

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)

Tim Simons

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Tracy Watkins

Victoria Rabiya McAndrew

Di Clements (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

There was no declaration of members interests.

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

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

5. Matters Arising There From

a. Highways Projects: no update at present.

b. Broadband Project Update: no update at present.

c. Playing Field, Llawhaden: The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Application is in hand, and awaiting Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to re-open the application process. Victoria has spoken to a resident who is willing to be involved with the project, everyone welcomed their enthusiasm to be involved. Di confirmed that trees on the boundary of the field would be the responsibility of the community council, subsequently it was agreed to obtain quotes from tree surgeons to coppice the trees. Di also advised the meeting that there may be grants available through the National Parks Authority for hedge laying, she agreed to enquire.

d. Christmas Lunch 2021 @ The Bush Inn, Robeston Wathen – Saturday 11th December 2021. It was agreed that the following costs be paid by all councillors. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Samantha H.

- Invoice from the Bush Inn Robeston for lunch - £1031.45
- Raffle hampers - £84.66
- Donation to Llawhaden YFC - £100.00

Letters had been received from some diners expressing their thanks and how much they had enjoyed themselves. Overall, it was felt that the Christmas Lunch was a success and a tradition to continue at the Bush Inn.

e. Children's Christmas Craft Event – invoice for craft materials from Baker Ross totalling £65.15 plus £30.00 for refreshments supplied for the event totalling £30.00 (receipt missing). It was agreed to reimburse Victoria for the costs incurred by all councillors. Proposed by Tracy and seconded by Samantha H.

Signed: *Hugh Watchman*

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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6. Finance

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as at 6th January 2022:

Current Account:	Opening Balance	£5381.79	Savings Account:	£1438.42
	<u>Receipts:</u>			
	PCC Precept	<u>£2500.00</u>		
		£7881.79		
	<u>Payments:</u>			
	Wales Air Ambulance	£ 100.00		
	Riverlea	<u>£ 120.23</u>		
	<u>Estimated Closing Bal</u>	<u>£7661.56</u>		

- b. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Council Tax Base (Precept Request) – Financial Year 2022/2023 – the request for £7500 has been forwarded to PCC.
- c. Clerks request for Wages & Expenses October to December 2021: Wages - £500. HMRC - £125.00. Expenses – no claim. It was agreed to pay by all councillors. Proposed by Samantha and Victoria.

7. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice: Wales's national milestones, an updated suite of national well-being indicators, and the second edition of the Future Trends Report as part of the Shaping Wales' Future Programme – tabled.
- b. Laying of the Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021 – noted.
- c. The Local Nature Partnership – potential projects for 2022/2023 – noted.

8. Planning

- a. Canaston Oaks, Canaston Bridge: Extension to dwelling – Conditionally Approved (21/0666/PA).
- b. Coed Tywn: discharge of condition 3 (surface water drainage) of planning permission 21/0216/PA (Tool and equipment store in conjunction with forestry work) (21/0816/DC).

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

- It has been quiet over the Christmas period.
- PCC should receive a 9.4% increase in the settlement from the Welsh Assembly Government for 2022/2023.
- There are grants available for business' affected by Covid-19 restrictions e.g hospitality etc.
- Concerns had been received regarding the drains on the way to the Church in Llawhaden – they have been reported to PCC.
- Concerns regarding the runoff onto Cwm Lane have also been reported.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Bethesda Green – grass cutting - request to reimburse resident for the replacement V Belt for his lawn mower (Tallis Amos Group (TAG) invoice £97.01).
- b. Thank you to residents – Hugh wished to thank the residents that helped out in the ward by cutting the grass etc.
- c. Tim advised that the bus shelter by Cannaston Bridge on the approach to Robeston Wathen needed repairing. The clerk agreed to report to PCC.
- d. Tracy advised that Ridgeway Nursing Home staff were not wearing high visibility vests when walking from the bus stop to the Nursing Home. The clerk agreed to contact the home to voice the concern.
- e. Grit Bins: as previously discussed in past meetings it was agreed that 2 new bins be placed, one at Gelli (SA66 7HR) and one in Llawhaden (SA67 8HL). The clerk agreed to contact PCC to order them.

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- f. Litter: as restrictions were being lifted it was noted that litter in the ditches and verges was once again becoming more of an issue. Hugh agreed to contact Keep Wales Tidy, to find out if litter picking equipment was available or if it needed to be purchased.
- g. Benches: Hugh had obtained quotes for benches made from recycled materials for the following locations:
- Robeston Wathen – replacement bench at the church.
 - Bethesda – on the green.
 - Gelli – Hugh agreed to speak to Mr and Mrs James of Gelli Olau, to find out if they would agree to another bench being sited on the land by the bridge on the riverbank.
 - Llawhaden – in the area adjacent to the hall.
- Therefore if 4 benches were purchased it would cost £1720 (£440 x 4), plus long leg packs to secure the benches in the ground £240 (£60 x 4), plus the cost of an engraved plaque for each bench. Hugh agreed to cost the engraved plaques and report back to the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 20:00hrs, at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall, in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:25hrs.