

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

Present:

Tracy Watkins (Chair)

Tim Simons

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Sophie Whitmarsh

Adam James

Naomi Jones (Resident)

1. Chairman's Remarks.

Tracy welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the February meeting not being held due to work commitments.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Di Clements (County Councillor) and Catherine Hancock.

3. Declaration of Members Interests.

There were no declarations of members interests.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 4th January 2024.

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2024, were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Adam and seconded by Tracy.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Broadband Project Update: Meetings between Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) department responsible for the Broadband Project and Voneus were ongoing. The project areas were still being considered.
- b. Playing Field, Llawhaden: update including sensory garden grant, Tesco Community Fund: Everyone was thanked for the hard work put into setting up the Sensory Garden, despite the weather. Samantha H had provided the report to the Pembrokeshire National Coast Park, and Katie from Pembrokeshire National Coast Parks was due to visit the site tomorrow, Friday 8th March to review all the hard work actioned, and to present a plaque to be displayed in the garden. In order for the project to go ahead in the timeframe, prior to the meeting it had been agreed for Samantha H to be paid the grant monies the grant totalling £2824.34, to allow the purchase of picnic benches, seats, plants etc. (invoices attached) – this is notification of the payment. Proposed by Adam and seconded by Sophie. Suggestions had been made to purchase yellow rattle to limit the grass growth in the area, given the work that already had taken place, it was agreed to consider this in the autumn. Further volunteer days were discussed with the next 2 dates agreed Saturday 19th May, and 15th June 2024 from 10:00 – 12:00, to avoid clashing with other events in the area. Samantha H had also been contacted by the Tesco Grant Blue Token Scheme and advised that the playing field would be one of the organisations considered in the next rounds of funding between 1st April and 30 June. Depending on the success of the blue tokens would determine the amount of money donated to the scheme values available were £1500, £1000 and £500. Everyone who shopped in Tesco were encouraged to vote for the playing field with their blue tokens. It was discussed and agreed to purchase a key safe lock box to allow the keys to the shed to be stored safely at the field, Adam agreed to purchase and fit the key safe.
- c. Luncheon Club – the next luncheon club will be held on 21st March 2024, and will continue to be held at the Bush Inn, Robeston Wathen on the third Thursday of each month.
- d. Llawhaden Planning/Right of Way issues update – no update at present.
- e. Condition of road at Sycamores, Llawhaden – no update at present.

Signed:

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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- f. Defibrillator updates – Robeston Wathen – all okay. Gelli – still offline. Bethesda – no update at present. Llawhaden – all okay. A spare set of pads have been purchased and will the clerk would ask the Hall Committee if it was acceptable for the spare items to be stored at the hall.

6. Finance

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as at 7th March 2024. The cashbook was presented to the meeting detailing the income and expenditure to date. The balance of the current account was noted as £7028.58, and the savings account was £1457.32.
- b. Wales Audit Office – Audit 2022/23 fees - £435.00. It was agreed to pay. Proposed by Samantha H and seconded by Sophie.
- c. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report February 2024 – noted.

7. Correspondence

- a. Police & Crime Commissioner – School Beat Officers: unfortunately, due to lack of funding it was likely that the school officers would no longer be funded, although the commissioner was sources alternative funding for the scheme. Sophie expressed her dismay that this scheme would end, as she felt it was a valuable resource to the schools in the area.
- b. The National Lottery Heritage Fund - Tiny Forest funding is open! 21st Feb – 8th May – noted.
- c. Pembrokeshire Local Development Plan & Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2 Joint Supplementary Planning Guidance on: Seascape Character Assessment, and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2 Supplementary Planning Guidance on: Trees and Woodlands & loss of Hotels and Guesthouses - noted.
- d. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Town & Community Council websites- the clerk advised the meeting that PCC currently managed the Llawhaden Community Council website, however this would cease on 31st March 2025. Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) and Planed were currently looking into the possibility of maintaining the websites for Town and Community Councils currently served by PCC.
- e. The county of Pembrokeshire (various roads) (speed limits) amalgamation order 2023 (amendment no.1) Order 2024 – the only area mentioned in the order was Bethesda where it was hoped the speed limit would be reduced to 20 mph.
- f. Wales Air Ambulance Charity – letter of thanks.
- g. Farming Union of Wales (FUW): possible dangers to the farming industry with the introduction of the Sustainable Farming Scheme is introduced in its current form – noted.

8. Planning

- a. Holgain Lodge, Drim Wood, Gelli Hill: Extensions and alterations to dwelling, Llawhaden SA66 7HR: Certificate of lawfulness for a dwelling (23/0744/C) – Conditionally approved.
- b. Landsend, Canaston Bridge SA67 8EP: Extensions and alterations to dwelling (23/0726/PA) – conditionally approved.
- c. Planning & Environment Decisions Wales: Coed Tannerdy, Drim Woods, Gelli: The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant prior approval under the provisions of Part 7 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended (Appeal reference: CAS-02828-N7K3K2) – Appeal Dismissed.
- d. Coed Tannerdy, Drim Woods, Gelli: Forestry Workers shed - Additional information for composting toilet, following the requirement of Prior Approval for the design (22/0907/AG) and the subsequent approval of the details of the design of the proposed building at appeal (22/1060/PA (CAS-02828-N7K3K2)). (23/0904/PA).
- e. Coed Deythur, Drim Wood, Gelli Hill: Details of Prior Approval in Conjunction with 23/0050/AG - Forestry building.

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8. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

No updates at present.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Talybont Farm – planting of trees – the owners are planning to plant a woodland area at the farm and have contacted the community council to gauge the views of their plans. Following a discussion the overall opinion was that this project would enhance the area, and there were no known objections to the plan.
- b. Defib Warehouse Invoice – Prep pack and replacement electrodes - £89.93. It was agreed for the clerk to be reimbursed. Proposed by Adam and seconded by Tim.
- c. Keep Wales Tidy – Income Generation for Community Groups Webinar 31/01/24 Samantha Hebblethwaite had joined the webinar and informed everyone of the useful ideas/tips for the playing field, along with ideas on how to generate income.

11. Next Meeting

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

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:45 hrs.