

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Wednesday 24th November 2021** at 7pm in Dolau Community Hall.

Minutes

Present- Cllrs R S Lyon (chair), E Newman, D Lewis, C Watkins, R Shelton, R Thomas. Also present was County Councillor H Lewis via a zoom link plus one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllr. Richard Watkins

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2021 were read and agreed. Proposed by D Lewis and seconded by E Newman. These were signed by the chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes - None.

5. Correspondence

Email received regarding the sewage plant serving Maes View. After much discussion it was decided that this was in the hands of Powys County Council and progress was being made. Electricity was now connected to the plant.

6. Highways

Cllr E Newman spoke about the ongoing problems re: white lines. It was noted temporary signs have been erected and it was thought that the County Council will be in the area correcting double white lines near The Craffryn bends. County Cllr H Lewis spoke regarding the matter and stated that the lines around the Church bend had been repainted in the same style as before the resurfacing works. Concerns still exist regarding the markings through Dolau and the Clerk was asked to draft a letter to Powys Highways for the attention of Jo Lancey.

7. Reports from representatives.

DRA - Cllr E Newman reported that there has not been a recent DRA meeting.

School Governing body - Cllr D Lewis will report under item 9.

One Voice Wales - Cllr E Newman attended the meeting with Powys County Council. Rosemary Harris leader of the County Council was in attendance along with other high profile members of the Council. Builth Wells Council brought up the subject of the proposed closure of Dolau School to which Cllr E Newman was then able to ask questions relating to the closure. Dr Caroline Turner was asked questions regarding

Dolau School by Cllr E Newman. Cllr E Newman also reported that the planning issues regarding the Hendy project at Llandegley were raised. A lot of support from people attending the meeting was given to Dolau School.

8. Community Council Finances

1. Bank Balances – as of 3 November 2021

- Current account - £ 3,507.68.
- Money manager -£ 1,215.31

2. Recent Transactions

Current account paid in on the 31 Sept 2021 - £1,233 precept. The purchase of a £50 gift voucher for the former clerk was still outstanding.

3. Confirm charity grants for 2021/22

It was noted no charity grants apart from the DRA were given last year due to covid. For the current year the following grants were considered and approved :

- DRA - £1,800
- RABI Brecon & Radnor - £25 Agreed to support, proposed by Cllr E Newman seconded by Cllr D Lewis.
- East Radnor Day Centre Presteigne - £50 Agreed to support, proposed by Cllr Rob Shelton seconded by Cllr Richard Thomas.
- Wales Air Ambulance - £50 Agreed to support, proposed by Cllr R Thomas seconded by Cllr D Lewis.
- Llandrindod Wells & Area Twinning Association* - £50 Agreed to support, proposed by Cllr C Watkins seconded by Cllr D Lewis.

*Cllr R. Shelton declared an interest as a Committee Member of Llandrindod Wells and Area Twinning Association

It was agreed to keep some finances back for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The clerk to pay the above charities.

4. Confirm DRA grant - £1800 This was agreed at the meeting held on the 21st January 2021.

5. Confirm 2020/2021 accounts as amended after May meeting (copy attached) be approved for submission to the internal auditor.

Wales Audit Office has not presented the cheque for £377.25 cheque number 100513. The Clerk reported that he had not received Wales Audit Return form which will need to be approved by the Council at a future meeting.

6. Budget and precept for 2022/23 financial year.

Budget for 2022-23

	Budget	
	2021-22	2022-23
Grant to DRA	£1800	£1800
Other grants and subscriptions	£ 100	£ 100
Clerks Salary	£1000	£1000
Councillors expenses @ £150 per member	NIL	£1050
Audit fee	£ 400	£ 400
Office expenses	£ 50	£ 50
Unexpected payments	£ 100	£ 100
Transfer to savings	NIL	NIL
Insurance	<u>£ 250</u>	<u>£ 250</u>
Total	<u>£3700</u>	<u>£4750</u> *

* Contingency budget to be taken from balance carried forward from 2021/22 account

Councillors expenses to be accounted for 2022-23 as an election is due in May 2022

Expenditure for the election to be funded from reserves

Agreed that the precept be set at £4,750 for 2022/23 financial year.

7. Members considered for approval of a draft Financial Risk Assessment & Management statement for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (copy attached)

Members noted this included safeguards for the proposed new BACS payment systems. The need for fidelity insurance was discussed and it was considered the risk was minimal and fidelity insurance was not required. Adoption of the draft statement was proposed by Cllr R Shelton seconded by Cllr David Lewis. All agreed except Cllr. E Newman requested the Clerk to seek further guidance from One Voice Wales regarding fidelity insurance.

9. Proposed school closure.

Cllr D Lewis gave a brief report and the possibility that the objections could not be discussed until January 8th. The Legal team have been approached and are confident that they have a positive case. Small Schools are very capable to teach the new curriculum. No children have left the school.

County Cllr Lewis spoke to say that he had been in touch with James Evans MS. It was also stated that nothing has come back from the public service ombudsman.

10. Any other business.

1.Clerk to apply for a dispensation to Powys for the members of the DRA and school governing body.

2. The recent report into the St Harmon Council was brought to the Council's attention.

Date of next meeting.

16 December (Provisional) / 20 January 2022

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date : 16 December 2021