

**LLAWHADEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**INCORPARATING LLAWHADEN, ROBESTON WATHEN, GELLI & BETHESDA**

**Minutes** for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

**Present:**

|                                   |                   |                                 |                |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Tracy Watkins (Chair)             | Catherine Hancock | Tim Simons                      | Michael Thomas |
| Adam James                        | Sophie Whitmarsh  | Di Clements (County Councillor) |                |
| Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk) |                   |                                 |                |

**1. Chairman's Remarks.**

Tracy welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the prospective co-opted councillors Adam and Sophie.

**2. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies received from Samantha Hebblethwaite.

**3. Declaration of Members Interests.**

There was no declaration of members interests.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Catherine and seconded by Michael.

**5. Matters Arising There From**

a. Broadband Project Update: since Broadway Partners had gone into administration earlier in the year, the most recent information is Voneus has agreed to purchase the company. Voneus had already undertaken some work in the Pembrokeshire.

b. Playing Field, Llawhaden:

- Samantha H has successfully applied to the Pembrokeshire Coast Trust – Force of Nature Grant and a total of £2823.66 has been awarded to the ongoing development of the playing field. It is specified that the project must be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, with photographic evidence available. £1175.66 has been awarded toward the purchase of 1 recycled plastic composite bench and 1 picnic table, with the remaining monies being spent on plants and bulbs as stated in the application.

- A name for the field is yet to be decided.

c. Luncheon Club – Next lunch will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 12:30 hrs, at the Bush Inn, Robeston Wathen: Tim kindly attended the September lunch, and 12 residents enjoyed each other's company. Tim presented a bill totalling £40.50, to be reimbursed for the Luncheon Club subsidy as follows:

|            |           |       |        |
|------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| 22/06/2023 | 4 diners  | £1.50 | £6.00  |
| 20/07/2023 | 11 diners | £1.50 | £16.50 |
| 21/09/2023 | 12 diners | £1.50 | £18.00 |

d. Llawhaden Planning/Right of Way issues update: the Cwm Farm unsuccessful planning application from earlier in the year, had now been presented for appeal to the Welsh Assembly Government. All comments previously raised on the original application would be made available to the appeal process. Tracy agreed to write a statement confirming the original comments were still applicable.

Manorial rights in the village of Llawhaden: information from the solicitor will be delivered to the residents concerned by Di in the coming weeks.

h. Grit Bin request for SA66 7HH following accidents during icy road conditions: clerk to chase with Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC).

Signed: Michael Thomas

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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- i. Opening the Knight's Way, request for support from Amroth Community Council (Di Clements): Di has spoken to the Amroth Clerk, and it appears that a few on the Amroth Community Councillors have expressed an interest in this path being opened. The path in the Llawhaden area was in a reasonable state of repair and therefore it was felt that the community councillors seriously consider whether they wanted to be involved in this application, as it may affect future grant applications to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund. Further information awaited from the Amroth Community Council.
- j. Community Council co-opt of community councillors for Llawhaden Community Council: confirmation has been received from PCC's senior electoral services officer, confirming there has been no request to hold an election to elect 2 community councillors. Therefore, the Llawhaden Community Council can co-opt to the two vacancies. Adam James/Sayaka James (shared) and Sophie Whitmarsh have expressed an interest and will advise of their decision by the next community council meeting on 2/11/2023.
- k. Autumn 2023 Newsletter: the clerk has sent request out to community councillors, Llawhaden Church, Robeston Wathen Church, Llawhaden WI and Llawhaden YFC requesting information for the Autumn Newsletter, which would encompass the Christmas period. The clerk will ensure the Christmas lunch in December was acceptable with the Bush Inn, Robeston Wathen and the flyer would be included with the newsletter.

**6. Finance**

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as at 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023:

| Current Account                        | Bank Rec dated  | 05/10/2023      |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | £               | £               |
| Bank balance as per cashbook           |                 | <u>£5156.98</u> |
| +Canx Cheque 000950                    | +£36.00         |                 |
|  |                 | <u>£5192.98</u> |
| - 000964                               | -£76.50         |                 |
| - 000965                               | -£99.00         |                 |
| <u>Total value outstanding cheques</u> | <u>-£175.50</u> |                 |
| Balance 05/10/2023                     |                 | <u>£5017.48</u> |
| Savings Account 07/09/2023             |                 | <u>£1452.06</u> |

- b. Clerk's request for Wages & HMRC PAYE - July to September 2023: Wages = £500.00. HMRC = £125.00. Expenses - £0.00. It was proposed by Tim and seconded by Michael that the wages were paid.

**7. Correspondence**

- a. Revised Standing Orders (One Voice Wales): the clerk would review the revised standing orders with the current standing orders and advise if any amendments were required.
- b. Pembrokeshire County Council – Pembrokeshire Community Review – Boundary Commission Meeting 23/10/2023 at 16:30 hrs. Due to the time of the event, no councillors were available to attend. Di encouraged that a response was written and submitted prior to the event for the views of the Llawhaden community council to be expressed. Tracy agreed to action a response.

**8. Planning**

- a. Old Transport Yard, Llawhaden SA67 8DS: Erection of detached workshop building (23/0548/PA): no known objections.

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- b. Erwdeg, Llawhaden SA67 8HR: Agricultural Portal Frame Building (23/0505/AG) – Unconditionally approved.

**9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.**

- Discussions are imminent regarding the Budget for 2024/2025 – some tough discussions may need to be made, regarding services.
- PCC Planning Department now have a full compliment of staff on their Enforcement Team.

**10. Any Other Business**

- a. The new plaque has been erected on the Bus Shelter in the village of Robeston Wathen – it had been agreed at an earlier meeting that the community council would pay for this. Therefore, when the invoice was received it would be paid. The village would now like the bus shelter to be painted, therefore Catherine and Tim have agreed to work with the village to action this, and once costs were known the Community Council would consider donating to the cost of the work.
- b. A resident of Robeston Wathen (Sue Harry) has kindly re-planted the planter by the church. Subsequently she has presented a bill totalling £55.90 for the compost and bulbs. It was agreed to pay this invoice. Proposed by Michael and seconded by Catherine.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 20:00hrs, at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.