**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 8th January 2020**

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

**1 – Apologies for absence**.

No apologies were received.

**2 – Declarations of interest**.

No interests were declared.

**3 – Minutes of previous meeting**.

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

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

**A40 update**. The public inquiry had started the day before. There had been an alternative route proposed by one of the objectors, which was discussed by the Council. It was considered that a raised embankment would be visually detrimental to the community, would cost a lot more, and not provide suitable cost benefits. The Clerk would contact the public inquiry co-ordinator accordingly. It was also agreed that road improvements had been put off for decades, pending the bypass – they wished it to finally go ahead. The local press had been in contact – the letter of support that had been sent to the inquiry would be forwarded to them, and also to Ken Skates to highlight the Council’s support.

**War Memorial**. An event to commemorate 100 years of the War Memorial would be considered in the May meeting.

**Defibrillator.** The Clerk would sort out a training date/time, preferably a Saturday morning. A second training session would be arranged if numbers suggested it was worthwhile. The sign for the wall was due to be delivered.

**Hall update**. The Hall renovation was nearly completed. The heating was still outstanding as was some outside work, but the Hall was in use.

**5 – New business.**

**Council insurance.** Information had been previously circulated - it was agreed to accept the lower quote from the existing insurers.

**IRPW report**. This had been previously circulated – the Clerk summarised the two mandatory allowances, how they worked, and talked about the discretionary ones. It was agreed that none of the discretionary ones would be taken up at the moment.

Local places for nature. The Clerk stated that she had applied for the free pack. Cllr Eynon also stated that the WI had offered a commemorative shrub to the Council. It was agreed to accept this and locate where it could be appreciated by the community.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** County Cllr Simpson apologised for his recent absence. He stated that coronavirus was taking up a lot of his time, and that there were contingency plans in place for example should additional resources or facilities be required. He stated that PCC were making a significant investment in the county’s digital infrastructure, getting all council buildings connected by optical fibre and then allowing private households to apply for voucher assistance to also be connected. He also stated that the blocked culvert near White Lodge had been cleaned, but the pipe diameter was insufficient to cope with such as the recent rainfall. Concerns were raised about the water flow that came onto the Hall car park – this would be looked into. The Penblewin to Narberth road speed limit was being reduced for safety. Finally he highlighted the living memory group that met twice a month in Narberth as thriving and doing excellent work.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* Welsh Govt - SUDs amendments to orders. Noted.
* Local Development Plan – deposit consultation. Noted.
* PCC – digital services promotion. Noted..
* Welsh Govt consultation – circular economy/recycling. Noted.
* Welsh Govt consultation – change to organ donor rules. Noted.

**8 – Planning.**

None had been received by the date of meeting to be considered.

**9 – Finance.**

The Clerk circulated information on the current state of the Council’s finances. The latest bank statements were also made available. This was reviewed and discussed, and agreed as accurate.

Bank balance main account £2381.54 as at 6-3-20. After below cheques deducted - £1386.83. Still to receive invoice for the defibrillator sign.

Invoices to pay:

* Clerk’s salary for February and March - minus tax - £162.70
* Clerk’s expenses February and March - £31.09
* Clerk’s tax February and March - £40.80
* Insurance - £447.59 – then reduced to £396.50
* WAO external audit fees for 2018-19 - £363.75

Second (spare) account balance £19.00 as at 6-3-2020

Interest account balance £4103.67 as at 27-12-19

It was stated that the reserves included money to cover the election which was due in May 2022.

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

**10 – Councillors’ reports for action at next meeting.**

Cllr Griffiths stated that there had been a lot of remedial work done on various pavements to resolve flooding issues, surface condition etc. which was appreciated.

A query was raised about the board that listed previous Chairmen. This had been taken down for the renovation. It was agreed to have it replaced in the Hall. It was also agreed that prices for a second board to maintain the list should be looked obtained – to be considered in the next meeting.

**11 – Next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meetings should be on 13th May 2020, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm. This would be the annual meeting, followed by the normal meeting for that month.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.