**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 8th September 2021**

Present: Cllrs Jamie Lewis, Tudor Eynon, Wynn Griffiths, Keith Thomas and County Councillor David Simpson.

Cllr Lewis as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllr Meurig James and Derryck Prosser had offered their 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**. There had been a meeting a fortnight before with the Public Liaison Officer, Project Manager and Construction Manager of Alun Griffiths Contractors Ltd to get the latest information on the bypass. Work on surveys was taking place, fields were being marked up, and full construction work was expected to start in the next few weeks. The Hall was now in use as a temporary base whilst the more permanent site was set up. Two public exhibitions were planned for this month to update residents – these would be advertised. It transpired that the community benefits would be dependent upon the equipment and facilities available in the area at the time.

**Overhanging trees**. The PCC Officer had been contacted for an update – although the landowner had been contacted no remedial action had yet been taken about the trees. 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.**

**Defibrillator training.** A date of Thursday 30th September at 7.00pm in the Hall had been set, and posters to advertise it produced. There was an option to also provide second date later if that would be useful.

**Remembrance Sunday.** It was agreed to hold a small ceremony by the War Memorial as last year after considering the current prevalence of Covid-19 and with concerns over what restrictions might be in place if cases continued to rise. Councillors would contact the minister and organise an individual to lay the wreath, which the Clerk would order as usual.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** Cllr Simpson stated in his report that hedge-cutting had been raised a number of times with him by residents, because it had been done later this year. All hedges had now been done, and ditches cleared. Covid-19 continued to be a concern with case rates increasing, but whereas last year 15-25% of people went into hospital, now the rate was closer to 1%, so although the health board was under pressure, it was coping. County Hall staff were still largely working from home, meetings continued to be via Teams, and he considered that likely for the immediately foreseeable future.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* New Year’s honours nomination opportunity. This was noted.
* Welsh Government consultation on changes to elections procedures at both County and Community level. This was noted.
* PCC Active Travel consultation. This was noted.

**8 - Planning:**

Planning application: 21/0391/PA. Proposed 15m high communications mast. Rear of Pen-Banc, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 7EL. There were no comments to report on this application.

Planning application: 21/0024/PA. Construction of agricultural portal framed building for timber storage. Parc Y Delyn, Llanddewi Velfrey SA67 7PA. Conditionally approved 5-8-21

Planning application: 21/0308/PA. Single storey timber-framed lean-to extension. Maesyffynnon, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 7PA. This was submitted and then cancelled before the end of the consultation period.

**9 - Finance:**

Bank balance main account £4801.76 as of 30th August 2021.

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 30th August 2021

Bank balance business interest account: £5605.60 as of 30th August 2021. This account now holds the bequest; the reserve for Councillor allowances; the reserve for election costs.

Details of income received and payments made and due are summarised below.

Income received – Precept instalment in August - £1771.00

The VAT reclaim for 2020-21 still had not been received – The Clerk is in correspondence with HMRC on this matter.

Invoices/contractual/other payments:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for August, September
* Clerk’s expenses for August, September
* Clerk’s tax August, September

The bank balances, income and expenditure and payments due were all accepted - proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and agreed unanimously.

**10 - Councillors’ reports for consideration at next meeting.**

Concern was raised by Cllr Thomas that there were still vehicles parking close to the junction, limiting the space available for those turning into or out of the junction onto the main road. Cllr Simpson would see what PCC might be able to do.

The Clerk expressed her thanks to the Council for supporting her undertaking the CiLCA qualification. She reported that she had completed it, and passed. The Council gave their congratulations to her for the achievement.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 10th November 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 8.50pm.