

IlanrhLlanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 11th August 2016

Present: Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), J Thomas, R Shelton, K Bufton & County Cllr H Lewis

Also Present: Mrs F Garman, Mr J Ball & Mr B Van Rheede-Wells

1 Apologies: Cllrs. M Jones, S Powell & R Watkins

2 Minutes of meeting held on 9th June 2016:

- These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman

3 Matters arising:

- County Cllr H Lewis confirmed that the proposal to allow full council to make the final decision on all school closures had been amended to just cover high school closures. However, in future, full council will discuss all school closures but will not have the right to vote. This isn't likely to affect Dolau School Consultation because this is already underway.
- The application for the defibrillator received approval and is going ahead.

4 Correspondence:

- Planning Policy Branch of Welsh Government are seeking views on new planning advice for the historic environment contained in draft TAN 24.
- Notification has been received regarding the publication of the consultation report on the proposed closure of Llanfihangel Rhydithon School
- RES continue to send updates on roadworks and disruption on the Newtown Road
- One Voice Wales have sent details of the motions to be considered at their AGM

5 Financial Report:

- The Clerk reported that no payments had been made so far this financial year and that £17.98 was owed to Mr R Trend. The Council agreed that the outstanding amount should be paid despite the generous offer to 'forget about it' from Mr Trend.

6.1 Application Ref: P/2016/0679 and P/2016/0676 LBC: (retention of) renovation of dwelling to include replacement windows, replacement of porch (retrospective) and associated works at Craffryn, Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, Powys:

Councillors studied the plans, in the course of the debate the following points were made;

- The applicants were in a very difficult position with unreasonable requests being made by the Built Heritage Officer.
- The Councillors were supportive of 'getting it sorted' despite the previous problems.
- Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application being aware of the challenges being placed on the applicants and the difficulties in resolving some of the issues.

Before the next item Cllr K Bufton declared a personal interest and left the room.

6.2 Application Ref: P/2016/0657 for Change of use of an agricultural barn to a 2 bedroom holiday cabin at Tynywern Farmhouse, Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, Powys:

Councillors studied the plans and email correspondence (attached) was read out, in the course of the debate the following points were made;

- This seemed a sensible development regarding the use of a redundant building and its proposed conversion.
- Concerns were raised over volume of traffic using the private road and the safety of the

- junction onto the main road.
- The remaining Councillors agreed to support the application despite some concerns over the increased traffic using the access road.

6.3 Access and Exit to and from lane opposite Lower House Farm, Dolau

Communication received from David and Fran Garman raising continuing concern about the road junction was read out at the meeting. The recent accident at the junction causing significant damage to property but fortunately no injury to persons has highlighted how dangerous this stretch of road is. Councillors discussed the issue and County Cllr H Lewis explained that Powys County Council (PCC) continue to have a moratorium on all speed limit changes and the only way to gain any support would be to provide evidence of accidents and near misses on the stretch of road in question. Councillors felt that Health and Safety should be prioritised above financial concerns and it was agreed to gather information in order to potentially lobby PCC. Clerk to collate information, 30th Sept 2016 deadline.

6.4 Request for financial support from Eco School, Dolau

Eco School have recently been awarded the Green Flag Level 1 and would like to take the children to Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth to celebrate the achievement and encourage them to keep looking after the planet. The councillors unanimously agreed that, after a lack of applications for the interest earned from the Community Councils capital fund, it would be reasonable to support this application with a contribution of £100.

7 Reports from Representatives:

- Dolau School – Cllr Bufton reported that the decision on the future of the school had been delayed until Sept and therefore the school would remain open until at least July 2017.
- Dolau Recreation Association – Council were reminded about the forthcoming village walk

8 AOB:

- Relief in Need – Cllr R Shelton formally proposed that Cllr K Bufton, Rev A Perrin and Cllr D Lewis were made signatories for the Relief in Need fund. Cllr J Thomas seconded the proposal.

9 Date of next meeting: 15th September 2016