

## Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

### *Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire*

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021** at 8pm in Dolau Community Hall.

### **Minutes**

Present- Cllrs R S Lyon (chair), E Newman, D Lewis, R Watkins, R Shelton

The Clerk was absent due to a recent accident and admission to hospital. Cllr. R Shelton was asked to act as Clerk for the meeting and he agreed. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to be sent to Dan Price (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllrs. Carl Watkins and Richard Thomas. County Cllr H Lewis

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were read and agreed. Proposed by Cllr D Lewis and seconded by Cllr E Newman. The minutes were signed by the chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes - A number of questions regarding progress of matters discussed at the last meeting will be raised with the Clerk at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

- Two letters received from Welsh Government. Letter dated 24 November 2021 giving details of the Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972- Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2022-23 & letter dated 13 December 2021 regarding Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) regulations 2021. These were noted.
- Notice received from Powys County Council asking for feedback on its first draft climate strategy. A draft copy of *Red Kite Climate Vision and Strategy* is available to view online until 7 January, and the council would welcome feedback and suggestions for further contributions toward the future of climate action in Powys.

## 6. Highways

Nothing to report.

## 7. Reports from representatives.

*DRA* – It was reported that DRA had secured grant c£10,000 towards the cost of an external play area. A site had been identified at Tanhouse Chapel in the area previously occupied by the Chapel Tea Room and approval in principle had been given by the Chapel Elders. Details of lease agreements, insurance, maintenance etc still to be drawn up.

*School Governing body* - Cllr D Lewis reported that the supporters of Dolau School had raised over £20,000 at a very successful fundraising auction. This will be used to pay legal costs in the fight to challenge Powys CC Cabinet resolution to close the school. Over 270 letters of objection to this resolution had been sent to Powys CC in the second stage of consultation.

Powys CC Cabinet are due to consider the objections at an unknown date in February 2022.

In accordance with Covid 19 restrictions the School children had performed a successful Christmas Concert which was recorded on DVD for parents and family members to view.

## 8. Community Council Finances

1. Bank Balances – In absence of the Clerk nothing to report
2. Recent Transactions – In absence of the Clerk nothing to report
3. Annual Audit - The Audit Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 had been received and completed. This was examined and agreed correct and signed by the Chairman.

## 9. Planning Application

*Application No: 21/2072/FUL* *Erection of a roof structure over an existing cattle feeding yard – Cilmaenowydd LD1 5UH.* All members were in favour and supported the application.

## 10. Platinum Jubilee Bonfire

Cllr David Lewis reported that he had spoken with Ieuan Thomas (Tynywain) regarding the proposal to have a village Jubilee Beacon on Llysen Hill. Ieuan was keen to assist and as tenant will liaise with his landlord. Members agreed that the Council would cover any reasonable additional costs for insurance should they be demanded.

Cllr Elizabeth Newman reported that she is seeking quotations for a bespoke wrought iron Beacon brazier that might be an appropriate memorial to commemorate the Jubilee.

Cllr Rob Shelton suggested that 70 trees (one for each year) might be planted around the village. Landowners adjoining the major roads would need to be consulted and possibly the Highway authority if planting on the road verge. It was suggested Mike Reynolds be asked for advice / assistance in drawing up a plan for future consideration. This suggestion was fully supported.

11. Any other business. No matters were raised.

Date of next meeting - 20 January 2022 8.00pm

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date :