

LLAWHADEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCORPARATING LLAWHADEN, ROBESTON WATHEN, GELLI & BETHESDA

Minutes for the Community Council virtual meeting held on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 20:00hrs, via Zoom.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)

Tracy Watkins

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Di Clements (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Hancock, Michael Barnes, Victoria Rabiya McAndrew and Tim Simons.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members interests.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 1st April 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2021 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tracy and seconded by Samantha H.

5. Matters Arising There From

a. Traffic Calming Projects: Hugh had met with the Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Highway's representative in Gelli, and tentatively agreed to have the lines repainted and additional warning signs to be erected e.g. narrow road etc. The other projects had not yet begun, but Di agreed to establish a start time for all projects.

b. Sports Field, Llawhaden:

- Questionnaire: Tracy and Hugh had received some completed questionnaires; suggestions so far were – planting of a wild-flower meadow, re-instate the activity day and history walks. All the questionnaires had stated they were pleased with the work that had so far been carried out i.e. planting of the trees
- Grants - Beacons Grant/Tiny Forest/Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust – ongoing.
- Grwp Pembrokeshire Plots - Unmet need of land for growing or community benefit: it was possible that this group would be able to advise on a way forward with the field, and their details would be kept for information.

c. Defibrillator – Gelli: no update at present.

d. Llawhaden Play area: concerns from local residents have been received stating the area is being used as a toilet by cyclists passing through the village, and by dogs of the dog training group who hold sessions at the hall. It was agreed to place signage in the area to discourage this. Di also reminded the meeting that there were signs available to purchase. Samantha PH agreed to email Owain (Llawhaden Hall) re the dog fouling in the area, and Hugh agreed to contact the cycling clubs who had been caught in camera in the act of relieving themselves, once the footage had been received.

The community council had not yet received notification that PCC wanted to pass responsibility for the area to another body. However, Victoria had spoken to Chris Thomas (Councillor for the Crymych area) as they had recently successfully taken responsibility for play in his ward. It was felt that it would be a shame to lose an asset for the community, and the community council would support a separate body to run the area. It was felt that a

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questionnaire for the play area could be devised for locals to put forward their thoughts and ideas.

- e. Castlerview works – tree felling, public footpath closures, residents’ concerns: Hugh had sent a letter to the Chief Executive of PCC and the Enforcement Officer had sent a holding reply. The public footpath had been reported, however the PCC Public Rights of Way Officer (Matt Cloud) had visited the path and advised that he felt the only issue was one tree obstructing the path and he would contact the landowner to sort the issue out. He was otherwise happy with the signage and the state of the path.
- f. Spring 2021 Newsletter and Playing Field Flyer Invoice: an invoice totalling £112.50 has been received from the clerk – Spring Newsletter £75 and the playing field flyer £37.50. It was agreed to pay the invoice by all those present. Proposed by Samantha H and Tracy.
- g. Grit Bins: ongoing.
- h. Ultrafast Broadband – Llawhaden Project Area: PCC Digital Engagement Officers would hopefully be knocking on doors soon to encourage residents to express an interest in the project.
- i. Litter Picking update: Hugh has contacted PCC re litter picking equipment, and still awaiting a reply from Keep Wales Tidy. Di has red bags that she would drop off with Tracy in Llawhaden. Di reminded the meeting that there was signage that could be purchased to discourage littering.

6. Finance

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as of 5th May 2021:
Current Account - £7242.82
Savings Account - £1438.33
- b. BHIB Limited – Insurance Renewal £182.90. It was agreed to settle this invoice by all members present. Proposed by Tracy and seconded by Samantha H.

7. Correspondence

- a. Letter of thanks from Paul Sartori – noted.
- b. One Voice Wales: Remote Meeting after May 2021, Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act – Changes due in 2022 and Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – noted.
- c. Letter from Angela Burns – advising the ward she would not be standing for the Welsh Assembly Government and thanking everyone for their help and support during her time as a Senedd Member.

8. Planning

- a. Belomond Cottage, Canaston Bridge: static caravan to be used for holiday rental (20/1140/PA)- no known issues.
- b. Cox Lake Farm, Robeston Wathen: change of use of land to include cross country equestrian training and event facility with associated access and parking - Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012: Statutory Pre-Application Consultation (HPDM 1804) – no known issues.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

- a. The National Parks Enforcement Officer was taking up the issues of caravanning and camping certified sites popping up in the area.
- b. UK Government Levelling Up / Community Regeneration Fund – PCC are looking into accessing the fund and would be looking for projects who could benefit from the funding.

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c. The PCC AGM next week when a new leader would be elected.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Hugh advised there was a problem when opening the noticeboards and would appreciate some help to open them.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 20:00hrs, in line with Covid-19 restrictions. It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3rd September 2021 at 20:00hrs.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:50 hrs.