

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Thursday 17th February 2022** at 7.30pm in Dolau Community Hall.

Minutes

Present- Cllrs E Newman, R Watkins, R Shelton, C Watkins & 2 members of the public.

Present via zoom- Cllr D Lewis and County Cllr H Lewis

The Chairman and vice chairman were absent and gave apologies, Cllr R Watkins was proposed to chair the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllrs R S Lyon, R Thomas

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 were read and agreed. Proposed Cllr E Newman all agree. The minutes were signed by the stand in chair.

4. Correspondence

- Email received from the DRA regarding funding available for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations-this was discussed under agenda item 'jubilee celebrations'
- Email received from Dolau School action group asking for attendance at their demonstration in the school grounds. This was well attended.
- Leaflet received from James Evans MS- This was shown to the Councillors.
- HOWTLA newsletter- present for all Councillors to view.

5. Highways

- Cllr E Newman reported that the drain near Dolau House needs to be cleared. It was agreed that it needed to be reported to Powys County Council.

6. Reports from representatives.

DRA – It was reported that DRA had recently held their AGM where the chairperson was re-elected. They are looking for an assistant secretary to help with the work load of the DRA- A report has been forwarded to the trumpet magazine. The DRA wish to meet with the Community Council to discuss plans for the Jubilee.

School Governing body - Cllr D Lewis to give report under the agenda item 'School closure'

7. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

After a lot of discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would apply for a grant to hold the celebrations over the bank holiday. Cllr D Lewis has agreed with the landowner that the beacon can take place on the Thursday evening. Cllr R Shelton proposed that instead of planting 70 memorable trees it would be easier and more beneficial if 7 larger more established trees were planted. Cllr R Shelton had approached Jason who has made previous commemorative mugs for the village, Jason cannot make mugs for this Jubilee. Cllr E Newman agreed to source mugs.

Cllr E Newman was concerned that as a community Council we were not insured to hold events. Cllr E Newman made it aware that the Community Council does not currently hold any insurance.

It was proposed that a community meeting should be held on Monday 28th February 2022 at 7.30pm to discuss what events the Community would like to see happen.

8. Llanfihangel Rhydithon proposed School closure

Cllr D Lewis reported that the cabinet had decided to go ahead with the proposed closure, Cllr Lewis praised County Cllr H Lewis for his passionate speaking during the cabinet meeting.

Cllr D Lewis informed the Council that the School Governing body was very confident and positive that the school would remain open.

The school governing body had a very positive meeting with the legal team and it was hoped that the court battle would commence in the next few months.

A fantastic protest meeting was held at the school on a very wet Sunday morning, this gained positive press.

Cllr D Lewis was overall positive that the school would remain open and thanked everyone for their continued support.

9. Dark skies programme

Cllr E Newman attended a meeting recently with other interested parties. It was thought that the project would improve tourism in the area. There will also grants available for schools and other organisations if successful. The area group will meet again in the next few months.

11. Community Council Finances.

Bank balances;

Current account- £4,730.68

Money manager- £1215.35

There were no recent transactions.

HSBC are now charging £5 per month for charity accounts- It was decided to accept these charges and continue to bank with HSBC. All agreed.

There is currently an un-presented cheque number 100513 for Audit Wales amounting to £377.25

12. Local Elections

The clerk made Councillors aware that the local elections are due to take place on the 5th May.

13. Planning

None received

14. Any other business

2 members of the public spoke regarding the Queens Jubilee and would like to support the organisation of the events.

Date of next meeting- Thursday March 17th

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Signed

Chairman