

# **Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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

**1 Apologies:** None

**2 Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014:** These were read. A small change was made to record the Council's approval of Planning Application P/2014/0673, after which the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**3 Matters arising:**

- There was a discussion about Byways during which the question was asked: What change in the law would the County Council's Officers like to have? C Cllr Lewis said that he would refresh his memory on this subject and bring an answer to the next meeting.
- Hendy Wind Farm: The Chairman stated that he was disappointed that no documents had been sent for Councillors to read at the last meeting. It was suggested that there was such a mountain of material concerning this planning application that it would have been very expensive to give a set to all Community Councils. It was noted that the Planning Department used the Planning Portal for members of the public to download planning application documents, but the size of the files was so large that people in rural communities like Dolau could not download them easily due to the slow broadband speeds. The Clerk was instructed to request hard copies of future planning applications where appropriate.

**4 Correspondence:** None

**5 Llanfihangel Rhydithon Relief in Need Fund:**

The Clerk stated that he had met with Rev. Andrew Perrin and had given him all the information about the Fund which he had acquired from various sources, including the fact that there was a small quarterly income from an Investment account with COIF but no payments had been made for many years. The Clerk stated that the Community Council wished to purchase a defibrillator and box which would be placed on a wall of the Community Hall with open access. Andrew agreed that much of the cost could be met from the Fund for this community benefit. He agreed also to be a signatory to the Investment account.

**6 Annual Return of Accounts:**

BDO, the public auditor, has approved the Accounts subject to the value of the laptop and the noticeboards being recorded in the Assets part of Section 1 of the Annual Return. Yet again BDO asked why the Council has no Fidelity guarantee cover. The Clerk was instructed to state that the high cost of such cover far outweighed the very small risk of dishonesty on the part of the Council's one employee.

The Chairman and the Clerk signed Section 3 of the Annual Return.

**7 Dolau School: Report of the Council's representative on the Governing Body:**

Cllr Bufton reported that the Headteacher of the school is leaving at Christmas; that a part-time teacher has been taken on to enable the Headteacher to spend less time in the classroom; that there are 32 children on roll at the moment but this is expected to increase to 39 after Christmas.

**8 A.O.B.**

Cllr Jones suggested that an update should be requested from the Playgroup to whom money had

been given by the Community Council to enable it to stay open. Cllr Bufton stated that she would contact the Playgroup's leader and request a report.

**9 Date of next meeting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**