

# Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Present:** Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), K Bufton, M Jones, J Thomas, C Cllr H Lewis

**1 Apologies:** Cllrs. R Watkins & R Shelton

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015:** Not available due to Clerk's error

**3 Matters arising:**

- The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Martin Bowen and another at Highways about the state of the A488 opposite Underhill Riding Stables. He had been told that the area of trees is a Conservation area & that five years ago there was an intention to thin out the trees, but this had not been done. Mr Bowen stated that he would ask the Biodiversity Officer to inspect & recommend what action should be taken.

**4 To consider Planning Application P/2015/0529 for Full: Construction of a single 85kW wind turbine with hub height of 24.8m and overall tip height of 36.6m and all associate works at Great Cantal, Llanbister Road, Llandrindod Wells**

*Note: This Council was consulted as a neighbouring Community Council whose area might be affected by the development.*

After a brief discussion, Councillors decided not to make any comment.

**5 Reports from representatives:**

- **Dolau Primary School:** Cllr Bufton reported that the school had been busy with end-of-term activities, today being Sports Day followed by a BBQ. Governors had been invited to come along & meet Mr Shearman, who will be taking over as Headteacher in September.
- **Dolau Recreation Association:** No report.

**6 A.O.B.**

- **Local Development Plan:** The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Powys CC to stress that Dolau has always been thought of as one village, not as a group of four hamlets. He stated the following: The Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community consists of four Rural Settlements, namely, Tanhouse, Kingshead, Llanfihangel Rhydithon and Dolau. However, for many, many years the residents have regarded all four settlements as being part of the village Dolau. This is recognized by the Powys County Council Highways Department by the fact that drivers entering the area along the A488 from either direction, or approaching along the C1058, meet the village sign DOLAU and not the names of any of the settlements. Therefore, the Community Council believe that all four Settlements should be grouped together as a **Small Village** with the name **Dolau**. The reason for making this request is concerned with Housing. As individual Settlements, only limited development to meet affordable housing for local needs would be allowed in any of them, but, as a Small Village it would be possible for some open market housing as well as affordable housing to be built. Residents believe that this would be advantageous in a number of ways, not least of which would be the possibility of more families coming to live in the village and adding to the numbers in the primary School.
- **Defibrillator:** The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the British Heart Foundation, He had been told that a new defibrillator would cost £1,000, but there was the

possibility of a £600 grant, and the cabinet £600. The Clerk reported that the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Relief in Need Charity was currently valued at over £2,100 and therefore could meet the costs stated above. It was agreed that the Chairman should submit a request to BHF for a grant.

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**7 Date of next meeting: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015**