

# **Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council**

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held in the Community Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

**Present:** Cllr D Lewis (Chair), E Newman, R Shelton, R Stuart-Lyon, R Thomas, R Watkins

**Also present:** County Cllr H Lewis, Mr Mark Lumb, Mr Douglas Lumley

**1 Apologies for absence:** No absentee councillors but Mr Carl Watkins (see below) was unable to attend

**2 Declarations of interest:** None

**3 Appointment of new co-opted member:** Three persons, Mr M Lumb, Mr D Lumley and Mr C Watkins had expressed an interest in being co-opted.

The Chair read an email from Mr Carl Watkins in which he gave a brief description of himself and his activities in the community. Then he invited Mr Lumley and Mr Lumb to address the meeting, giving information about themselves and their reasons for standing for co-option. They were asked if they had seen the Council's website, both said they had, and what changes were needed in Dolau. Mr Lumb commented that there is a lack of highly-skilled jobs in the area.

The Chair proposed that the successful applicant be selected by ballot: this proposal was passed without dissent.

After two rounds of voting, Mr Carl Watkins was selected to fill the Casual Vacancy.

**4 Appointment of Vice-Chair:** Cllr Richard Watkins

**5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018:** The Minutes, which had previously been circulated to councillors, were approved and signed by the Chair.

**6 Matters arising from the above Minutes:**

- The Dolau Recreation Association has yet to decide details concerning a new hearing loop in the Hall

**7 Correspondence:** The Clerk stated that all correspondence he had received by email had been forwarded to councillors.

## **8 Report from County Cllr H Lewis: Powys County Council:**

- He stated that a site meeting with Lee Stephens, Highways Manager Mid, at Craffryn Lane had revealed that three trees need attention because they are partially blocking the road. The landowner has been notified by letter.
- After inspecting Church Lane, Mr Stephens stated that no work was needed.

## **9 Reports from representatives:**

- **Dolau Recreation Association:** No recent meeting
- **Governing Body of the L.R. Primary School:** No recent meeting

## **10 Highways matters: double white lines on A488 through Dolau:**

- Cllr Newman reported that she had written to Jo Lancey at Powys County Council's Highways department sending details written in the Community Council's meetings in August and September 2013 concerning meetings with Mr Alan Davies, the then Transportation & Development Engineer. At these meetings, double white lines and other safety measures for the A488 where it passes through Dolau had been discussed. In her reply, Jo Lancey declared that the work carried out by Alan Davies has been lost. She went on to state that she could not give a definitive date when the works will be completed but it is on the list of works to be carried out. Details are appended to these Minutes.

## **11 Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council Finance:**

- Bank balances: Current a/c £1,625.01, Money Manager a/c £1,210.72
- The clerk reported that he received requests for information from the public auditor concerning the accounts for the 2017-18. He gave answers but has not received any comeback or final approval of the accounts yet.

## **12 Any Other Business (At Chairman's discretion):**

- **Opportunity for members of the public to raise issues concerning the community:** None raised.
- Cllr Newman gave a handout to councillors concerning her attendance at meetings of One Voice Wales. In it she stated that there will be a meeting in Talgarth in September concerning road and speeding issues to which the Chief Constable, Police Commissioner, Powys CC Head of Highways and a representative from the Highways Agency have been invited. A later meeting will include a discussion around a lengthsman scheme and the possible benefits there are for small councils to have a lengthsman.
- Cllr Newman asked if the telephone box near the junction of the A488 and the old main road is still in use. The Chair stated that he thought it was.

## **13 Date of next meeting:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September

R K J Trend  
Clerk/RFO