600.00
* Clerks Expenses - £58.30

1. **Dog fouling**

Rosie to drop off a tin of spray paint to one resident who has agreed to help by marking any dog faeces left on the ground. Rosie has done some spraying in the area. No recent posts seen on Facebook recently.

1. **Community Book & History evening**

To allow more time to prepare, it was decided to postpone the evening to end September/October. Eirian will cancel the room booking. Rosie will let John Rattenbury know and will liaise with him regarding setting up a Sub Committee to organise the evening. A thank you to Gareth for doing the inventory.

1. **Wallis Pond**

* Restoration project – filming on Wednesday 22nd July at 8am. Gareth agreed to represent the Community Council.
* Planting of non- native plants – a report from Ross Grisbrook, NRW that more plants had been planted along the bank of the pond. They were not a natural species for the catchment and posed a similar risk of spreading further and interfering with the local ecosystem. Following a post on the community Facebook page, a few comments from residents asking if there was anything that could be planted which wouldn’t harm the ecosystem and also, how the area around the pond needs some form of landscaping.

Ross was asked to offer advice would be pleased to offer some advice on species. If a plan could be worked up, we can issue a SSSI consent to make it official; this is not onerous. I agree that the pond margins are in need of some landscaping to form shallow shelving and margins, as the banks have been formed quite steeply by the machine. Eirian to ask Ross for a permitted list of plants for ground cover, wildflowers etc.

The plants have since been removed.

1. **Annual Audit**

The audit paperwork is with David Weatherburn. A late submission notice has been published in the notice boards and on the website. The audit will be submitted to Audit Wales by 1st August.

1. **Correspondence**

* NHS Clinical Services Plan Consultation – Noted.
* PCC Working Better Together meeting – Tuesday 23 September 2025 not 24 June as originally planned – Noted.
* One Voice Wales – Area Committee levels of attendance at Area Committee meetings throughout Wales – Noted.

1. **Any other business**

Cllr D Howlett advised that RML are setting up a Community Fund which is available to communities affected by the odours created from Withyhedge Landfill. A panel is being set up to assess applications for funding. The criteria will be available on the Withyhedge website.

1. **Date of next meeting**

28 July 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

**Date………………………………………………….**