

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held via Zoom on Thursday 21st January 2021 commencing at 7:45pm.

Present: Cllrs R Watkins (Chair,) E Newman, R Shelton, R Stuart-Lyon, D Lewis, C Watkins. County Cllr Hywel Lewis

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. The minutes of the meeting held 8 December were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arisen from the minutes.

5. Correspondence:

- Letter received from DRA asking the Council on thoughts to the building of an outdoor play area in the village. After discussion it was agreed that the Council fully support the initiative.
- There was no update to give on the sewage treatment works issues at Maes View.

6. Highways:

- Missing milestone - A police report incident number has been obtained. Cllr Newman prepared an awareness report for the papers.
- Dangerous trees near Underhill Farm - This has been reported - No update.
- Drains- Several reports of Drains and ditches blocked. Blocked drains reported to PCC by Cllr Lyon. C Cllr H Lewis recommended reports should be made via the PCC website. Recommended that in future residents report direct to PCC via the website.

7: Reports from Representatives:

- Dolau Recreation Association: Cllr Newman reported that the DRA had recently met via zoom. The new side entrance to the hall is making good progress. No mention as to when the Hall would open again. Reported the boiler in the hall isn't running correctly.
- Governing Body of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Primary School: Cllr D Lewis reported that at present there are 37 children in the school and 1 more due to start. The School is currently closed and all teaching is done online. There are 3 children attending school from key workers. One member of teaching staff is due to start her maternity leave from beginning of February.

8. Community Council Finance:

Community Council Finances;

- Bank Balances – Current balance in account £3,914.09
- Recent transactions – No recent bank transactions
- Confirmation of grant sum to DRA for 2020 - No record that the grant for 2020 has been given, it was for £1700. We are unable to pay until the DRA send a copy of their audited accounts.
- 2021/22 Draft budget for consideration – Members considered the draft budget proposals prepared by the Clerk and detailed in the Agenda.
 - The Grant to the DRA - It was proposed that the grant for 2021/22 to the DRA should increase to £1800. This was proposed by Cllr R Lyon and seconded by Cllr C Watkins
 - Audit fee - The audit fee has increased significantly. Members were concerned that this now represented approximately 10% of the Council's annual expenditure
 - Councillors expenses – All Councillors confirmed that they did not intend to claim expenses in the 2021/22 financial year.

- The following budget was agreed for 2021/22

Grant to DRA	£1800
Other grants and subscriptions	£ 100
Clerks Salary	£1000
Councillors expenses	NIL
Audit fee	£ 400
Office expenses	£ 50
Unexpected payments	£ 100
Transfer to savings	NIL
Insurance	<u>£ 250</u>
TOTAL	<u>£3700</u>

(Contingency budget to be taken from balance carried forward from 2020/21 account)

- Precept amount of £3700 agreed by all councillors. Proposed by Cllr R Shelton. Seconded by Cllr D Lewis

9. Planning application:

[20/2060/RES](#) | Application for reserved matters following the approval of P/2017/1389 for the erection of a dwelling and associated works – Plot 2 Land Adjoining, The Manse Dolau Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5TW

- This was fully supported.

10. Any other business:

- Covid vaccinations- we appreciate all the work that is being done.

11. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 18th March 2021

D Price Clerk, Clerk LRCC