

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council
Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Thursday 27th April 2023** at 8.00pm in Dolau Community Hall.

Minutes

Present - Cllrs R Thomas (chair), E Newman, C Watkins, R Shelton, R Thomas, R Watkins, County Cllr. Deborah Edwards A member of the public also present.

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllrs. R Stuart-Lyon, D Lewis

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023 were read and agreed. Proposed by E Newman and seconded by C Watkins. These were signed by the chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes - None.

5. Correspondence

1. Email from Powys County Council enclosing details of the Community Asset Transfer policy
2. Email from Powys County Council enclosing details of Planning Policy Wales: Net benefit for biodiversity and ecosystems' resilience
3. Email from Dolau YFC acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for its £200 grant
4. Letter from East Radnor Day Centre acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for its £50 grant
5. Letter from DRA acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for the £1,900 and £100 grants
6. Letter from Wales Air Ambulance acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for its £50 grant
7. Email from Nigel Trend acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for the £50 charity contribution given in memory of Ray Trend, former Clerk
8. Letter from Urdd thanking the Council for £50 contribution towards Urdd Gobaith Cymru National Eisteddfod 2023
9. Letter from DJP Foundation acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for its £25 grant
10. Letter from Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod seeking support for 2023
11. Email from Powys County Council acknowledging receipt of the request for additional salt bins in Dolau
12. Email from Powys County Council giving notice of road closures in Dolau

13. Email from The National Lottery to announce it will give £6,800 to King Charles III Coronation Celebrations in Dolau to help the community thrive.
14. Email from Audit Wales with Annual Return forms to complete for Year Ending 31 March 2023
15. Email from National Lottery giving notice that £6,800 grant would be paid on 31 March 2023 for expenditure on King Charles III Coronation Celebrations in May 2023
16. Email from County Councillor Jeremy Pugh inviting Community Council Members to a briefing meeting by Green GEN Cymru (BUTE) in respect of a proposed Pylon line and Wind Turbines at the Strand Hall Built on 20 April 2023 with list of questions asked and answers from BUTE
17. Invitation to attend Powys Town and Community Council – Environment and Nature event - 14th June 2023 at the Pavilion Llandrindod Wells
18. Letters from NHS Wales launching public consultation on location of new planned and urgent care hospital.
19. Letter from James Evans MS regarding your recent lottery grant.
20. Email from One Voice Wales with minutes of Brecon & Radnor Area Committee.
21. Request from One Voice Wales to renew membership for 2023-24. Annual fee £44 – Proposed R. Shelton seconded E Newman fee be paid. All agreed
22. Email from Zurich Insurance with request to renew insurance from 25 May 2023 in sum £214 - Proposed R. Shelton seconded E Newman fee be paid. All agreed

6. Highways

It was reported that there was a dropped gully drain near the Station. Cllr E Newman agreed to send a report to Powys CC Highways

A near accident was reported at the road junction to Upper Farm.

7. Dark Skies update:

Cllr Newman reported that a meeting is being convened to take matters forward.

8. Reports from representatives:

DRA - Cllr E Newman read out a detailed report from the secretary. This gave details of the budget and planned expenditure for the Coronation Celebrations supported by the national Lottery Community Fund. Councillors felt that any potential underspend on budget heads should be spent on legacy items that would be of long-term benefit to the community.

School Governing body – A report from Cllr D Lewis was read out

There had not been a Governor's meeting since the last LRCC meeting. Powys CC has been exceptionally slow in sorting out things for the children going to the receiving schools, which has necessitated the Headteacher to liaise with the Heads from the other local schools.

DRA has formed a sub committee to investigate grants etc to take on the potential running of the School site in the future. The Sub Committee is full of keen, enthusiastic people who are exploring all options.

9. King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

The National Lottery Community Fund had awarded the Council a grant of £6,800 for King Charles III Coronation Celebrations. The Council had delegated the management of the celebration events to Dolau Recreation Association and a report on the budget and expenditure had been received under Item 8

The following expenditure items were approved and cheques signed:

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| • Just Projectors | £1,871.93 |
| • The Royal Mint (coins) | £ 761.40 |
| • Bunting, decorations (Julie Hardwick) | £ 216.60 |

It was agreed the DRA Committee be authorised to manage the budget and all other expenditure items to be ratified at the next meeting. DRA reported that currently there was a saving on the projector budget and it was recommended a smart tv monitor be purchased in sum £399. Cllr C Watkins proposed and Cllr R Thomas seconded this proposal and authorised the Clerk to write a cheque for the tv monitor.

10. Proposed new Financial Regulations

New draft Financial Regulations had been drawn up and distributed to members for scrutiny and comment prior to the meeting. The draft Financial Regulation were based on the Model Financial Regulations issued by One Voice Wales and included clauses that would enable to Council to operate Internet Banking.

County Cllr D Edwards recommended the Council consider allowing a responsible member access to the internet account for monitoring and scrutiny purposes. This recommendation was approved by all but did not necessitate alterations to the proposed Financial Regulations.

It was resolved to adopt the new Financial Regulations (proposed Cllr R Shelton, seconded Cllr C Watkins) all agreed.

11. Community Council Finances

1. Bank Balances – as of 3 April 2023

- Current account - £ 9,901.01
- Money manager -£ 1,221.22

2. Recent Transactions

Current account-

Expend're:	Twinning grant	£ 50.00
	Playgroup grant	£200.00
	PAYE tax	£183.29
	Salary	£733.46
	Wales Ambulance grant	£ 50.00
	East Radnorshire DC grant	£ 50.00
	DJP Foundation grant	£ 25.00
	Bank charges	£ 6.20
Income :	Lottery Grant	£6,800.00

Money manager payment in - £1.31 interest

3. Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year to 31 March 2023

Details of the Income and Expenditure for the Year to 31 March 2023 (appended to these minutes) was approved. It was noted that the National Lottery Community Fund award of £6,800 had been received on 31 March 2023 but will not be spent until after the Coronation Celebrations in March 2023

4. Audit Wales Annual Return for the Year Ending 31 March 2023

The completed Audit Wales Annual Return for the Year Ending 31 March 2023 was approved. Copy appended to these minutes. The Return was signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

5. Remuneration of the Internal Auditor

It was reported that the Chairman Cllr R Stuart-Lyon had seen K Morris, the internal auditor, and given him a gift in recognition of his work auditing the Councils accounts. Mr Morris had also confirmed a willingness to audit future accounts. It was resolved that the Chairman's expenses are to be reimbursed.

12. Annual Report 2022/23

The draft annual report had been drawn up and distributed to members for scrutiny and comment prior to the meeting. The Annual Report 2022/23 was approved by all.

13. Any other business.

Cllr E Newman reported that it has been proposed that a monthly Community Newsletter be published for Dolau following the demise of the parish magazine. All agreed that this proposal be supported.

Date of next meeting:

18 May 2023 following the Annual Meeting

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed

Chairman

Date :

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2023

2021-2022	INCOME	2022-2023
3,700.00	Precept ex Powys County Council	4,750.00
	National Lottery Platinum Jubilee Grant	8,500.00
	National Lottery Coronation May 2023 Grant	6,800.00
285.60	Interest from Robert Owen Bank	291.31
0.16	Interest BMM a/c	4.51
3,985.76		20,345.82
	EXPENDITURE	
1,000.00	Clerk's salary	916.66
40.00	Subs/Membership	One Voice Wales
50.00	Clerk's expenses	
0.00	Audit Wales	0.00
	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	8,493.48
	Insurance	214.00
1,800.00	Grant DRA	2,000.00
25.00	Grant RABI Brecon and Radnor	
50.00	Grant East Radnor Day Centre	50.00
50.00	Grant Wales Air Ambulance Service	50.00
50.00	Grant Llandrindod Wells & Area Twinning Association	50.00
	Grant Dolau YFC	200.00
	Grant Dolau Parent & Toddler Group	200.00
	Grant DJP Foundation	25.00
	Grant Urdd Eisteddfod	50.00
	Charity contribution (Ray Trend funeral)	50.00
	Powys County Council Election Expenses	329.81
20.00	Bank charges	70.00
20.97	Internal audit gift	
3,105.97	Totals	12,698.95
879.79	Excess of Income over Expenditure	7,646.87
	BANK RECONCILIATION	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
2,020.68	HSBC Current Account	9,976.01
763.22	LESS: Unpresented cheques	1,367.50
1,257.46	Balance	8,608.51
1,215.40	HSBC Business Money Manager Account	1,219.91
14,565.60	Investment - Robert Owen Community Banking	14,856.91
17,038.46		24,685.33
	REPRESENTED BY:	
16,158.67	Balance brought forward	17,038.46
879.79	ADD: Excess of Income over Expenditure	7,646.87
17,038.46		24,685.33

