

## **Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

### **Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

The meeting was formally opened by the Chair.

Present: Cllr Wynn Griffiths (Chair); Cllr Tudor Eynon; Cllr Keith Thomas; Cllr Deryck Prosser; County Cllr David Simpson.

1 – **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr Meurig James and Cllr Jamie Lewis.

2 – **Declarations of interest.** None were given.

3 – **Minutes of previous meeting.** There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Eynon. They were duly signed.

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

A40 update. The most recent information received was that a public consultation was due in March – dates would be publicised when they were known. Cllr Griffiths also reported that he had been told in discussions with Beryl Byrne that the Carillion staff would appreciate any letters of support concerning the project. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of support on behalf of the Council, expressing their appreciation for the way Carillion had listened to views expressed by the Council and the community for changes. Cllr Simpson stated that there were ongoing discussions about the adoption of roads after the work had been completed.

Village planning update. There was no update provided to the meeting on this. Cllr Simpson agreed to find out the current situation and report back.

Pembrokeshire County Council budget and precept implications. PCC had informed all community and town Councils that due to their financial pressures, they would be recharging any election costs from April to the individual council concerned. The implications on the precept and any other spending were discussed and it was agreed to revise the budget to allow a reserve to be developed for any election expenditure. The revised precept request was proposed by Cllr Eynon, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed by all.

#### **5 – New business**

Draft Reserves Policy. This was circulated and the background briefly given by the Clerk. It was agreed that this should be taken away for consideration and discussed at the next meeting.

#### **6 – County Councillor's report.**

The County Councillor stated the mast erection had led to a lot of lorry traffic, and one had accidentally driven into the ditch on the back lane, then needing a recovery lorry to remove it. It was unknown whether the actual road surface had been damaged – PCC would be assessing this and what needed repair. They would also be putting in reflectors along the road edge. He also reported that all drains in the area had been cleared. The footpath and undermining of the bridge behind Ffynnon Cottage was raised, and he agreed to pass that on to be dealt with.

He then gave a summary of the PCC budget situation, explaining that PCC had for many years been working from a lower council tax income than any other county in Wales. If they were to increase it by 12.5%, that would mean £2 extra per household per week. He said they were also planning restructuring and as many other cost saving measures as they could.

## **7 – Correspondence received.**

- Major trauma network for South and West Wales consultation.
- PCC proposed changes to household waste and recycling collections.
- Section 137 spending limit.
- One Voice Wales training programme.
- Community resilience guidance and points of contact.
- Remote choir project.
- Hywel Dda UHB clinical stakeholder workshop.

## **8 – Planning.**

There was no planning submitted for consideration.

## **9 – Finance.**

The Clerk stated that after the payments listed below the account would hold £1464.43, plus the bequest.

Bills to pay:

- Clerk's salary for December and January
- Clerk's expenses for June to December

It was agreed that the above payments should be made - proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Eynon, and agreed unanimously.

## **10 – Councillors' reports for action at next meeting.**

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of speeding in the village, and that a speed camera had only been seen once since the last meeting in the community. Cllr Simpson agreed to raise this again with the police.

Cllr Thomas also raised the tatty state of the Parc y Lan pub, especially the sign. The Clerk was asked to report this to Felinfoel and request action.

## **11 – Next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be on 14<sup>th</sup> March, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.