

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council
Serving the community of Dolau Radnorshire

There was an ordinary meeting of the Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council held on **Thursday 18th January** at 7.45pm in Dolau Community Hall.

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllrs R Watkins and D Lewis

2. Declarations of interest;

None

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2023 were read and agreed. Proposed by R Shelton and seconded by E Newman. These were signed by the chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes;

None.

5. Correspondence

20.11.23 details of new Llanwrtyd Wells Community Transport's bus service

20.11.23 consultation regarding Strategic Equality Plan

23.11.23/27.11.23/29.12.23 Opportunity to comment on Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Community Risk Management Plan 27.11.23 11.12.23 Planning Decision Notice

15.11.23 Request for details of Precept, form completed and returned 29.11.23

27.11.23 Consultation re school term dates

This matter was discussed and it was agreed that changing school dates would likely be detrimental to the rural community, may have a negative impact on pupils and have a considerable impact on the success of the Royal Welsh Show. The Clerk is to respond with the Council's comments and copy to Powys Council.

28.11.23 One Voice Wales National Awards Conference

28.11.23 Consultation re Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

30.11.23 Newsletter from Audit Wales

30.11.23 Press release Ombudsman for Wales - Equality and Human Rights Casebook

5.12.23 Policing Budget Consultation

5.12.23 Request for funding from Cylch Meithrin - Jolene Duggan

11.12.23 Consultation re animal welfare

12.12.23 13.12.23 PCC Town and Community Council Minutes and zoom mtg details

14.12.23 Cllr Deb Edwards road closure details

14.12.23 One Voice Wales Cost of Living team

15.12.23 Police Newsletter

18.12.23 Request for comments re review of the criminal justice system in Wales

18.12.23 Review of Air Ambulance

20.12.23 Consultation re Sustainable Farming Scheme Comment from Cllr Newman we have till March to respond

21.12.23 Consultation re Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations

21.12.23 Consultation re Dormant Assets Scheme

2.1.24 Email re 80th D Day celebrations

2.1.24/5.1.24 Details of Brecon & Radnor Area Committee - asked to pass to our representative Community liaison - improving rights of way and public access

3.1.24 Consultation Health Impact Regulations

8.1.24 Consultation replacement Local Development Plan

8.1.24 Request to promote Fostering

9.1.24 Cllr D Edwards advising of road closure

11.1.24 D Day celebrations

15.1.24 Update on Ambulance Service

16.1.24 PCC Town and Community Council Meeting will not be taking place this Thursday, 18th January 2024 – now Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 6pm

17.1.24 request for grant to Dolau Cylch Meithrin

17.1.24 Invite to join strategic development training

17.1.24 Air Ambulance update

18.1.24 Requests from Marie Curie and Kids Cancer Trust for financial assistance

18.1.24 Freedom of Information request from Jack Cullen regarding Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales. The Clerk will reply and advise that no meetings have been held with CPRW.

7. Highways

SALT BINS

The Highways Department have advised that the new salt bins are on order.

DRAINAGE AND ROAD SURFACES

The main areas for problems with blocked drains and poor road surfaces are Fronwen Lane, Church Lane and near the railway station. The Clerk will request a site visit by the Highways Department or seek to have the problems resolved.

TAN HOUSE CHAPEL LIGHT

Unfortunately it has not been possible to find an 'old style' bracket for the light at Tanhouse Chapel. The Council are currently seeking guidance from CADW

8. Reports from representatives:

DRA - Cllr E Newman reported that the DRA were having positive discussions with Powys Council regarding the future of the School building.

One Voice Wales – Cllr Newman attended a zoom meeting. She advised that the Welsh Government were making funds available for local communities, these would come through Powys Council and may help the DRA with the school building initiative. Footpaths and Rights of Way were also discussed and Powys Council are doing little to resolve the problems.

Nant Mithil Energy Park - Bute Energy – Cllr Newman attended the Community Benefit Meeting on 22nd November 2023.

Cllr Newman explained that an independent body would be set up to allocate funding to local community groups. It was felt that the actual date for this was tenuous but that there was a possibility of early funding for the school initiative legal advice.

Notes of the meeting attached.

9. Community Council Finances

1. Bank Balances – as of 3 January 2024

- Current account - £5,752.02
- Money manager - £1,237.15

2. Recent Transactions

Current account-

Expend:	Bank charges	£	10.00
Income:	Precept	£	1,583.00

Money manager payment in - £4.01 interest

3. On 5th December Dolau Cylch Meithrin requested financial assistance in order to take the children on a day trip to Ludlow. Further details of the trip were given the Council and it was proposed by Cllr R Shelton and seconded by Cllr R Thomas that £200 be granted to the Cylch as a contribution towards the cost of the transport for the day trip.
4. Two National Charities has requested financial support, Marie Curie and Kids Cancer Trust. The Clerk to respond and advise that the Community Council's policy is only to support local groups.
5. The Clerk will seek guidance from HSBC regarding two signatures for cheques and Internet bank
6. The Clerks new laptop was purchased for £255 this being the lowest quote obtained.
1. Any other business.
None

Date of next meeting: 15th February 2024 Provisionally or 21st March 2024

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Signed

Chairman

Date :

Community Benefit Meeting Summary Report: Nant Mithil Energy Park

A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd November 2023, at the Media Resource Centre, Llandrinod Wells. Coordinated by Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council and hosted by Bute Energy

Background: Previous informal meeting in March 2023 among affected Community Councils discussing community benefits if the Nant Mithil Energy Park is developed.

Outcomes of the March meeting :

- Importance of separating planning and community benefit negotiations. Consideration of community benefits as a backup plan.
- Support for joint work among Community Councils, coordinated by LFCC.

November Meeting Agenda:

1. Update on existing project timelines
2. Presentation on Community Benefits.
3. Questions on community benefits.

Attendees: Community council representatives, invited members from other areas, and Bute Energy delegates.

Key Points from Bute Energy's Presentation:

1. Proposed annual payment of £7,500 per megawatt of installed capacity for approximately 45 years, regardless of output produced.
2. Establishment of a thematic board comprising representatives with local knowledge and experience
3. Aim to generate social value through job opportunities and partnerships with community organizations.
4. Five key focus areas: Environment & Culture, Recreation & Health, Employability, Education, Cost of Living Support.
5. Use of community mapping tools to understand challenges and prioritise investments.
6. Emphasis on fairness, transparency, and flexibility in managing the Community Benefit Fund (CBF).

Questions Raised and Responses:

- Oversight of fund allocation: Proposed community-run independent body for fund management.
- Support for residents affected by house value changes: Consideration within the CBF. Scope of the fund: Undecided, leaning towards a local area allocation model.
- Ethical oversight: Compliance with planning laws and transparent engagement. Inclusion of border towns in the fund's scope: To be decided by the community fund.
- Safeguarding community benefits in case of ownership change: Commitment to secure ongoing benefits.
- Financial support for setting up the CBF: Affirmative response from Bute Energy.
- Bonded security for annual payments: To be explored and considered.

Conclusion: The meeting facilitated a detailed discussion on Community Benefit Funds associated with the Nant Mithil Energy Park development. Bute Energy provided insights into their proposed structure, emphasizing community involvement, fairness, and adaptability.