

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2016

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

Also present: Mr R Trend & Mrs E Newman

1 Apologies: Cllr M Jones

2 Minutes of meeting held on 13th October 2016:

- These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

- Craffryn, Dolau - County Cllr H Lewis explained that the built heritage officer now wants the property reinstated in its 'original' design. Options to support the applicant were discussed and councillors agreed for the Chairman to find out what can be done.
- Auditors Report – draft response read out and unanimously approved by the Councillors.
- Eluned Morgan's Questionnaire – consensus couldn't be reached, completed by Cllr D Lewis
- Powys LDP 2011-16 – Mrs E Newman raised the issue of the increase in land area identified as potentially suitable for wind farm development in the LDP. County Cllr H Lewis summarised the proposals and read out his consultation response. Cllr D Lewis declared an interest and handed over to Cllr Bufton. Further discussions established that various Councillors have land in the area concerned and Cllr Shelton proposed that a Dispensation be applied for, Clerk to investigate further. Councillors were asked to consider the feelings of the residents they represent rather than personal interests and the Councils consultation response agreed point by point. Clerk to submit response before the deadline.

4 Correspondence:

- Secondary School Consultation objection deadline is now Thurs 8th Dec.
- Letter received from Dolau Recreation Association requesting an increase in their grant.
- Powys County Council sent details about elections on Thurs 4th May incl. estimated costs
- East Radnorshire Day Centre letter read out and petition signed by councillors

5 Financial Report:

- Mr Trend voiced concern over a £35 bank charge incurred by the Council resulting from insufficient funds in the Relief in Need account when the defibrillator cabinet was ordered. Cllr D Lewis explained that the error was made by him and that he would reimburse the council. Mr Trend pointed out that the Clerk should hold the cheque books not the Chairman and this was noted.
- The Clerk presented budget and income/expenditure figures up to 3/11/16 in a revised format. Councillors agreed the new format with some minor amendments.
- After some discussion Cllr Powell proposed that DRA be awarded £1320 grant, this was seconded by Cllr Thomas.
- The Clerk reported that, to date, she had spent 50hrs on council business. She estimated this would be 90hrs by the year end. This would be £6.60/hr based on the budgeted wages.
- The budget for 2017/18 was discussed, it was agreed to review at the next meeting once the precept formula had been received.

6.1 Progress Report re: Road Safety Measures around the Church Corner

C Cllr H Lewis & Cllr D Lewis met Jo Lancey (PCC) on site on 2nd Nov. Agreed improvements, to be carried out prior to Christmas, include immediate cleaning of the existing chevrons, erection of new chevrons with wider yellow surrounds which are visible from both sides, a reduction in the number of signs distracting drivers, changing the advisory speed limit sign to make it more prominent and sharpening up the white lines.

6.2 Defibrillator Cabinet Update

Cllr D Lewis informed the council that as a result of the cheque bouncing the cubicle had not been delivered. Cllr Powell proposed that the cubicle be purchased from Council Funds while sufficient Relief in Need were released, Cllr Bufton seconded the proposal.

6.3 Defibrillator & CPR Training Event

Cllr D Lewis outlined plans for the event. Councillors unanimously agreed that the event should be free with refreshments provided and a donations box in place to raise money for Welshpool First Responders as requested by the speakers.

7 Reports from Representatives:

- Dolau School – Cllr Bufton reported that on Mon 17th Oct the Governors had an initial meeting with PCC to discuss the way forward. The meeting was productive and the future for Dolau School looks positive.
- Dolau Recreation Association – Cllr D Lewis reported that the recent meeting had been well attended. The film ‘Get Santa’ is on 21st Dec and Carols Around the Tree are on Sunday 18th December.

8 AOB:

- None

9 Date of next meeting: 12th January 2017