

# **Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), R Watkins, R Shelton, County Cllr H Lewis

**1 Apologies:** Cllr M Jones & Cllr S Powell

**2 Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014:**

- These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman

**3 Matters arising:**

- C Cllr H Lewis stated that a User group is to be set up with a representative from each of the groups, clubs or associations having an interest in byways. Members had asked for representatives from Community Councils to serve on the User group when issues affect their particular community. Work has started on one byway with volunteers digging ditches to drain flooded areas, contractors will start on the heavy lifting in December.
- Defibrillators: A letter was sent to Welsh Hearts immediately after the last meeting but no reply has been received. The Chairman reported that at a recent meeting the members of the DRA committee stated that they would be very happy for the box for a defibrillator to be placed on a wall of the Community Hall, and would be ready to meet with all concerned to discuss the positioning when the time was right.
- Planning application P/2014/0993 for Outline: dwelling adjacent to Greenfields: this application should have come to the Council with application P/2014/0994. The clerk stated that he had not suggested convening another Council meeting so soon after the last one because he assumed that councillors would prefer to wait for the Full application.

**4 Correspondence:**

- The clerk reported that Powys C C was consulting staff and users of the Library service about reduced hours in the next financial year.
- Councillors decided not to pay for a two-year laptop guarantee to follow on from the manufacturer's one-year guarantee which expires in December.
- Councillors decided not to give a grant to the organisers of the Urdd National Eisteddfod to be held in Caerphilly next year.
- Llanfihangel Rhydithon Relief in Need Charity: the clerk reported that the Rev Perrin had found papers relating to this charity in the Vicarage, including the vital Governing Document. In this document it is stated that there should be an ex-officio Trustee who should be the current Vicar, and two Nominative Trustees chosen by the Community Council. Cllr David Lewis, who was elected as a Trustee at the last meeting, will be one of the Nominative Trustees. Cllr R Watkins was duly proposed to be the second Nominative Trustee and was elected unanimously. Both Cllr Lewis and Cllr Watkins will serve for a maximum of four years. The clerk will send a revised application to HMRC for the Fund to be recognised as a charity for tax purposes.

**5 Adoption of a set of Standing Orders:**

- The clerk had, previous to the meeting, circulated a set of Standing Orders which he had found online and adapted to suit the Community Council. These were rigorously examined, after which a proposal by Cllr Shelton, seconded by Cllr Watkins, that they be adopted was passed without dissent.

## **6 Budget and Precept for 2014-15:**

- The clerk issued information about the anticipated income and expenditure for the current financial year which showed a possible current account surplus of £314 for the year end. However, he reminded councillors that the 'Election' fund stands at only £660 and suggested that £240 should be transferred from the current account to the Election fund to bring it up to the likely cost of the next Community Council election, if one was held. Councillors approved this suggestion.
- After further discussion councillors decided that the grant to the Dolau Recreation Association should be increased to £720 and the clerk's salary to £600. A precept of £1820 will be sought from Powys County Council.

## **7 Community Council meeting dates for 2015:**

- Councillors decided that the present pattern of holding meetings on the third Thursday of each month, except December, should be followed, i.e. **15<sup>th</sup> January**; 19<sup>th</sup> February; **19<sup>th</sup> March**; 16<sup>th</sup> April; **21<sup>st</sup> May (Annual Meeting)**; 18<sup>th</sup> June; **16<sup>th</sup> July**; 20<sup>th</sup> August; **17<sup>th</sup> September**; 15<sup>th</sup> October; **19<sup>th</sup> November (Budget & Precept meeting)**; **no meeting in December unless urgently needed.** Dates shown in **bold** are definite meeting dates: on the other dates, if there are no urgent matters to be considered, no meeting will be held.

**9 A.O.B:** None

**10 Date of next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015