

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 7th October 2021 at 20:00hrs, at Llawhaden YFC and Community Hall.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)
Victoria Rabiya McAndrew

Tim Simons
Tracy Watkins

Samantha Hebblethwaite
Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his disappointment that the Llawhaden area's highway project grant application had been unsuccessful on this occasion, however there was no reason why they could not put forward another application when the next financial year's fund was opened. He also congratulated Tim, whose family had recently celebrated his daughter's marriage.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Di Clements (County Councillor).

3. Declaration of Members Interests

- a. Tim declared an interest in item 8a - Coxlake, Robeston Wathen – conversion of existing barn to provide additional accommodation (21/0469/PA).

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 2nd September 2021.

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2021 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Tracy.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Highways Projects: Robeston Wathen – were still awaiting the gateway signs and Hugh had emailed the Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Highways Department to obtain an estimated time of completion for the project. Bethesda – 30 MPH signage has been erected and this project was now complete. Gelli – PCC were still looking into the best traffic calming options for the area. Llawhaden Traffic & Highways Community Works Fund application – the application was unsuccessful for this financial year; however, another application could be made in the next financial year.
- b. Broadband Project Update from PCC: We chased Department of Culture Media & Sport (DCMS) up last week and this was the response we had – *“Apologies for the delay, I was waiting for a response from my colleagues in commercial to get back to me. One of the projects in your list is now published (BP1070). For the remainder, they have now passed the eligibility checks and are currently in Commercial Review. The commercial team are working with Broadway Partners to gather all of the information required to assure the projects before publishing. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide an ETA at this time since each project is dependent on the information provided, however we are looking to get these approved and published as soon as possible. We have raised this with Broadway who have said that all info is now with DCMS. We have arranged a meeting with DCMS on Monday afternoon and will again push it. It's all very frustrating as these projects have been with DCMS since February / March.”*
- c. Playing Field, Llawhaden: Keep Wales Tidy correspondence/Local Places for Nature Officer – ongoing.
- d. Overnight parking at Village Green Llawhaden: does not seem to be an issue at present.
- e. Rotten gate at the entrance to the Village Green, Llawhaden: Hugh had obtained prices for replacing the gate and the cost would be approximately £150 including VAT. It was agreed to proceed with replacing the gate by all councillors present. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Victoria.
- f. Christmas Lunch 2021: Still awaiting a reply from Llawhaden YFC and Llawhaden Hall for availability. It was proposed that the Bush Inn, Robeston Wathen be approached to find out if they would be prepared to hold the Christmas Lunch in December 2021, Hugh agreed to contact the Bush Inn.

Signed: *Hugh Watchman*
Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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- g. Newsletter – Autumn 2021: articles for the Newsletter are required by the 20th October 2021 to include a flyer for the Christmas Lunch (once a venue and date had been agreed) and on the reverse of the flyer a notice for a Children’s Christmas Craft Session – dates and times to be agreed with the hall.
- h. Defibrillators/CPR Training etc: It was agreed to organise training in the new year, Covid-19 restrictions allowing. It was agreed that the locations of all 4 defibrillators be included in the Autumn Newsletter, along with the postcode and What3Words for the each one. Each defibrillator had been recorded with the Circuit – which would highlight their location to the emergency services when required and would also remind the Community Council to regularly check the defibrillators.

6. Finance

- a. NatWest Bank Account balances as at 7th October 2021:
Current Account - £6040.67 Savings Account £1438.39
- b. Clerks Request for Wages and Expenses: Wages = £500.00. HMRC (PAYE) - £125.00. Expenses – £16.42. It was agreed to pay by all councillors present. Proposed by Samantha H and seconded by Tracy.

7. Correspondence

- a. Pembrokeshire County Council - Electoral Boundary Review – noted.
- b. One Voice Wales (OVW): Open Consultation on Proposed Guidance on “Principles of Good Administration” and “Good Records Management” – noted.
- c. Welsh Assembly Government (WAG): Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation - February 2022 – noted.
- d. OVW: Updated guidance in support of the 2016 Model Code of Conduct – noted.

8. Planning

- b. Coxlake, Robeston Wathen – conversion of existing barn to provide additional accommodation (21/0469/PA). NO known objections to this application.
- c. Ben Y Mar, Cannaston Bridge – Roof alterations to create additional living space at first floor level. Rear extension at ground floor level forming proposed orangery – Conditionally Approved. (21/0326/PA).
- d. Gelli Woods update: despite requesting an update from the planning department at PCC, unfortunately Di had not yet received any information from them. Di would continue to chase an update from them.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

Di has spoken to Michael Scale, re. the walled garden/path in Llawhaden and the wooded area opposite that has been left since the trees have been felled. Di had agreed with Michael to meet him along with Hugh in Llawhaden, as soon as possible as the Trustees are responsible for the whole area.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Annual Lease Payment to the Trust for the Green in Llawhaden – Hugh agreed to speak to Michael Scale when they meet, to obtain an invoice for the lease payment.
- b. Code of Conduct Training for Community Councillors – code of conduct was available (at a cost) with One Voice Wales (OVW), however there was a possibility that training could be organised through PCC free of charge – Hugh agreed to enquire with PCC.
- c. Speed Awareness Volunteers: as the Llawhaden Highway’s Project had been unsuccessful on this occasion, enquires would be made to find out if there were any places available with the Police to train as speed awareness volunteers, to deter drivers from speeding in the area.
- d. Riverlea Invoice received totalling £17.46 for parts for the mower. It was agreed to pay by all councillors present. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Tracy.

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- e. Victoria hoped to organise a children's Christmas craft afternoon in December in the hall, for children through the ward. It was also hoped an outside Coffee Morning could be arranged in the new year, for residents to have a chat and a catch up.
- f. Concerns have been raised by residents of Gelli, regarding inconsiderate parking on the entrance to Gelli woods which is a popular area for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders. It was not possible to park in the chapel car park, therefore at times cars were parked in the lane therefore blocking entry to the lane – this could be an issue if ever emergency vehicles needed to access the lane. It was hoped alternative parking arrangements could be suggested.
- g. Robeston Wathen Commemorative bench, donated in 2000, was now in need of replacing. It was agreed to consider this request by obtaining quotes for a replacement bench.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 20:00hrs, at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall, in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

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