

# **Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), S Powell, J Thomas, R Watkins, County Cllr H Lewis

**1 Apologies:** Cllr M Jones; R Shelton

**2 Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014:** These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **3 Matters arising:**

- No reply has been received from Mr R Watkins to the letter sent to him regarding a possible Permissive Path across his land.

### **4 Correspondence:**

A number of items have been emailed to councillors since the last meeting: these were not discussed.

- A letter from Dolau Station Action Group requesting the Council to lobby Network Rail about the poor state of the new gate and the old wooden fencing at the Station was read. The Clerk was instructed to write an appropriate letter.
- A Sustainable Library Service for Powys Consultation -the document can be read at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/corporate/find-out-about-consultations-in-Powys/library-service-consultation-2014/>
- A letter was read from Brecon & Radnor Liberal Democrats inviting interested persons to meet Business Secretary Vince Cable at the Metropole Hotel on 27<sup>th</sup> August
- Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026: documents are available for public inspection at County Hall & The Gwalia on Mondays to Thursdays 8:30am – 5pm

### **5 Consideration of Planning applications:**

- **Application ref. P/2014/0672 for Full: Construct and operate 7 wind turbines with a maximum tip height 110m and maximum hub height of 69m together with ancillary development comprising substation, control building, new and upgraded access points and tracks, hardstanding and temporary compound and associated works at land off A44 SW of Llandegley Llandrindod** *Full details are available to view on the Council's website <http://planning.powys.gov.uk/portal>* A

A letter from a local resident was read in which he stated his opposition for a number of reasons to the generation of electricity using large wind turbines, but his support for water related methods (wave, tidal, river, etc). No consensus was reached during the ensuing discussion.

- **Application ref. P/2014/0673 for Full: Erection of a 10kW domestic wind turbine, 22.41m to blade tip and 18.77m to hub height at Round Buildings Llanbister Road Llandrindod** *Full details are available to view on the Council's website <http://planning.powys.gov.uk/portal>* Councillors decided to support this application.

### **6 Llanfihangel Rhydithon Relief in Need Fund:**

The Clerk stated that he had not yet made contact with the new Vicar, the Rev Andrew Perrin, concerning the Fund and the uses to which it could be used, but hoped to do so very soon.

### **7 Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014:**

No discussion since the audited accounts had not yet been returned by BDO.

## **8 A.O.B.**

- The Chairman and C. Cllr H Lewis gave a brief report of a meeting they attended concerning the Byway between Dolau and Water -Break-Its- Neck. Powys County Council has a legal duty to maintain this road, which is one of many Byways in Powys. The Council has been taken to Court by one persistent complainant, who has a lot of financial backing, but the Court ruled in favour of the Council after hearing about the Council's maintenance strategy on a limited budget. The complainant is taking his case to the Crown Court where it will be heard in September. The Council's Officers stated that the complainant thought he was on strong legal grounds: they suggested that a change in the law is badly needed and urged all interested parties to lobby AMs and MPs for such a change. Councillors asked the Chairman and the Clerk to write to our representatives to solicit their help in this matter.

**9 Date of next meeting:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014