

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

Present:

Tracy Watkins (Chair)

Tim Simons

Samnatha Hebblethwaite

Adam James

Sophie Whitmarsh

Di Clements (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and conveyed our kind thoughts to community councillor Michael Thomas at this difficult time for his family.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Thomas and Catherine Hancock.

3. Declaration of Members Interests.

Tim declared an interest in agenda item 8b (Landsend, Canaston Bridge SA67 8EP: Extensions and alterations to dwelling (23/0726/PA))

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 2nd November 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of November 2023 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Sophie.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Broadband Project Update: Voneus have taken over Broadway. Di has spoken to Voneus representatives, and they are currently in the planning stage deciding on how to progress the project in the various areas.
- b. Playing Field, Llawhaden – sensory garden update (grant funded). Samantha H will complete the questionnaire that is part of the requirement for the grant. A site visit is to be organised with the Forces for Nature (Katie) organisation. Design guides were available with the Sensory Trust. Keep Wales Tidy have advised that the wildflower turf would be delivered in early January 2024. It had been decided that these would be laid at the entrance signs to each village and volunteers would be required to action this once they were delivered.
- c. Luncheon Club – Next lunch will be Christmas Lunch held on Saturday 16th December 2023 at 12:00 hrs, at the Bush Inn, Robeston Wathen. Tim has kindly confirmed with the Bush Inn that the monthly luncheon club will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month excepting August and December. In November there were 13 attendees, therefore £19.50 was due in lunch subsidies to Tim. It was agreed to pay this amount. Currently there are 76 residents planning to attend the Christmas Lunch on Saturday 16th December, this would result in a cost of £1516.20 (76 x £19.95 for a two-course meal with tea/coffee/mince pie). As the Bush Inn would not accept a cheque, the clerk agreed to pay the bill on the day and would be reimbursed in the January meeting.
- d. Llawhaden Planning/Right of Way issues update: no update at present.
- e. CWM Farm, Llawhaden: Appeal Decision Notice from Planning & Environment Decisions Wales (CAS-02752-M4C8C7): the appeal has been dismissed.
- f. Grit Bin request for SA66 7HH following accidents during icy road conditions – confirmed with Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC). The grit bin has now been sited in the area. The clerk requested the community councillors advise her of the locations of the grit bins throughout the area, to enable her to request Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to fill them.
- g. PCC – Pembrokeshire Community Review – Boundary Commission Consultation: noted.

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- h. Condition of road at Sycamores, Llawhaden to Shipping Farm: concerns were raised regarding the blind summit, steep bend, it is a single lane, there is a deep verge and ditch alongside the road with no safe pulling in space/layby. There have been 2 known accidents on this road PCC Highways are responsible for this road, it was agreed the clerk would report these issues to the highways department and the possibility of a passing place being made and additional signage being sited in the area.

6. Finance

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as at 6th December 2023: please see appendix 1 for a signed up to date list of payments.

Current Account		Bank Rec dated	06/12/2023
		£	£
Bank balance as per cashbook			<u>£4640.33</u>
- 000969		15.00	
- 000970		100.00	
- 000971		100.00	
- 000972		100.00	
- 000973		100.00	
Total value outstanding cheques		<u>£415.00</u>	
Balance 06/12/2023			<u>£4225.33</u>
EARMARKED FUNDS			
Playing Field - £303.75			
Luncheon Club Subsidy - £262.50			
Savings Account 04/01/2024			<u>£1452.06</u>

- b. Welsh Assembly Government: Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2024-25 - £10.81 – noted.
- c. Reply from One Voice Wales in relation to budget setting: Auditor General's Report Llawhaden Community Council April 2022 - March 2023 – noted.

7. Correspondence

- a. ERDF Road Improvement scheme to the A40 between Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin and Redstone Cross – Mark Beynon. Tim agreed for his telephone number to be shared with Mr Beynon and discuss the ongoing project.
- b. PCC: County wide opportunity for community funding with Enhancing Pembrokeshire – noted.
- c. Nutrient Management Board – contact information: Catherine would be asked if she would be prepared to be a contact for this.

8. Planning

- a. Canaston Oaks, Canaston Bridge SA67 8DE: Variation/removal of condition 3 (occupancy condition) of planning permission 19/1196/PA (Extension to existing accommodation business to include an enlarged dining room, toilets, parking area and serviced lodges.) (23/0648/PA) – no known objections.
- b. Landsend, Canaston Bridge SA67 8EP: Extensions and alterations to dwelling (23/0726/PA) - as Tim had declared an interest and he left the room for the duration of the discussion. There were no known objections to the application.
- c. Coed Deythur, Drim Wood, Gelli Hill, SA66 7HR: Details of Prior Approval in Conjunction with 23/0050/AG - Forestry building. (23/0708/PA): again, it was decided to write to PCC planning department regarding the size of the development considering it's intended use as per the planning application.

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- d. Old Transport Yard, Llawhaden SA67 8DS: Erection of detached workshop building. (23/0548/PA) – conditionally approved – noted.
- e. Canaston Cottage, Canaston Bridge SA67 8DF: Raise roof over existing kitchen area to improve first floor headroom (23/0680/PA) – no known objections.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

- The main discussion point at present is the budget cuts due to the short fall of £15 million, therefore difficult discussions would need to be made.
- There was a possibility that the 2nd homes premium would be set at 200% in the next financial year.
- It was believed that the monies from the Welsh Assembly Government would be reduced by 3.1% in the next financial year.

10. Any Other Business

- a. February 2024 meeting, possible change of date: the clerk will not be available on 1st February 2024, despite this it was agreed that the meeting would remain on 1st of February.
- b. Defibrillator updates: The Bethesda defibrillator was used on Friday 1/12/2023, but unfortunately unsuccessfully. The pads and consumables have already been replaced, however further pads and consumables would need to be purchased. The Gelli defibrillator is currently displaying an out of order message and has been set to offline on the Circuit (national defibrillator network).
- c. Same Resident Event – The Pavilion, Withybush Showground–Wednesday 13/12/2023 at 09:30 hrs – cancelled due to lack of interest.
- d. 40mph Buffer Limit Bethesda (Di Clements) – was being considered, it was felt this would be a positive move for Bethesda.
- e. Gelli Bridge – damaged – this has now been repaired.
- f. Bin in Llawhaden at the T-junction – unfortunately, this bin is being misused with food waste, ash and glass bottles being dumped in the bin on a regular basis. PCC would be contacted to request the bin be removed.
- g. Hall bookings – residents were finding it difficult to book the hall for local events. Tim agreed to contact the bookings clerk, in the hope he would become more responsive.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 20:00hrs, at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:55 hrs.

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