**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 8th September 2021**

Present: Cllrs Jamie Lewis, Tudor Eynon, Wynn Griffiths, Keith Thomas and Deryck Prosser.

Cllr Lewis as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllr Meurig James and County Councillor David Simpson had offered their apologies. These and the reasons for them were fully accepted by the Council.

**2 – Declarations of interest**. No interests were declared.

**3 – Minutes of previous meeting**.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Eynon, agreed by all present. They were duly signed.

**4 – Matters arising from previous meeting**.

**A40 update**. There had been an update received from the contractor’s newly appointed Public and Stakeholder Liaison Coordinator, which had been passed on to all Councillors. There were concerns expressed about the recently published notice of potential periodic overnight road closures over the next eighteen months, and how that would affect residential access. There were also concerns about the 30mph limit pushing traffic onto the unsuitable back roads in the area, which would be dangerous for residents and pedestrians. The Council felt that this ought to be actively managed. The Clerk would contact both Cllr Simpson and the contractor’s Co-ordinator to query these points. It was also stated that the contractors had just moved from the Hall to their permanent base to the west of the village, and were offering to do re-instatement works on the Cricket Club owned path adjacent to the Hall.

**Overhanging trees**. The PCC Officer had been contacted for an update. They had replied on the day of the meeting that officers would be talking in person to the relevant landowners the following day about the matter. This item would remain on the agenda until resolved.

**5 – New business.**

**Defibrillator training.** The Septembersession had been very well attended, with 19 people present to learn from a very informative talk and demonstration by the founder of Tenby and Saundersfoot First Responders. A number of people had unfortunately not been able to attend, and so a second session on date of Saturday 13th November at 10.30am in the Hall had been set, and posters to advertise it produced, as well as it being promoted on social media and directly with individuals. It had also been advertised within the community of Llanfallteg. So far 6 people had stated they planned to attend, and the meeting was informed verbally of others who also hoped to be there.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** Cllr Simpson had extended his apologies for the meeting. He had stated to the Clerk that he had reported the ongoing issue of the Smithfield trees to the relevant officer, and also that the fence had been completed on the council house near the Hall. .

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* Welsh Government survey for all Councillors. This was noted.

**8 - Planning:**

Planning application: 21/0391/PA. Proposed 15m high communications mast. Rear of Pen-Banc, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 7EL. **This application had been reported as withdrawn on 27-9-2021**

Certificate of Lawfulness: 21/0143/CL Siting of a caravan used in relation to host dwelling known as Blaen Pentroydin, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 7EL Received 7-5-21. **Conditionally approved 9-9-2021**

**9 - Finance:**

Bank balance main account £4718.22 as of 1st November 2021.

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 1st November 2021

Bank balance business interest account: £5605.74 as of 1st November 2021. This account now holds the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections so far.

Income received – VAT reclaim for 2020-21 - £48.30 – this was received mid October

Invoices/contractual/other payments:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for October, November
* Clerk’s expenses for October, November
* Clerk’s tax October, November
* Royal British Legion – poppy wreath - £17.00

The bank balances, income and expenditure and payments due were all accepted - proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and agreed unanimously. The relevant cheques were signed.

**10 - Councillors’ reports for consideration at next meeting.**

Concern was raised by Cllr Thomas that there were still vehicles parking close to the junction, limiting the space available for those turning into or out of the junction onto the main road. This had been reported the day after the meeting by the Clerk, and this would be done again.

Cllr Griffiths stated that PCC had cleaned the war memorial in the last fortnight. Thanks were to be conveyed to the officers involved and Cllr Simpson for ensuring that it was done.

Cllr Lewis also mentioned the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative which aimed to plant trees during 2022 to celebrate the Queen’s jubilee. This would be discussed, including any potential location for a tree, in the next meeting. He also stated that in the past there had been bonfires on the Gaer for such events, as the highest local point. The relevant farmer could be contacted nearer the time – it was agreed it would be a good village-wide celebration.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 12th January 2022, starting at 8.00pm, and that it was intended it would be in person in the upstairs room of the Hall unless Government restrictions or requirements to provide remote access necessitated it be a Zoom meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.