**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 9th September 2020**

Present: Cllrs Wynn Griffiths, Keith Thomas, Meurig James (Chairman), Jamie Lewis, Tudor Eynon.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllr Deryck Prosser and County Cllr David Simpson had offered their apologies. These and the reasons for them were fully accepted by the Council.

**2 – Declarations of interest**.

Cllr Lewis declared a personal interest in one planning item – 20/0197/PN. This had been declared upon receiving the application email as well as in this meeting.

Cllr Lewis briefly took over as Chairman for the next item because Cllr James had connectivity issues.

**3 – Minutes of previous meeting**.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Griffiths, agreed by all present. They would be signed formally at the first opportunity.

Cllr James resumed as Chairman.

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

**A40 update**. The tender process had started, and the Council understood the tenders had to be in by 6th November. A decision would be taken on them by February 2021.

**Past Chairman honour board**. This had been purchased and the engraving done. It was agreed that the invoices for both should be paid.

Change of Vice-Chairman. Cllr Lewis had requested this be discussed – he had not recalled the year he had last held that role in the last meeting. After discussion he agreed to continue as Vice-Chairman for this year.

**Keep Wales Tidy butterfly garden.** The garden had been installed, and was looking good, and appreciated by the community.

**5 – New business.**

Replacement bench placed outside Cwmllefrith. This had recently been installed to replace one that was old and damaged. The Council expressed their appreciation for the bench and the benefit it provided to the community.

List of preferred community benefits to be provided as part of the bypass scheme. Cllr Thomas had been approached by one potential contractor regarding this. A list had been drawn up at an earlier date, which had been circulated to all Cllrs to see if they could suggest any additional items. It was agreed that this should be made available to any contractor who approached either the Council or the Town Hall Committee – the Clerk would liaise with the Committee. Benefits most likely to be provided would be those that benefitted the entire village. It was suggested that it might also be possible after the work was done to negotiate with PCC regarding some matters prior to the adoption by PCC of the roads that were to be detrunked.

Remembrance Day event. It was agreed that the normal event would unlikely this year. It was suggested that there be a small representative gathering at the War Memorial (depending upon restrictions at the time) for a wreath laying ceremony. The Clerk would order a wreath for delivery to a Cllr.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** County Cllr Simpson was not able to attend because he was otherwise engaged, but had stated that any issues could be passed to him.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* Invitation to join Pembrokeshire Resilience Network – this was noted.
* PCC consultation on their equality plan – this was noted.
* Updates from PCC and Cllr Simpson throughout the period on covid-19 regulation changes, guideline updates, information on what PCC was doing to help individuals and businesses. These were noted.

**8 – Planning.**

Application 20/0158/PA. Alterations and extensions. Parc Y Teg, Llanddewi Velfrey. Recd 11-6-2020, sent out 11-6-2020.

Application 20/0146/PA. Planning to regularise change to domestic curtilage that occurred over ten years ago as a consequence of previously approved extension to existing property. Old Vicarage, Llanddewi Velfrey.

Application 20/0247/PA. Variation of condition 2 of approved plans of 17/0950/PA – extensor and alteration of village hall and repositioning of play equipment.

Application 20/0197/PN. Prior notification. Proposed MBNL 15 metres. Land off Old field Road, to north of A40, Llanddewi Velfrey. Unconditionally approved 28-8-2020

Application 20/0328/HG. Hedgerow removal notice. Parc Y Teg, Llanddewi Velfrey.

These had all been circulated to the Council upon receipt. There were no objections to any of the above applications.

**9 – Finance.**

Bank balance main account £4161.88 as of 31-8-20. The bequest has been moved to the deposit account.

Bank balance second account: £19.00

Bank balance business interest account: £4104.77 Money will be transferred into this account from the main account during September.

The internal auditor had reviewed the accounts for the preceding year in detail and had not raised any issues. The external auditor had asked for clarification on a few points – the Clerk was awaiting the report.

Details of payments made and due are in appended table – summarised below:

Invoices/contractual payments:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for June, July, August, September
* Clerk’s expenses for June, July, August, September
* Clerk’s tax June, July, August, September
* Data protection fee - £40.00 or £35.00 if pay by direct debit.
* New Chairman’s board - £180.00
* Lettering for updating new and existing board - £125.00

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

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

Cllr Griffiths stated that there were still issues with the overhanging trees at the bottom of smith’s field – one of which was possibly an ash tree. There was also one overhanging from the Anfield side. This would be passed on to County Cllr David Simpson.

It was stated that there were issues with a drain outside White Lodge. It functioned acceptably during normal rainfall, but if there was heavy rain water flowed across the road and into neighbouring properties. It had been inspected by PCC, and they said there was likely a blockage in the extension pipe that had been fitted at some point, which was of a smaller bore that the original pipe. The Clerk would request that this be rectified urgently, if necessary by digging up and replacing the extension pipe with one of a suitable diameter.

Finally the Council noted with sadness the death of Nancy Eynon in July. The oldest resident of the village, she had been a well-respected lady in the community and a key member of the local WI for over 50 years.

**11 – Next meeting.**

It was agreed that it was not possible to confidently arrange the next meetings in the current circumstances. It was tentatively planned for November 2020, but that would be reviewed nearer the time. The Clerk would call an extra meeting should it be required.

 There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.