

# Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) Youth Committee

## Minutes of meeting held at Pembrokeshire College on 06/02/2024

**Youth Committee Members present at the meeting:** Sara Davies. Michele Chung. Kallum Ball. Seb Landais. Sarah Webberley

**Facilitators:** Maisie Sherratt & Graham Peake

**Visitors:** Homeless Pembrokeshire (Amanda & William)

### Matters Discussed

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Catch up / Check in	
2.	Bannau Brycheiniog – residential	Maisie shared residential offer via flyer/handout. Maisie & Graham to follow up with Hayley re previous questions/queries. Maisie & Graham to discuss alternate activity (caving) with Hayley.
3.	Youth Manifesto – Homeless Pembrokeshire - William and Amanda from H.Pembs.  Future guest speakers - Michel Regelous - Management Plan and Marine Officer & Strategic Policy - Lewis George – Pembrokeshire Pride - MIND	Maisie to type up notes and share with YC. Maisie & Graham to discuss fundraising ideas for H.Pembs.  Maisie to confirm date with Michel R for YC meeting.  Maisie to chase up Lewis (PP) and MIND for dates (online / in person).
4.	YOUTH RANGERS Half term 13.02.24 Pancakes & Paths	Maisie to send out details re activity and location. Maisie to discuss site use with landowner for Pembroke Orchard (Rhian Cowen).
5.	AOB / Check out	

## HOMELESS PEMBROKESHIRE

William – Volunteer

Amanda – Chair / founder

- Homes are spaces we live / work in.
- Our world to look after.
- Amanda & William appreciate and agree with Youth manifesto.
- Approx 122 million homeless worldwide.
  - 350 000 UK
  - 600 cases in Pembs – 1000 individuals
- Start of H.Pembs
  - Amanda started knitting hats for homeless individuals in 2017 and the community rallied to support. These were sent all over Wales, and further!
  - 2018 – Amanda started emergency rough sleeper packs (these can cost £200 each to create).
  - COVID – Food aid due to vulnerable homeless people not having transport.
  - 2020 – became a registered charity.
  - Amanda experienced homelessness herself after leaving an abusive marriage.
  - Post COVID – emergency rough sleeper packs took off again.
- H.Pembs is 365 days a year 24/7 – only Amanda & William at the moment.
- Entirely funded by community donations and fundraising.
- Estimate – at least 50% of registered homeless individuals are ‘young people’ under 30.
  - Drug addiction.
  - Alcoholism.
  - Family disputes.
  - Cost of living pressures.
  - Mental health/illness.
  - Eviction.
  - Pushed out.
- PCC have a duty to help/are responsible for people with ‘local connections’.
- City vs rural
  - More places for support in cities.
  - More visibility of homelessness – people assume it doesn’t exist in Pembs.
  - Homeless individuals are often ashamed of their situation and would rather be in the middle of nowhere.
- Lots of positive support from Police in the county.
- Providing ‘life skills’
  - Money management.
  - Bill paying.
  - IT lessons.
  - Numeracy & literacy.
    - Breaking down barriers – education.
- Long term health implications of living ‘outside’
- Community donations / funding
  - Office space for 6yrs
  - Sleeping bags and kit
  - Amazon wishlist
  - Waterproofs and outdoor clothing
  - Army rations

- Emergency packs
- March 2022 – Present = 71 full emergency packs handed out alongside individual items.
  - Domestic abuse packs high demand / on the rise.
    - Alarm
    - First aid
    - Mobile phone
    - Clean clothing
- How can we help as PCNP Next Gen?
  - Fundraising
  - Raising awareness
  - Adding something into youth manifesto
  - Encouraging others to reach out to be made aware – Rebecca Evans (volunteer training on how to appropriately deal with homelessness within PCNP).