**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 14th July 2021**

Present: Cllrs Jamie Lewis, Meurig James, Deryck Prosser, Tudor Eynon, Wynn Griffiths, and Keith Thomas.

Cllr Lewis as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Anwen Baldwin of PCC Broadband Team made a presentation to the meeting on Pembrokeshire County Council’s Broadband project. She gave the background to the project, and stated that Llanddewi Velfrey was in a larger area that was part of phase five of the rollout, and there was already good interest in the project. The team would be carrying out more work to raise the interest level to encourage potential suppliers to put in bids for the work. It was hoped that the a working group comprised of local people would be able to select a supplier around September, then the proposal would go to DCMS for approval, and once approved the supplier would have twelve months to complete the network installation. Residents would be under no obligation to take up a contract with the supplier, but if they did it would be only for a year, and it would mean free fibre installation to the house.

Councillors then asked a number of questions, which were answered. She stated that there would be a public meeting in the Hall for residents in the coming weeks.

Cllr Lewis thanked Anwen Baldwin for attending, and stated that it had been a very useful and informative presentation.

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

**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 Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Thomas, agreed by all present. They were duly signed.

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

**A40 update**. It had been previously announced that Alun Griffiths Contractors Ltd had been award the contract. It had also been confirmed that the scheme was going ahead, despite various statements in the media that it would not - it was not one of the schemes cancelled by the Welsh Government.

The contractors would be hiring the upstairs room in the Hall from 4th August and they were actively seeking a works compound. A digger had been on site, and a number of contractors had been surveying in various locations. A public exhibition was due to be provided soon.

**Overhanging trees**. A site meeting had been held with the relevant PCC Officer by Cllr Thomas and the Clerk. There were in fact 20 trees that required attention by the landowner, which had been noted. The officer had stated they would get in contact again with the landowner concerned, and endeavour to have the situation resolved. As a last resort PCC could potentially have the work carried out by their contractors – in this case they would put a legal charge on the property to reclaim the sums involved at a later date. The Clerk would maintain contact with the Officer and update the Council as necessary – this item would remain on the agenda until resolved.

**5 – New business.**

**Election of Vice-Chairman.** This had not been confirmed in the previous meeting. It was discussed, and Cllr Eynon agreed to take on the role for this year. It was therefore agreed by all that Cllr Eynon be the Vice-Chairman for this year.

**Defibrillator at garage. Defibrillator training.** Cllr Prosser gave the background to this item – his concerns that the code for access was not visible, that the alarm on the cabinet was not functioning, and the inability to contact First Responders both by himself and the Clerk. This was all discussed, and it was agreed that some aspects needed clarification – the Clerk would contact First Responders on the provided email accordingly and report back to the Council. It was agreed that any potential user should always contact 999 for the code to the cabinet, so that the emergency services were aware of the potential life threatening situation and would react accordingly. This would also mean that the correct processes for checking and replacing the defibrillator unit and pads would be done.

The Council had planned training for local residents but it had been delayed first by the Hall rebuilding work and then covid-19. It was agreed the Clerk should find out some possible dates and times for this and arrange sessions with the Hall Committee that could be publicised.

**Financial Regulations.** The Clerk apologised that these had not been included in the documents for review in the annual meeting. A copy had been previously circulated to all. They were accepted for the coming year.

**PCC consultation on Waste and Recycling Centres.** A link to this had been previously circulated. The Chairman encouraged everyone to complete it. The Clerk would collate comments from Councillors to also provide a Council response.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** Cllr Simpson had sent his apologies because he had to attend PCC meetings – he had provided a report which Cllr Lewis read out. Work on cutting hedges and sorting ditches had started in the last week throughout the County. Covid cases were increasing, Track and Trace was very busy, but 90% of adults in Pembrokeshire had had 1 vaccination dose, 70% 2 doses. Pembrokeshire had the lowest County average of 54 cases per 100 thousand people, when the Wales average currently was 123.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* Information from PCC regarding covid-19 regulation changes/guideline updates etc. –throughout period.
* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* PCC second homes/empty properties consultation. This was noted.
* PCC community works grant funding opportunity. This was noted.
* Dyfed Powys Police webinars on scams that were being held in July. This was noted.

**8 - Planning:**

Planning application: 21/0024/PA. Construction of agricultural portal framed building for timber storage. Parc Y Delyn, Llanddewi Velfrey SA67 7PA. Received 140-5-21. There were no objections.

Planning application: 20/1120/TF. Tree surgery. Cysgod Y Coed, 7 Maes Y Dderwen, Llandewi Velfrey. SA67 7PL. Conditionally approved 7-6-21.

Planning application: 20/1190/PA. Replacement loose calf rearing/housing building. Longford Farm, Clunderwen. SA66 7HP. Conditionally approved 20-5-21.

**9 - Finance:**

Bank balance main account £3311.21 as of 7th July 2021.

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 7th July 2021

Bank balance business interest account: £5605.60 as of 7th July 2021. This account now holds the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections so far.

Details of payments made and due are summarised below, as is a budget line comparison of current spending against budget for the year.

Invoices/contractual/other payments:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for June, July
* Clerk’s expenses for June, July
* Clerk’s tax June, July

The Clerk stated that the July payroll had not yet been done, but it was anticipated the figures would be roughly in line with June’s. This was accepted. It was agreed that the above financial information was accurate and that the payments should be made online this month and next month, because the Clerk had accidentally omitted to bring the cheque book for signing - proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and agreed unanimously.

**10 - Councillors’ reports for consideration at next meeting.** Cllr Thomas raised concerns about vehicles parking close to the War Memorial junction, seriously restricting visibility and safety. He also stated that the pot holes on the back lane had not been sorted. The Clerk would report these matters to Cllr Simpson.

It was noted that the railings on the green had been renewed.

Cllr Eynon stated that the hedges along the trunk road had not yet been cut and were impeding visibility – they had been cut three times last year, but were untouched this year. The Clerk would report this to Cllr Simpson.

Cllr Griffiths asked that the Smithfield situation be included on the agenda for future meeting to retain awareness of the situation.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 8th July 2021, starting at 8.00pm, and that it was intended it would be in person in the Hall unless Government restrictions or requirements to provide remote access necessitated it be a Zoom meeting.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.