

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017

Present: Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), S Powell, R Shelton & C Cllr H Lewis
Also present: Mr P & Mrs E Newman

1 Apologies: Cllr M Jones, K Bufton, R Watkins & J Thomas

2 Minutes of meeting held on 17th November 2016:

- These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

- Cllr D Lewis informed council that Lloyds had refunded the fee of £35 to Relief in Need
- Powys LDP 2011-16 – Clerk read out the council's response to the consultation and the guidance from Powys CC regarding conflict of interest.

4 Correspondence:

- Requests for support were received from Heart of Wales Line Train Appeal, Tenovus Cancer Care and MacMillan Cancer Support; Councillors decided not to support these requests.
- Powys County Council sent Local Development Plan update including a revised timescale.
- Local Democracy and Government Boundary Commission – invitation to meeting on 7th March, County Cllr Lewis to find out more information
- Summary given of Welsh Government statement on Rail Services – Plans for Rolling Stock
- Invitation to Welsh Government National Development Framework engagement event received – councillors felt it was not applicable to our area.
- Email read out about concerns over Knighton Leisure Centre contract. County Cllr Lewis confirmed that Powys CC is looking into the matter.
- Battles Over – A Nations Tribute are aiming to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War with a chain of beacons. Councillors expressed interest in having a beacon on Llysin again however concern over ground conditions was raised. Clerk agreed to approach local farmers regarding access.
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan Questionnaire received and completed by councillors.

5 Finance

5.2 The Clerk presented councillors with current pay scales for clerks from the National Association of Local Councils. Total input was estimated as 90 hours by 4th April 2017 therefore Cllr Shelton proposed that the clerk annual salary be £800 for 2016/17, this was seconded by Cllr Powell who then proposed that this increase to £850 for 2107/18, Cllr Shelton seconded that proposal.

5.1 The Clerk presented budget and income/expenditure figures up to 3/1/17. Councillors agreed unanimously that the predicted surplus of £300 be transferred into the election fund. Budgeted expenditure for 2017/18 was discussed and agreed as follows; £200 Insurance (to be considered at AGM), £850 Clerks Salary, £100 Clerks Expenses, £1837 Grants and Donations, £160 Audit Fees. The budget was proposed by Cllr Shelton and seconded by Cllr Powell.

5.3 Councillors agreed unanimously to set the Precept for 2017/18 at £3150.

6.1 Update on development re: Craffryn, Dolau

Clerk read out the letter sent to the planning department. Powys CC has agreed to organise a round the table discussion involving all parties in February to try to move things forward.

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

The new signs have been designed and should be installed next week.

6.3 Defibrillator Update

Cllr D Lewis informed the council that the cabinet has arrived and is awaiting installation.

7 Reports from Representatives:

- Dolau School – C Cllr Lewis explained that although the timescale keeps slipping the outlook remains positive for the future of Dolau School.
- Dolau Recreation Association – Cllr D Lewis updated the council on forthcoming events.

8 AOB:

- None

9 Date of next meeting: 16th February 2017