

# **Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), M Jones, S Powell, R Watkins, R Shelton, K Bufton & C Cllr H Lewis

**1 Apologies:** Cllr J Thomas

**2 Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016:**

- These were approved and signed by the Chairman after some amendments

**3 Matters arising:**

- Craffryn, Dolau - County Cllr H Lewis explained that the built heritage officers approach to the development has mellowed and things are progress well.
- Tynywern, Dolau – Cllr M Jones had not been able to obtain a meeting with the planning officer but had been assured that his comments would be taken into consideration.

**4 Correspondence:**

- Secondary School Consultation report has now been published – C Cllr H Lewis explained that proposal is for both sites (L’odod & Builth) to remain open under joint management.
- Thank you letter received from Dolau Eco School for their recent grant.
- Boundary Commission for Wales has published proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales. Council felt that if change is necessary then the current proposal is the best option and should therefore be supported.
- Confirmation received that plans to close Dolau School have been abandoned.
- Eluned Morgan sought Council’s views on various local issues, Cllr Shelton agreed to respond on behalf of the Council.
- Chris Davies MP wrote highlighting the symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes.
- Powys Citizens Advice Bureau wrote requesting financial assistance; Councillors decided not to support this request.

**5 Financial Report:**

- Auditor General for Wales Report was received and discussed. Cllr Shelton agreed to respond to the auditors comments on behalf of the council. The Clerk agreed to improve the budgeting procedure and obtain a letter of engagement from the internal auditor.
- Income and expenditure figures up to 30/9/16 were presented by the Clerk and the council were notified of a drop in interest rate from 0.05% to 0.03% for HSBC Money Manager.

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

Although some responses were received which outlined local peoples experiences of this dangerous bend they did not contain sufficient evidence. Councillors discussed a community funded scheme. C Cllr H Lewis agreed to arrange a site meeting to investigate options.

**6.2 Powys Local Development Plan 2011-16**

Schedule of Further Focused Changes to the LDP was discussed. None of the changes relate specifically to Dolau. Timescale allows councillors to review and discuss at next meeting.

**6.3 Defibrillator Update**

Cllr D Lewis informed the council that the defibrillator had arrived but that the cubicle still needed purchasing. Options were discussed and the council unanimously agreed to purchase the cubicle from the Relief in Need funds and that a training/induction event was needed.

#### **6.4 Consultation on BT Programme of Intended Public Payphone Removals**

BT proposals discussed, councillors agreed not to respond to the consultation. Broadband service to rural homes and businesses was discussed. This remains appalling despite promises and improving technology. Clerk agreed to write on behalf of the council.

#### **7 Reports from Representatives:**

- Dolau School – Cllr Bufton reported that the proposal to close the school was abandoned by PCC on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 and that there was a meeting soon to discuss the way forward.
- Dolau Recreation Association – Cllr D Lewis reported that Flicks in the Sticks is returning and Carols Around the Tree are being organised for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **8 AOB:**

- None

#### **9 Date of next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**