

# Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council which was held on **Thursday 27th October** and started at 7.45pm

Present- Cllrs R S Lyon (Chair), R Shelton, D Lewis, R Thomas, E Newman and County Councillor D Edwards.

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllrs C Watkins & R Watkins

2. Declarations of interest; None

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022 These were read and proposed as correct by Cllr R Shelton and seconded by Cllr D Lewis. All agreed

4. The only matter arising from the minutes- one Councillor raised concerns over the planning comments that were submitted and expressed a view that members who had declared an interest might have offered helpful information to inform the debate. The Chairman asked the Clerk to seek advice from One Voice Wales over the issue of Members being allowed to speak having declared interest when debating planning matters.

5. Correspondence:

- Email received regarding the URDD Eisteddfodd asking for support- it was agreed that we should support this event with a donation of £50. All agreed that we should be supporting the use of the Welsh language and the aims and objectives of the URDD.
- The Nant Mithil project had sent feedback questionnaires regarding their recent public events. A link to the form is on our website.
- Email regarding the recommended amendments to the model financial regulations- all agreed the Council's financial regulations be reviewed and amendments considered. It was also agreed to explore further into the use of internet banking.

6. Highways

Cllr E Newman reported that several drains between the church corner and vicarage needed clearing.

7. Dark skies

Cllr E Newman reported that this was an ongoing project and were still investigating.

8. DRA report

Cllr E Newman reported that at the recent meeting the BBQ had not been gifted to the DRA (please see item 10). The DRA were also looking into a grant for solar panels for the Hall. They also have a full program of events planned to suit all ages.

9. School update

Cllr D Lewis reported that at the governors recent AGM, Mrs Kath Bufton stood down as chairman and Mr Nigel Bufton took over the role. Mr Tom Miles took up the role of vice chairman. It was agreed that a letter be written to Mrs Kath Bufton thanking her for all her work. There are 36 children currently in the school with 2 leaving. There was also a 96% attendance in the last term, a fantastic attendance. The electric and heating bills are increasing but despite the increase the School still

remains in budget. The option of becoming a Welsh Medium School is currently being investigated with the Questionnaire being extended to November 6th.

#### 10. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- Budget update - £39.99 spent on gas, the £500 allocated for the brazier is left to spend - it was agreed that a brazier could not be made or acquired for the sum of £500. It was agreed that we use the £500 to make up the shortfall on other approved budget heads.
- BBQ- Cllr R Thomas proposed that we gift the BBQ to the DRA with instructions that it is available for use by all community organisations. This was seconded by Cllr R Lyon. All agreed.
- Trees- Cllr R Lyon had been in contact with a local nursery. No catalogue of trees is available at the present moment. It was agreed that we open up the trees to all members of the community to request a tree to plant for themselves. It was agreed to make a list of the trees available and community residents could select which tree they want.

#### 11. Community Council finance:

Bank balances - current account £5,489.73

Money manager £1,216.12

Correct as of 3/10/22

Recent transactions-

Current account Paid out:

Cheque for gas - £39.99

Ongoing bank charges £5.40

Money manager

Paid in

Interest - £0.15 on the 3-9-22

£0.32 on the 3-10-22

The clerk presented the audited accounts (appendix A) and completed Annual Return to Audit Wales - all agreed as correct.

Last year we ran in budget with a total of £879.79 excess of income over expenditure. It was agreed by all members that we open up a bursary to individuals and organisations within Dolau and advertise for applications to be submitted to enable expenditure in the 2022/23 financial year.

#### 12. Planning-

C Cllr Deb Edwards left the room

- .Application Reference: 22/1668/FUL

Grid Reference: E:315856 N: 268287 Proposal: Conversion and alterations of an abandoned dwelling and adjoining barn to form a dwelling

Site Address: Llysin , Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5UN

- Application Reference: 22/1669/LBC Grid Reference: E:315856 N: 268287 Proposal: Listed building consent for alterations to existing (abandoned) dwelling and attached barn to provide dwelling

Site Address: Llysin , Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5UN

Cllr E Newman presented the meeting with a copy of the definitive footpath map to highlight the access is on a bridleway not a BOAT.

After much discussion it was agreed to comment that the access was a bridle way.

13. Any other business:

- Book of Condolence for the Queen- this was well received by the village, the book is to be sent off to the Royal Family.
- Poppies - clerk and chairman to put the poppies up around the village.
- Cocos Wild Camp - concerns have been raised from areas of the community regarding the issue of a possible unauthorised wild camp in the area. Councillors commented on the poor visibility on the access to the site. Members noted that camping activities exceeded 28 days per year and it was agreed that enquiries be made to Powys Planning Department to investigate the planning status.

Date of next meeting Thursday 17 November 2022

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2022

2020-2021	INCOME	2021-2022
3,600.00	Precept ex Powys County Council	3,700.00
475.00	Interest from Robert Owen Bank	285.60
0.69	Interest BMM a/c	0.16
4,075.69		3,985.76
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
833.78	Clerk's salary	1,000.00
38.00	Subs/Membership	40.00
12.00	Subscriptions	50.00
	Clerk's expenses	50.00
	Audit	0.00
699.00	Wales	0.00
	DRA	
135.00	Photos	
1,700.00	Grant DRA	1,800.00
	Grant RABI Brecon and Radnor	25.00
	Grant East Radnor Day Centre	50.00
	Grant Wales Air Ambulance Service	50.00
	Grant Llandrindod Wells & Area Twinning Association	50.00
	Bank charges	20.00
	Internal audit gift	20.97
3,417.78	Totals	3,105.97
<b>657.91</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>879.79</b>
	<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
2067.09	HSBC Current Account	2020.68
1403.66	LESS: Unpresented cheques	763.22
663.43	Balance	1,257.46
1,215.24	HSBC Business Money Manager Account	1,215.40
14,280.00	Investment	14,565.60
<b>16,158.67</b>		<b>17,038.46</b>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>	
15,500.76	Balance brought forward	16,158.67
657.91	ADD: Excess of Income over Expenditure	879.79
<b>16,158.67</b>		<b>17,038.46</b>