

Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 9th January 2019

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.

Also present were Martin Gallimore and Tom Edwards on behalf of Arup, and a member of the public.

1- The meeting opened with an address by the member of the public regarding some concerns on details of bypass plan. He stated that he was speaking not just for himself but also for the other residents that were affected, and had previously raised these concerns with Arup and the Welsh Government, but not had a satisfactory response. The current proposal was to make the stretch of lane a Private Means of Access, with responsibility for repair and maintenance to be given to one or more of the residents. He had been told that it was unclear who currently owned that stretch, despite the fact that the Land Registry stated it belonged to SWTRA and PCC currently acted as owners of part of it. He and the other residents were not happy to take on ownership of the section of road, with all the unknown costs which that entailed, and considered it an unfair proposal considering it was also used by Chapel users and Welsh Water as well as a number of landowners for access to their holdings.

It was also raised that a PMA was proposed for part of the route to Bethel Chapel, and yet routes that were less used such as that to Trevangor burial ground were to be adopted by PCC.

In reply Martin Gallimore and Tom Edwards stated that they were still in discussions regarding the current ownership and the future ownership, but that it did not appear to be currently privately owned. They stated that making it a PMA was one of a number of options, but were not able to give information on any others. They would check on the ownership of Plasnewydd Lane which had recently been resurfaced and was an analogous ex-A40 section in case it would be relevant. They informed the meeting that it was rare for SWTRA to take on responsibility for anything not a trunk road.

The sections concerned would stay as designated PMAs for the draft orders, at which point formal objections could be raised, but they hoped to resolve the issues before then. Draft orders were now timetabled for the second half of February, and there would be a two day exhibition in the Hall at that time. It was also stated that Redstone Cross was being currently considered for work, but that it would be independent of the Llanddewi Velfrey bypass and would cause no delay to the work.

It was requested that the Council be supplied with a copy of the current plans for information.

2 – Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Meurig James and County Cllr David Simpson

3 – Declarations of interest.

Cllr Lewis declared a personal interest regarding the area in the discussion on the LDP.

4 – Minutes of previous meeting.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Eynon and seconded by Cllr Thomas, agreed by all present. They were duly signed.

5 – Matters arising from previous meeting.

A40 update. This had largely been covered by the discussion at the start of the meeting. It was agreed that if necessary an extra meeting would be called to consider the draft orders.

Bus shelter damage. The Clerk had been provided with an alternative quote for it to be repaired. After discussion it was agreed by all that the Council would adopt this price and contractor if it was acceptable to the insurers, proposed Cllr Lewis and seconded Cllr Eynon. The Clerk would confirm with the insurers and report back.

5 – New business.

Budget and precept request. The Clerk had previously circulated a report with a proposed budget for 2019-20. This was discussed, and it was agreed to set the budget accordingly, with the Clerk remaining on the same scale point, and that the Clerk should request the advised amount for the precept. Proposed Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Griffiths.

PCC Local Development Plan for 2021-2033. Information on the candidate sites in the Council's area had been circulated. Cllr Eynon supplied the meeting with the views of a number of residents concerning one particular area. It was noted that this area had been previously proposed for the current LDP, but turned down. It was agreed after discussion that the Clerk should respond to the consultation stating the Council's support for the residents' views.

6 – County Councillor's report.

The County Councillor was absent, but had provided a report to the Clerk in which he stated that the road from A40 junction to the lodge had been reported for potholes and overhanging trees. A speed camera van had also been requested – been twice in village in last few weeks.

7 – Correspondence received.

- Pembrokeshire bus service questionnaire.
- WG consultation on Council Tax exemption for care leavers.
- PCC budget consultation.
- Webcasting of PCC standards committee meetings. The Council had no views either way on this.
- PCC – adoption of rights of way improvement plan.
- PCC LDP consultation. Workshops 14th and 21st Jan.
- Welsh Govt response to year-long review of town community councils.
- SuDS planning guidance information.
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8 – Planning.

Planning application 18/0968/PA. Alterations and extensions (partly retrospective), Brynalan, Llanddewi Velfrey. This was discussed and there were no objections.

Planning application 18/1044/PA. 2 storey extension to rear elevation. Ael y Bryn, Llanddewi Velfrey. This was discussed and there were no objections.

Planning approved 18/0634/PA. Field shelter and storage. Land to south of Plas-Crwn Lodge.SA67 8UT.

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. The Clerk was asked to look into whether a deposit account might be a better option for the reserves and bequest monies.

Bank balance as of 8-1-19, after below cheques deducted, including bequest: £4,654.01
With bequest removed - £3,477.15

Invoices to pay:

- Clerk's salary and expenses for December and January
- Llewelyn Davies – payment for 2017-18 audit services. In addition an extra sum was agreed to go towards the outstanding audit payments. Total - £160.00

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 a large pothole between Ivy Cottage and Plascrwn Lodge, that had been previously mentioned. Resurfacing was required. The Clerk would report this to Cllr Simpson.

Cllr Lewis stated that he had heard nothing more regarding funding for a defibrillator. The Clerk was asked to look into potential funding sources and report back.

11 – Next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meetings should be on 13th March, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm. If required an extra meeting would be called to discuss the draft orders for the bypass.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.