

Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 14th November 2018

The meeting was formally opened by the Chair.

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

1 – Apologies for absence.

No apologies were received .

2 – Declarations of interest.

Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest in planning application 18/0634/PA.

3 – Minutes of previous meeting.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Thomas. They were duly signed.

4 – Matters arising from previous meeting.

A40 update. It had been expected that Mr. Emyr Davies the Project Engineer for this would have attended the meeting, but that had not been possible. He has reported that the only recent change to the project was that the draft orders were now likely to be published sometime in January or early February. It was confirmed that there would be works to increase the size of Penblewin roundabout to accommodate the new road alignment. Any changes to the Redstone Cross junction were not part of the current bypass project, but the feasibility of incorporating the improvements into the scheme was being considered.

5 – New business.

External audit report. This had been circulated. The Council had been criticised for not having an internal auditor letter of engagement, for not recording adequately in year budget monitoring or taking action on previous audit reports, and for a low level of reserves. It was discussed at length, and it was resolved that steps would be taken to deal with the points raised. Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Griffiths and agreed by all.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft report. This had previously been circulated. The Clerk briefly took the Council through the two mandated determinations, explaining that for the £150 allowance each Cllr should respond personally if they did not wish to receive it.

Bus shelter damage. Cllr Thomas provided photographs, and this was discussed. It was resolved that the Clerk should approach the insurers and take further steps as they advised.

Barclays account update request. The bank had requested that details be provided of all Councillors to prevent financial crime and meet regulatory standards. The form was completed and would be sent off by the Clerk.

6 – County Councillor’s report.

The County Councillor spoke briefly about the processes PCC were undertaking to reduce unnecessary expenditure throughout the county, with a view to keeping any increase in Council Tax as low as possible.

7 – Correspondence received.

- WGLA unadopted road consultation
- PATCH support request
- Hywel Dda September consultation feedback.
- Mid and West Wales Fire Authority draft corporate plan consultation.
- Sustainable drainage systems for new developments consultation events.
- Broadband mapping enquiry – PCC.
- Regional Dementia Friendly Conference 13-11-18.
- NHS111 number promotion.

8 – Planning.

18/0634/PA. Field shelter and storage. Land to south of Plas-Crwn Lodge.SA67 8UT. Cllr Thomas was not involved in the discussion on this item. There were no objections raised.

18/0413/CL. Certificate of lawful development for residential caravan associated garden area and timber decking. Pantygorphwys Farmhouse, Stoneyford, Narberth.

18/0525/PA. Conservatory to home art studio. Yr Hen Beudy, Pengawse Hill. Application conditionally approved.

18/0490/PA. Retrospective consent for store building and extension, erection of stable building and installation of access. Rhos-Fach, Clunderwen. Application conditionally approved.

9 – Finance.

The Clerk circulated a document with the current state of the Council's finances, and comparing budgeted and actual expenditure to date. The latest bank statements were also circulated. This was reviewed and discussed.

Bank balance as of 5-11-18, after below cheques deducted, including bequest: £3,320.74
With bequest removed - £2,143.88

Invoices to pay:

- Clerk's salary and expenses for October and November
- Wreath - £17.00

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

10 – Councillors' reports for action at next meeting.

Cllr Thomas raised concerns about trees with damaged or rotten branches overhanging paths and properties in various areas of the village, particularly near Ivy Lodge. Cllr Simpson would pass this on to PCC.

Cllr Thomas also raised the issue of speeding in the village Cllr. Simpson agreed to contact regarding the possibility of mobile speed camera deployment in the near future.

Cllr Thomas also raised the issue of a broken street light near Ivy Cottage. He would provide the details to Cllr Simpson for resolution.

Cllr Lewis stated that he had found potential sponsorship for a defibrillator, and would update in the next meeting.

Cllr Simpson said that PCC were negotiating to provide fibre broadband throughout Pembrokeshire.

11 – Next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meetings should be on 9th January, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.