

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council
Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Thursday 21st September 2023** at 7.45pm in Dolau Community Hall.

Minutes

Present - Cllrs R. Stuart-Lyon (Chairman), R. Thomas, R. Watkins, E Newman, R Shelton, C. Watkins & County Councillor Deborah Edwards

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllr. Lewis

It was agreed Cllr R Shelton should act as clerk for the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 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. Emails from One Voice Wales giving details of Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meetings
2. Emails from Powys Planning with monthly Planning Decisions
3. Email invitation to the AGM of East Radnor Care
4. Email from Powys Family Information Service offering help to families in need
5. Email from One Voice Wales announcing AGM on 30 September at RWS
6. Request from Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales asking for the Annual Return (*Nil return sent*)
7. Email from Audit Wales consulting on fee scales for 2024-25
8. Email from Boundary Commission for Wales attaching a questionnaire
9. Letter from Powys County Council announcing Cllr Stephen Deeks-D'Silva (Llandrindod Wells Town Council) will be appointed to the Standards Community Committee.
10. Email from Slow Ways national walking network with an invitation to take part
11. Email from Bute Energy asking to attend a future Council meeting to discuss options for the proposed community benefit fund should the Nant Mithil wind farm be developed.

Members noted that at the meeting of Community Councils convened by Llanbadarn Fawr CC in March 2023 it was agreed that should approaches be made by Bute Energy to meet Community Councils any meeting should be a co-ordinated joint meeting of all local community councils. Llanbadarn Fawr CC agreed to co-ordinate this. It was agreed to contact the Clerk at

Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council to see if a co-ordinated meeting can be organised with Bute Energy.

12. Email from PSE with link to webinar for EV Charging Funding and Procurement.

6. Highways

At the last meeting issues regarding refixing the street light at the Tan House Chapel had been raised. It is understood Powys Highways are still awaiting approval from the elders at the Chapel to refix the light. It was agreed to make enquiries with the elders to see if written approval can be given.

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. The Scarecrow Festival held over the first two weeks of September was very successful with thanks to CC Deb Edwards for judging the competition.

Future events include a Halloween party on 31 October, cruise ship entertainment evening on 25 November and Builth Male Voice Choir Concert on 1 December.

A working group had presented an expression of interest to Powys County Council for DRA to take over the old school premises. Powys CC SAB met on Wednesday 20 September and requested further information which will demonstrate the demand and that the group can show they would have the appropriate level of revenue to maintain the building.

A feasibility study was requested to be completed in order to confirm the above. This study to be submitted to an appropriate meeting in the future. The next SAB will be held on the 15 November and the working group was asked if this was a realistic timeframe to work towards.

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

9. Community Council Finances

1. Bank Balances – as of 3 September 2023

- Current account - £4,343.42
- Money manager - £1,229.16

2. Recent Transactions

Current account-

Expend're:	Clerk salary	£ 292.80
	Bank charges	£ 5.00
Income :	Precept	£ 1,583.00

Money manager payment in - £1.89 interest

The former clerk had not incurred expenses prior to resignation and returned the approved £50 expenses cheque.

Cllr R. Stuart-Lyon recommended that two signatures be required for all cheque payments. All agreed. A request to be made to HSBC Bank to require two signatures.

Internet banking arrangements to be explored further once the new clerk has been appointed.

10. Notice Board

Cllr E Newman presented a number of options for replacing the notice board at Plas-y-Glyn (the old shop) Supply costs (incl VAT) ranged from £630 - £730. Fixing must also be accounted. Cllr Newman thought the Council could claim back the VAT even though the Council was not VAT registered. It was agreed to consult One Voice Wales to get guidance on this.

It was agreed the metal / plastic option notice board which can be publicly accessible was the favoured option. It was also agreed that the owners of Plas-y-Glyn should be consulted regarding the proposed replacement before any further action is taken.

11. Clerk Vacancy

The position of clerk is still vacant and the Council is still looking for a suitable applicant.

12. Any other business.

C.Cllr Deb Edwards reported she had been approached to see if a bus shelter could be provided outside the school for the school bus service. It was noted a shelter / notice board had been erected in Penybont and all agreed a similar design located beside the existing notice board would be a good solution.

As this area is part of the area leased to Dolau Recreation Association it was thought DRA was the appropriate organisation to lead on this matter. The Community Council might be able to support such a proposal by offering a grant.

Date of next meeting:

10 October 2023 (Provisional subject to business)

16 November 2023 – (Meeting to consider 2024/25 budget)

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed

Chairman

Date :