

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 22nd June 2017

Present: Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), K Bufton, E Newman, R Stuart-Lyon, R Thomas, R Watkins

1 Apologies: Cllr. R Shelton, C. Cllr. H Lewis

2 Declarations of Interest:

- Cllr. E Newman declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda.

3 Minutes of meeting held on 18th May 2017:

- After these had been read, a proposal by Cllr Newman & seconded by Cllr Watkins that they be approved was passed without dissent.

4 Matters arising:

- None

5 Correspondence:

- None

6 Finance:

- **6.1 Authorised signatories for Council Bank Accounts:** After discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs. Lewis, Bufton & Watkins should be signatories to cheques. Also, it was agreed that the clerk should be registered as a signatory in order that he would be able, online, to move money between the current & savings accounts.
- **6.2 Authorised signatories for Relief in Need Charity:** It was agreed that the Rev. Andrew Perrin together with Cllrs. Lewis & Bufton should continue to be the signatories
- **6.3 Pensions:** Since the clerk is over 75 years of age, the Council has no obligation as his employer to contribute to a workplace pension for him. The Pension Regulator has been informed.

7 Consideration of Planning Application P/2017/0664: Grid reference 315367.33/267040.29 for Full: Erection of Agricultural building for farm at Tynyfelin, Dolau, Llandrindod wells, Powys

- Following a discussion during which the clerk stated that there appeared to be some small errors regarding information concerning footpaths near the proposed building, a proposal by Cllr. Bufton, seconded by Cllr. Watkins, that the application be supported was passed without dissent. However, it is hoped & expected that Countryside Services will discuss & agree with the applicant the route that footpath LR 1016 will take through the farmyard.

8 Reports:

- **8.1 Cllr. Bufton's Report regarding Dolau Primary School:** The school roll at this time is 42 children. With several Leavers at the end of this term and the change in the Reception/Admission age from 4 to 5 years, the numbers will be slightly down in the Autumn. This will be reflected county wide of course, but will catch up on itself the following September.
- Educational standards continue to be excellent, and better than those at Crossgates, so we are in a good position with regard to future threats of closure, as we need a receiving school with equal or better standards than our own.

- Our two class teachers went to Kenya over half-term and taught in two Kenyan primary schools. They have brought back a wealth of information, videos, pictures, stories and documentation for our children to learn about how their counterparts live and learn in Africa. Much enthusiasm and excitement about the whole project is vibrating through the school and has given new understanding about how things differ around the world.
- We are awaiting further discussion with Powys regarding the future pattern to be used for the continuation of our school'
- A new curriculum has been announced and will be implemented over the next twelve months or so, which will prove to be a huge task for all schools and teachers in in Wales.
- The FODS won the Tesco bid, so £5000 for the schoolchildren! The money will be used to replace the climbing frame and play area which is much needed. There is money coming from the Welsh Government, which has been awarded to small and rural schools, thanks to Kirsty Williams. Our chins are up and our school's future in now being looked upon as bright – fairly and squarely.
- **6.2 Dolau Recreation Association:** Cllr Lewis reported that he was not able to attend a recent meeting, but had been told in an email that moves were afoot to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Community Hall

At this point, Cllr. Newman left the room.

9 Election of a candidate to serve on the Powys County Council Standards Community Sub-Committee:

- There were three candidates standing for election to represent Radnorshire on the Committee: namely, Margaret Morris (Glasbury Community Council), Elizabeth Newman (Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council) and William John Thomas Powell (Llanddewi Ystradenny Community Council).
- Cllr. Watkins proposed, seconded by Cllr. Stuart Lyon, that the Council's vote be for Elizabeth Newman: this proposal was passed unanimously

At this point, Cllr, Newman returned to the room.

10 A.O.B.

- There has been a very recent road accident on the A488 just before the turning to Dolau Station. This has prompted a request that the Council at its next meeting gives further consideration to safety on this road.

8 Date of next meeting: Thursday 20th July 2017