

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held in the Community Hall on Thursday 13th December 2017

Present: Cllr D Lewis (Chairman), K Bufton, E Newman, R Shelton, R Thomas, R Watkins, R Stuart-Lyon

Also present: Ms Pam Evans, Mrs Sue Brookes, Mr John Thomas

1 Apologies for absence: County Cllr H Lewis

2 Declarations of interest: Cllr Thomas declared that he had been in conversation with the Pam Evans with regard to her Planning Application.

3 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2017:

These Minutes, which had been previously circulated to all the councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters arising from the above Minutes: None

5 Correspondence

- **Citizens Advice Bureau - request for financial assistance:** The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with CAB, and so too had the clerk, but promised material for noticeboards had not been delivered.
- **British Red Cross – request for financial assistance:** It was agreed that the Council would not support this organisation but would fund a group nearer to home, such as The East Radnor Day Centre.
- **Mud on roads:** A reminder of the Law reminding farmers of their obligations had been sent to all councillors prior to this meeting.

6 Reports from Representatives:

- **Cllr K Bufton – Governing Body for Dolau Primary School:** Cllr Bufton stated that there was very little to add to her last report. Recent activities had been centred around preparations for Christmas. The clerk reported that he had sent a congratulatory letter to the Headteacher as requested by the Council at the last meeting.
- **Cllr D Lewis - Dolau Recreation Association Committee:** The committee was considering using grant money from Welsh Assembly Government to replace, if possible, leaking Fire Doors and, after April next year, to use a second grant to update the kitchen and replace curtains. Arrangements for social events such as Flicks in the Sticks (Stix) and Carols around the Tree were being made.

7 To consider Planning Application P/2017/1389 for Outline: Application((with all matters reserved) for erection of 3 detached dwellings, formation of vehicular access, installation of septic tank and all associated works at Land adjoining The Manse, Tanhouse, Dolau, Llandrindod Wells

The Chairman asked each councillor individually in turn to express their thoughts regarding this application. Also, he invited the applicant, Mrs Pam Evans, to add her comments.

Then he asked the three members of the public to leave the room

After further deliberation, councillors decided that they could **not** support this Application for four reasons:

- The land is outside both the old and the proposed new Development Plans, both of which had been the subjects of detailed consideration in the past;
- They did not think that the land could be regarded as an Infill site, which is one of the criteria for possibly allowing development outside the Development Area;
- There are well-recorded drainage issues regarding the land on which the dwellings would be built: this development would greatly exacerbate the situation
- Planning permission was granted in 2012 for 10 dwellings and associated sewage works on the opposite side of the road to the proposed development. But, other than an entry splay, no building has taken place. The 2012 development would provide some affordable housing and the proposed sewage works would benefit not only the 10 dwellings but also the dwellings in Maes View, where cesspits have to be emptied frequently, would be connected to it.

8 Finance:

The clerk issued a spreadsheet showing the Receipts & Payments to date, together with the expected R & P to the year end. After studying the figures, councillors decided the following:

• Grant to DRA	£1500	Increased from £1320 in 2017/18
• Other grants and subscriptions	£100	Was £87
• Clerk's salary	£850	No change
• Audit fee	c£150	Was £141.75
• Office expenses	c£50	No change
• Unexpected payments	c£200	£185
• Transfer to savings a/c	c£250	To top up the future elections account
Total	£3100	£2917

It was decided that the Precept should be £3150, the same as for the current year.

9 Any Other Business (at Chairman's discretion)

In response to a request from the Chairman, Dyfed-Powys Police Records have provided the following information relating to road accidents/speeding during the time period 1st January 2007 to present day:

Between **Dolau and Monaughty A488: 29 damage only** road traffic collisions recorded
On the road stretch **1.6km north east and 1.6km south west of the Llanfihangel Church : 12 Injury** road traffic collisions recorded.
On the A488 in Powys between 01/01/2010 and 23/10/2017: 3 Speeding offences recorded.

10 Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th January 2018