

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council in the Community Hall on Thursday 19th September 2019

Present: Cllrs R Watkins (Chairman), E Newman, R Shelton, R Thomas

1 Apologies for absence: Cllrs D Lewis & R Stuart-Lyon

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 20 June 2019:

The Minutes, which had been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2019:

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

5 Matters arising from the above Minutes:

- Cllr Thomas stated that he was not aware that any meeting of the Governors of the School had been held. The clerk apologised to Cllr Thomas stating that he had not informed the Chair of the Governors of the change of the Council's representative.
- The Chairman and the clerk were thanked for providing a new gate and fence for the Playschool group.
- BT Payphone Box: BT has promised to repair faults but has not done so. It was suggested that the clerk write to BT asking for the box be brought back into service, and pointing out that it is very close to a main road where accidents might take place.

6 Correspondence:

- The clerk read a letter of thanks from R A B I thanking the Council for the monetary contribution which was sent after the last meeting
- The clerk read part of a letter from County Councillor Rosemarie Harris stating that the County Council was considering how it can continue to deliver its vision for Powys within the resources it expected to have. To this end, the Community Council was asked to consider four questions regarding the County Council's budgetary position: The reply to the question *Which council services do you value the most* was **Waste Collection because it is used by everyone**; to the question *Thinking about the whole county which services do you feel are most important* the reply was **Education and Social Services**; to the question *What ideas do you have about how the Council can deliver services differently* the suggestions were that **Social Services and Health Care should be combined** and **the Welsh Government should fund schools directly**; to the question requesting other comments **councillors expressed concern that Capital cannot be used for Revenue.**

7 Reports from representatives:

- **Dolau Recreation Association:**
- Cllr Newman reported that the DRA has a number of events coming up, the first being the Scarecrow Festival which is well supported as Dolau has scarecrows around of all description.

- More Flicks in the Sticks are booked.
- Funds remain good at £28K, with final bills and perhaps more grant aid coming in for the refurbishment project.
- The Friends of Dolau School are to ask Powys County Council if they can make access behind the Portacabin to the Hall's Committee Room without users walking through the playground.
- Councillors passed on thanks to the DRA Committee for organising the Scarecrow festival.

9 Community Council Finance:

- Bank balances: Current a/c £3013.89; Money Manager a/c £1213.33
- The Robert Owen Bank has paid interest of £195 on the two-year investment account opened in March last year. In February 2020 the Council will have to decide whether to withdraw the investment or renew it.

10 Any Other Business (At Chairman's discretion): None

11 Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th October 2019, or earlier if needed

R K J Trend
Clerk/RFO