

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council
Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Thursday 24th August 2023** at 7.45pm in Dolau Community Hall.

Minutes

Present - Cllrs E Newman, R Shelton, C. Watkins & County Councillor Deborah Edwards

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllr. R. Stuart-Lyon (illness)

The clerk had sent a letter of resignation and was not able to attend. It was agreed Cllr R Shelton should act as clerk for the meeting.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-chairman Cllr. E. Newman nominated Cllr C Watkins to chair the meeting – all agreed

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2023 were read and agreed. Proposed by E Newman and seconded by R Shelton. These were signed by the chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes - None.

5. Correspondence

1. Emails from One Voice Wales giving details of Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meetings
2. Emails from Powys Planning with monthly Planning Decisions
3. Emails from Audit Wales with Audit Notice 2023
4. Email from Powys Citizens Advice with copy of Impact Report 2022/23
5. Email from Llandrindod Town Council with copy of notes taken at the Bute Energy presentation given in Builth Wells on 20 April 2023
6. Email from One Voice Wales with amended copy of model Standing Orders
Cllr R Shelton recommended that the Council look at these with a view to adopting them – all agreed
7. Email from Powys CC giving details of a vacancy on Standards Community sub-committee
8. Emails from Powys Countryside Services giving details of public footpath closures for motor-sport events
9. Email from Powys Highways with details of the national 20mph restricted road scheme

CC Deb Edwards reported that new signs had been installed in Dolau with tear-off 30mph to reveal 20mph when the 20mph restricted road scheme is implemented in September 2023

10. Email from member of public opposing the proposed wind farm development on Radnor Forest
11. Email from Dolau Recreation Association seeking support in its endeavours to acquire the closed school premises of Llanfihangel Rhydithon School and response giving support to explore options to identify a sustainable project.
12. Email from Powys Regeneration with questionnaire regarding digital equipment and online council meeting habits.
13. Letter from Vintage Sports-Car Club giving notice of the Welsh Rally on 8 October 2023 passing through Dolau.
14. Letter of resignation from the clerk.

Members wished to express thanks to the clerk for her work and respected the reasons for her resignation. They wished to pass on their best wishes for the future.

It was noted the resignation was with immediate effect. In order to fill the vacancy as soon as possible it was agreed to advertise the post immediately. In the mean-time Cllr R Shelton agreed to be acting clerk.

6. Highways

CC D. Edwards noted that the street light on the Tan House Chapel had been removed as a safety measure. With the darker nights starting it was agreed a request be made to Powys Highways to ask for the replacement to be installed as soon as possible.

7. Dark Skies update:

Nothing to report.

8. Reports from representatives:

DRA - Cllr E Newman reported DRA has organised a number of social and fund-raising events. A Scarecrow Festival is planned in September.

A working group had presented an expression of interest to Powys County Council for DRA to take over the old school premises. The initial submission was being considered by Powys CC and a decision is awaited after a meeting in September 2023.

School Governing body – Cllr D Lewis was absent and nothing was reported.

9. Community Council Finances

1. Bank Balances – as of 3 August 2023

- Current account - £3,065.22
- Money manager - £1,227.27

2. Recent Transactions

Current account-

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| Expend're: | Coronation celebrations | £ 4,971.56 |
| | One Voice Wales | £ 44.00 |
| | Zurich Insurance | £ 214.00 |
| | Bank charges | £ 25.40 |
| Income : | | Nil |

Money manager payment in - £4.71 interest

3. Audit Return 2022/23

The 2022/23 Audit Return had been submitted to Wales Audit Office

10. Internal Auditor Fee

As a token of appreciation to the internal auditor it was recommended that a Gift Voucher in an appropriate sum be given. All agreed.

11. Any other business.

Cllr E Newman suggested that the Council considers replacing the notice board located outside the former post office. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr E Newman agreed to investigate options.

Date of next meeting:

21 September 2023

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed

Chairman

Date :