

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council
Serving the Community of Dolau Radnorshire

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council which was held on **Thursday 24th November** at Dolau Community Hall and started at 7.45pm

Present- Cllrs Rob Stuart-Lyon (Chair), R Thomas, R Shelton, R Watkins & E Newman

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs D Lewis, C Watkins & County Cllr D Edwards.
2. Declarations of interest - see sheet
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th October 2022- these were read and agreed correct, proposed correct by Cllr R Shelton and seconded by Cllr E Newman.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. Correspondence;
 - Cocos wild camp, an email from an agent acting on behalf of Cocos wild camp was received on the 3 November 2022 stating the grounds on which the wild camp was run. This was read by the chairman. Following the decision at the October meeting a letter had been sent to PCC Planning department to investigate the planning status of the site. A response is awaited.
 - PCC Costs of elections – a letter had been received stating that a cost of £329.81 was due to be paid by the community council for the cost of the uncontested elections. See finance.
 - Precept – see finance.

6.Highways

- Streetlight on Tan House Chapel is loose - Cllr R Shelton to report.
- Drain by the railway crossing has now sunk – Cllr R Watkins confirmed that this matter had been reported to Powys CC.

7.Reports

- DRA Report – Cllr E Newman had not attended the recent meeting and therefore had nothing to report.

- School report- in the absence of Cllr D Lewis a report had been sent to the Chairman stating that the school governors were remaining positive that the School would remain open. A very constructive trip to the Welsh medium School at Trefeglwys was recently held by the school governing body.

8. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- £950 is currently left in the budget.
- Trees- a list of the trees available was read out, it was agreed that all households in the parish be offered the chance of a free tree.

9. Community Council Finances

- Bank balances as of the 3 November 2022

Current account- £5,493.33

Money manager- £1,216.54

- Recent transactions- current account – outgoing £5.40 in bank charges.
Money manager- paid in £0.42 interest
- Outstanding Audit Wales invoice- the cheque number 100513 for £377.25 was paid to Audit Wales on the 15 March 2021 - the cheque however was never cleared or cashed. It was proposed that the clerk write to Audit Wales to say it was paid but never cashed and enclose a new cheque asking for re-assurance that the original cheque had not been paid in.
- Cost of uncontested elections- invoice received for £329.81- all agreed to pay.
- Public Liability Insurance was paid on the 25 May 2022 for £214
- The draft financial risk assessment and management for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 was approved - all agreed.
- DRA Grant – the grant last year was £1,800 it was proposed that we increase the grant to £1,900 – this was proposed by R Watkins and seconded by R Thomas.
- Charity grants- it was noted that the charity grants paid out 2020/21 were East Radnor Day Centre- £50, RABI £25, Welsh Air Ambulance £50, Llandrindod Wells twinning £50. After much discussion it was agreed that after supporting the RABI for several years the councillors felt that it was time to support a different agricultural charity and so it was all agreed that a donation of £25 be sent to the DJP Foundation instead of the RABI. The following charities would receive the following grants- East Radnor Day Centre £50, Welsh Air Ambulance £50, Llandrindod Wells Twinning Association (Cllr R Shelton declared an interest) £ 50, URDD £50 agreed as per October minutes, DJP Foundation £25. All agreed.

10. Budget and precept for 2023/24 financial year. The list below was outlined as the budget for the precept;

	Budget	
	2022-23	2023-24
Grant to DRA	£1800	£2000
Other grants and subscriptions	£ 100	£ 850
Clerks Salary	£1000	£1100
Councillors expenses @ £150 per member	£1050	NIL
Audit fee	£ 400	£ 400
Office expenses	£ 50	£ 50
Unexpected payments	£ 100	£ 100
Transfer to savings	NIL	NIL
Insurance	£ 250	£ 250
Total	<u>£4750</u>	<u>£4750</u> *

* Contingency budget to be taken from balance carried forward from 2022/23 account

Agreed that the precept be set at £4,750 for 2023/24 financial year - proposed by Cllr R S-Lyon and seconded by Cllr R Shelton

11. Any other business;

- Bursary – it was agreed that a bursary should be offered to residents and organisations of our community. It should be offered for educational trips, activities, speakers. Clerk to advertise.
- Noticeboard - Clerk to get a quote for a new noticeboard for the noticeboard by the old shop / post office.

Date of next meeting- 19th January 2023

Meeting closed 20.55