

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)

Tracy Watkins

Cllr Di Clements (County Councillor)

Tim Simons

Victoria Rabiya McAndrew

Cllr Jon Harvey (JH) (Pcc Cabinet Member for Planning)

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Catherine Hancock

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting including residents who wished to raise issues regarding a planning application for Cwm Farm (agenda item 8a).

Hugh gave a brief background into the Cwm Farm Planning application and explained that valid objections could be uploaded directly to the Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) planning portal. It was noted that threats and intimidation have been reported to Llawhaden Community Council, and advice given to report any such incidents to the police. Two previous applications had been submitted and both have been previously refused. The last application has been appealed and enforcement is now in place, although on hold due to the current application. Previous refusals were decided upon the removal of water and it's proximity of the building to the nearest dwelling.

The planning committee will sit, and residents are able to appoint a spokesperson to have their objections heard. A site may be actioned by the planning committee. If the application is refused the applicants have the right of appeal again.

JH to check if a SUDS report is needed.

Residents advised the meeting that issues that have been previously raised with the case officer, but to date no response had been received. JH confirmed that the case officer is currently on sick leave, but he agreed to look into the lack of response.

Issues in relation to the Bridle Path were also raised, with residents asking if the surface of the bridle path was allowed to be changed? Is commercial use permitted? Concerns were noted re the size and frequencies of vehicles travelling along the path. It was felt that it was no longer safe for dog walker, horse riders, children etc. to use the path.

JH confirmed the date last for objections is the 9th February, and Hugh encouraged letters to be sent in prior to this date and offered support to upload these to the portal if needed.

Concerns that local residents have not been informed, not even immediate neighbours and notices are not in visible locations. Di offered to print additional notices to put these in more prominent locations.

Hugh confirmed that letters received by Llawhaden CC have been added to the portal.

Concerns noted include

- The amount and size of animals
- Waste – what provision is in place
- Agricultural justification – does PCC have the necessary skills within the planning department to determine some of the technical details?
- NRW report is yet to be submitted
- Water pollution
- Noise pollution
- Highways have noted no concerns. Has a site visit occurred? Can this be raised as a safety issue?
- Other businesses being run from the land.

JH advised that objections can be raised by the community council on behalf of the residents but that residents can raise individual objections.

Di advised that if any further questions needed to be asked, she can take these back to JH later.

Objection points which are valid:

- Bridle path, erosion of and use of
- Vehicles, access to the bridle path and safety within the village
- Amount of water on the track

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- Noise from vehicles

Residents of the village left the meeting at 21:20hrs.

Community council members discussed writing a letter to object to the planning application based on the discussion this evening. Noting 3 points which affect all residents:

1. Road safety.
2. The amount of traffic.
3. The state of the bridle path and loss of amenity.

Victoria has agreed to write this letter and upload to the portal.

1. Chairman's Remarks

Hugh welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed how nice it was to see Catherine back at the meeting. He also wished Sam (Clerk) and her family well amongst their current health concerns.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

3. Declaration of Members Interests

Catherine declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 8(a) and Tim declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 8(b).

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 6th January 2022.

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2022 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Tracy.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Highways Projects: Updates. Gelli – White lines will be painted in Gelli, but the conditions are not right now due to salt being on the road. This would be actioned once the conditions improve. There had been no response re signage.
- b. Broadband Project Update: no update at present.
- c. Playing Field, Llawhaden: including the outdoor connection fund information (emailed). A meeting with Ant Rogers at the Playing Field on 31/1/22 was very successful and lots of ideas shared. A subcommittee will form to continue this project consisting of Tracy, Sam H and Victoria with an open meeting style for residents to get involved. South Hook LNG have fund of up to £5000 and 2nd homes funds won't be opening until after April. Sam H will keep an eye on the website for further updates.
- d. Benches: Robeston Wathen, Bethesda, Gelli & Llawhaden. Tim will double check the base at Robeston for the church. Agreement from all members to purchase 4 benches from funds and for plaques to be placed with wording like "For the enjoyment of residents of Llawhaden/Gelli/Robeston Wathen/Bethesda, from the Community Council"
- d. Grit Bins: ordered through Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) for Llawhaden (SA67 8HL) and Gelli (SA66 7HR) at a cost of £120 + vat each.
- e. Bus Shelter Cannaston Bridge in need of repair – reported to PCC.

6. Finance

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as at 3rd February 2022 – noted as last month's balances.
- b. Receipt of monies from HMRC - £700.54 – VAT Reclaim.

7. Correspondence

- a. Pembrokeshire coast National Park: PCC Local Development Plan & Pembrokeshire coast National Park Local Development Plan 2 Joint Supplementary Planning Guidance on the Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2: Supplementary Planning Guidance on: coal/loss of hotels/regional importance geodiversity sites/safeguarding minerals zones/conservation areas. (emailed) – tabled.

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8. Planning

- a. Cwm Farm, Llawhaden: Proposal: Agricultural Building, hardstanding, and access track (retrospective) – (21/0857/PA) – as previously discussed.
- b. Land north of B4314 at Robeston Wathen: proposed self-catered holiday lodges with hub building, associated access and parking, additional planting, and nature trail (21/0053/PA) – conditionally approved.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

- a. Di confirmed that the Lunch Club is possible via the community council but that a separate bank account will need to be set up. Residents of pensionable age will be entitled to £1.50 rebate from a meal purchased through the lunch club. Hugh will make enquiries with the Bush if this is something they would like to do. Di confirmed residents will need to fill out a form to be eligible. Details to be put in next newsletter to gauge interest.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Resignation of community councillor Mr Michael Barnes, which left a vacancy on the Llawhaden Community Council.
- b. Invoice from Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall:
 - Community Council Meetings 2021 - £125.00
 - Christmas Craft Session 12/12/2021 - £30.00It was agreed to pay the hall invoices a total of £155.00, by all councillors present. Proposed by Tracy and seconded by Sam H.
- c. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 2022: Speak to WI, YFC, Church etc for ideas on a community-wide event. Also, village association in Robeston Wathen, quilting club and Cor Pawb. Agreed this should be a family event open to everyone. Consideration towards a BBQ or other free entrance perk.
- d. Defibrillator Pads: Pads due to expire on 26/02/2022, replacements required – to be added to the Agenda for the March meeting.
- e. Community Councillor Election – May 2022. Advice from One Voice Wales (OVW) – no reply from OVW yet.
- f. Tracy raised that a name is required for the playing field project, and also, the Facebook page needs further discussion.
- g. litter has increased in the community. Hugh and Tracy both mentioned that equipment can be borrowed from Keep Wales Tidy. We have red bags in the village and consideration to be given to buying some litter pickers

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd March 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 22:20hrs.