

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 17th January 2014

Present: Cllrs. M Jones (Chairman), K Bufton, D Lewis, R Shelton, J Thomas, R Watkins

1 Apologies: Cllr S Powell

2 Minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2013: These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising: The Chairman proposed that he should find out what progress the Dolau Playschool group has made with fund-raising efforts before the Council consider giving another grant – this was agreed.

4 Correspondence:

- Questionnaire: *Sustainable 'land use' Development? Exploring the tension between acting local and thinking global: a case study of public opinion toward Wind Turbines in Powys* a research project by a postgraduate student at a Swedish University

The Clerk read out the questions and the Councillors provided answers, with the majority view being recorded on the answer sheets.

- Urdd National Eisteddfod: no donation

- Powys “Big Issues” Questionnaire: Since this questionnaire has been forwarded to all Councillors, the Chairman suggested that individual replies should be sent. One councillor commented that no mention of Economical Development and Tourism was mentioned in the survey, areas which he considered to be very important

- Upper Farm Traffic Plan: County Cllr. H Lewis stated that he has objected to the Plan because he thinks the loads are too long and wide – e.g. generator is 5.7m wide, yet some roads are not that width. Councillors offered no comments since the deadline for return to the Planning Department had passed.

5 Planning Application P/2013/1226:

Grid reference 315443.57/266073.40 for Full: Conversion of former agricultural buildings into a residential dwelling, installation of a new septic tank and creation of new access at The Mount Dolau Llandrindod Wells:

Councillors and residents close to the proposed development declared that they had no objection to the development itself. However, the road leading from the A488 to the starting point of a new access road/track to the development is in a very poor condition. Much of the damage has been caused by water cascading down the road causing the surface to break up, potholes to open and debris to be strewn along it (it has not been swept recently nor have drains been cleared). One councillor declared that, since there is a 12m drop from the development site to Church Lane, there would be every possibility that heavy rain and debris would travel down the new access road and onto the highway, exacerbating the present situation. Therefore, if the Planning Application is approved, the Council urge that the entry splay where the new access road meets Church Lane should be carefully designed to minimise adding to the poor state of the Lane

6 Llanfihangel Rhydithon Relief in Need Fund

A brief report of a meeting between the Chairman, the Clerk and Canon A Loat was given. Further efforts are to be made to discover the names of the Trustees and to find the Governing Document.

7 AOB:

- It was agreed that the HOWLTA subscription (£10) for 2014 should be paid now even though this would mean that two payments would have been given in the Council's 2013/14 financial year. Subsequent payments in future years would be made in January.
- County Cllr H Lewis stated that for each Primary School pupil **entitled** and **registered** to have a free school meal the County Council receives an extra £3243 in its Revenue Support Grant, and for a Secondary School pupil **entitled** and **registered** this is increased to £4858. It is known that a number of pupils in Powys are entitled to free school meals but do not take up this entitlement, thus losing financial benefits for their parents/guardians and the County Council.

8 Meeting dates in 2014: The Clerk suggested that the Committee Room in the Community hall be booked for the **third Thursday in each month**, commencing 20th March 2014, viz. 20 March*, 17 April, 15 May* (Annual Meeting), 19 June, 17 July*, 21 August, 18 September*, 16 October, 20 November* (budget & precept meeting), 18 December.
Starred meetings are 'must haves', others depend on whether there is any business to transact.
Councillors agreed to give this arrangement a trial.