

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council in the Community Hall on Thursday 20th September 2018

Present: Cllrs.R Watkins (Vice Chair), E Newman, R Shelton, R Stuart-Lyon, R Thomas and County Cllr H Lewis

1 Apologies for absence: Cllr D Lewis (Chair) and C Watkins

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd August 2018, which had been circulated to all councillors, were approved and signed by the Vice Chair.

4 Matters arising from the above Minutes: None

5 Correspondence:

- **Outline Findings and Recommendations of the Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils in Wales:** copies of this document were issued to all councillors present to peruse at leisure. Cllr Newman stated that some of the recommendations had been adopted already.
- **Restrictive Covenants survey:** This survey concerns council houses previously sold under the right to buy scheme and which had a covenant attached restricting sale to persons who had lived or worked locally for three years. Councillors agreed that the present policy, which states that ex council houses which become vacant should be offered for sale to people, who have lived and worked locally for at least three years, should be continued.
- **Dolau BT Telephone Box:** Cllr Shelton stated that he had sent an email to BT stating that all the telephony equipment was present in the box but there appeared to be a fault on the line. BT had responded to say the line was faulty and an order had been placed for its repair. Today he has sent a reminder to BT. The box, a 1950's Gilbert Scott design, is in a very poor state: it is very difficult to even open the door! Also, Cllr Shelton stated strongly that, in his opinion, the Council should not consider purchasing the box, which is a listed building and would require permanent maintenance and third-party insurance, no matter the purpose for which it was acquired.
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6 Report from County Cllr H Lewis: Powys County Council: Cllr Lewis spoke briefly about the problems caused by vehicles being driven at over 30mph on the road from the A488 to Dolau Level Crossing in spite of there being speed restriction signs. A member of the Highways staff had stated that 30mph roundels could be painted on the road surface: councillors agreed that this would be a good idea.

7 Reports from representatives:

- **Dolau Recreation Association:** Cllr Lewis informed the clerk prior to the meeting that the DRA is in the process of asking for more quotes for replacement of the hearing loop in the Community Hall

- **Governing Body of the L.R. Primary School:** Cllr Lewis informed the clerk prior to the meeting that a party of between 15 and 20 children and adults would like to visit the House of Commons sometime in November. The clerk stated that financial assistance towards travel costs, which would be between £19 and £21 per person, could be given by the Council: he was asked to write to the headteacher to this effect.

8 Community Council Finance: Bank balances: current a/c £2,663.01, Money Manager a/c £1,210.87. The last tranche of the precept, £1,050, will be paid to the Council on 31st December 2018. The clerk stated that he had made two minor mistakes with the accounts submitted to the Public Auditor. Notices will be posted on the community notice boards showing Grant Thornton's qualified audit report which states the errors and the corrections, and when and where community members may obtain, inspect or take a copy of the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Certificate and Report.

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

- **Opportunity for members of the public to raise issues concerning the community:** No members of the public present.

13 Date of next meeting: Possibly Thursday 18th October if needed, otherwise Thursday 15th November.

R K J Trend
Clerk/RFO