

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council in the Community Hall on Thursday 16th January 2020

Present: R Watkins (Chair), E Newman, R Stuart-Lyon, R Shelton

1 Apologies for absence: Cllrs R Thomas, C Watkins Cllr D Lewis arrived ten minutes late and apologised for not being on time.

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019 were read, approved and signed by the Chair

4 Matters arising from the above Minutes:

- The clerk reported that he had met with the Headteacher, Mr Shearman, and the Chair of the Governor, Mrs K Bufton. Mrs Bufton put forward a strong case for the Council's representative to the Governing Body serving for four years, as the other Governors do, but neither she nor Mr Spearman considered this to be obligatory, just desirable.

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5 Correspondence:

- Brecknock & Radnor Sports Partnership's request for financial assistance: Councillors decided not give a grant
- Planning Inspectorate meeting on 23rd January at the Royal Show Ground: Apart from Cllr Newman, who had previously expressed a wish to attend, no other councillors came forward. The clerk stated that he would go to this important meeting.
- Wales & VE Day - 8th May 2020: A copy of circular sent by the Pageantmaster to One Voice Wales was given to each of the councillors in the meeting. The clerk was asked to send copies to the Headteacher of the school, the DRA and the Womens' Institute
- Operation London Bridge: The clerk explained that this related to how the death of the Queen would be dealt with in Britain, and our community in particular. For example, there might be a Book of Remembrance for villagers to sign. If someone comes forward with a plan, the Council will make a financial contribution to any costs involved.
- email from BT concerning the public telephone box at Tanhouse: Cllr Shelton, who has been responsible for getting BT to restore the box, asked that a notice be put upon the village noticeboards and in The Trumpet to make people aware that telephone calls can now be made from the box.

6 Reports from representatives:

- Dolau Recreation Association: Cllr Newman reported that the AGM will take place next Thursday. A long discussion took place in Council regarding the defibrillator and the running costs associated with it. It was decided to ask the DRA to accept responsibility for it with ongoing costs being shared by the Community Council.
- Governing Body of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Primary School: Cllr D Lewis reported that there had not been a recent meeting.

7 Community Council Finance:

- Bank balances: Community a/c £4,074.14; Money Manager a/c £1,214.15
- Recent transactions: the last tranche of the precept, £1,200, went into the main account on 31st December 2019.
- The main outgoings between now & 31st March will be the grant to the Dolau Recreation Association £1,600 (if the Association has had its accounts passed by their auditor); the clerk's salary £900 (if which £180 will go the taxman); the clerk's expenses (currently £ 126.37): Total £2,626.37, leaving a balance of £1,447.77 in the current account if no other payments are demanded..
- The £13,000 invested with the Robert Owen Community Bank will mature on 20th March 2020, when interest of £195 will be paid. The clerk was asked to find out what rate of interest would be given if the Council reinvested the £13,000 in March.

9 Any Other Business (At Chairman's discretion):

- The clerk reported that no-one has contacted him regarding becoming the Clerk. It was suggested that the Editor of the Trumpet should be asked to publish again the advertisement for a new Clerk, but with a raised salary of £1,000.
- Now that the Tanhouse public telephone box is usable, it was suggested that the Editor of The Trumpet should be asked to insert a short statement that the public can use the facility to make telephone calls.

10 Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th March 2020, or earlier if needed

R K J Trend
Clerk/RFO