

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held in the Community Hall on Thursday 17th January 2019

Present: Cllrs D Lewis (Chair), R Watkins (Vice Chair), E Newman, R Thomas, C Watkins, R Shelton, County Cllr H Lewis

1 Apologies for absence: R Stuart-Lyon

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th November 2018, which had been circulated to all councillors with the agenda, were approved and signed by the Chair

4 Matters arising from the above Minutes

- A few days after the November meeting, Councillors met on site regarding Planning Application 18/0176/Full. The applicant showed the positions of the proposed buildings and answered councillors' questions. The Council was aware that some inhabitants have concerns regarding the impact on them of the proposed holiday buildings. After the applicant had left, the councillors considered the application and decided that the impact on local people would be small. They decided to support the application, subject to satisfactory resolution of the access and visibility issues raised by Powys Highways Department.

5 Correspondence:

- Letter from the secretary of the Dolau Recreation Association thanking the Community Council for agreeing to give a grant of £500 towards the cost of updating the Hearing Loop in the Community Hall.

6 Report from County Cllr H Lewis: Powys County Council.

- Cllr Lewis spoke at some length of the arguments and discussions which had taken place at County Council meetings regarding the increase in the Council Tax for 2019-2020. It was suggested that an increase of 10% would probably be needed to cover the County Council's statutory duties, one of which would be providing improved Children's Services. There was some amusement when Cllr Lewis said that one suggestion was to reduce the use of street lights: our community has just two lamps!
- Cllr Lewis reported that he had received a copy of a letter, accompanied by a number of photographs, written by Mrs Stephanie Streat concerning the condition of Church Lane. He stated that he had forwarded it on to Stephen Smith, the Area Manager (Mid), and Adrian Jervis, Acting Head of Highways. Mr Smith replied earlier this week to inform the councillor that a gang was sent to assess the condition of the lane and address any areas that were deemed dangerous. Cllr Lewis was informed that the supervisor for that area has been instructed to think about putting the lane in for capital works in the future. The Community Councillors were pleased to be told that action might be taken soon, but will believe it when it happens.

7 Reports from representatives:

- **Dolau Recreation Association:** The Chairman reported that funding was available to build a new ceiling with LED lights in the Hall, and to revamp the kitchen.
- **Governing Body of the L.R. Primary School:** The Headteacher has received quotes for transporting six pupils and three adults to the House of Commons. Also, he has sought an Arts Council grant, but this was rejected because the visit would be taking place outside Wales.
- School bank opens soon with Red Kite Credit Union, encouraging children, parents, staff and community to be lifelong savers

8 Community Council Finance:

- Bank balances; Current a/c £3,613:01; Money Manager a/c £1,211.69.
- The clerk stated that, having taken account of certain payments to be made before the end of the financial year, he expected the current account balance to be about £609, which would be £6 less than that at the start of the year.

9 Discussion regarding traffic passing through Dolau on A488:

- Cllr Newman requested this discussion because she is concerned that foolish drivers/bikers are tempted to overtake close to the junction with the road to the station. She would like double white solid lines to be painted on the road, linking the double lines around the bends near Brook House and those near the Church.
- In advance of the meeting, County Cllr Lewis consulted Tony Caine (CSP – Highways Technical) who sent an email to him, part of which is written below:
- *The lining system would need the approval of the Police as the enforcing authority. Early discussions with the police have indicated that there are no issues at this location, but they are going to check with a local PC to confirm. In considering the change we will take regard to national standards issued by the Department of Transport.*
- *Changing centre lining systems is not always simple, as it is not easy to remove existing lining to a good enough standard without incurring high costs for either specialist treatment or planing and repatching the central area. Therefore, given this and the absence of any data to suggest that overtaking is causing collisions, it is decided that the centre markings should, if deemed appropriate and agreed by the Police, wait until this section of highway is resurfaced, allowing the double solid lines to be marked on the new surface.*

10 Any Other Business: None

11 Date of next meeting: 21 March 2019, unless an earlier meeting was required.