

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2013

Present: Cllrs. M Jones (Chairman), D Lewis, S Powell, J Thomas, R Watkins

1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. R Shelton

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 20/06/2013: The Minutes, which had been circulated to all Councillors, were approved as being a true record & signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

- No approach has yet been made to Mr Rob Watkins concerning a possible permissive footpath to link with LR 994
- There has not been any further meeting with Canon Loat concerning the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Relief in Need Fund

4 Correspondence:

- A letter from Powys CC concerning Welsh Assembly grants for setting up a Council website was read. Cllr Shelton has agreed to set up a website free of charge which would be hosted by Wordpress at no charge. Therefore the Council does not need a grant for this purpose. However councillors suggested that it might be possible to use the money on offer to purchase a laptop which would be used by the clerk solely for Council business: the clerk was instructed to write to Powys CC to ask if this would be possible.
- A Thank You card from the Friends of Dolau School for the £500 grant was read.

5 Consideration of Planning Application P/2013/0666: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a two-storey extension at Glanyrafon Dolau Llandrindod Wells

Councillors were reminded that an application P/20110/0696 had been given approval in 2010: the new application was simply a change in design to reduce the building costs. Councillors decided that they had no comment to make.

6 Discussion of the possibility of setting up a properly constituted group to manage a Community Fund which could receive payments or contributions from developers of projects in the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community:

Cllr Powell had informed the Chairman that a Planning Application had been submitted to Powys CC for the construction and operation of a wind turbine on his land, and that the developer had indicated that he might make an annual contribution to a community fund. Following guidelines given in a Powys CC publication [Community Benefits from Wind Energy Development in Powys](#), the Chairman stated that there is a necessity to set up an organisation to manage a Community Fund. Such an organisation would have to decide for what purpose the funds would be used; who is eligible to benefit from the funds; how and when the funds would be distributed; how much would be allocated. There must be a clear separation between community benefits negotiations and the planning process, therefore the Community Council cannot be the organisation to negotiate with developers

The Chairman proposed that Mr Robert Kennard be asked to form a small group for this purpose: this was agreed unanimously

7 A.O.B.

Cllr Watkins reported that he had recently attended a meeting at which defibrillators were discussed and demonstrated. He stated that moves were afoot to have a defibrillator at hand in our community but he thought that the Council should take a lead in this matter. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mary Lomax to find out what progress she had made and to offer the help of the Council.

9 Date of next meeting: The next scheduled meeting will take place on 15th August 2013, commencing at 8pm