**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 13th July 2022**

Present: Cllrs Keith Thomas, Tudor Eynon, Wynn Griffiths, Meurig James and a member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllr Jamie Lewis and County Cllr David Simpson 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 – Questions from members of the public.** There were no questions from any members of the public.

**4 - Minutes of previous meeting**.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed by all present. They were therefore signed.

The Chairman, with the agreement of all, brought forward the first item of new business at this point.

**Co-option of Councillor to vacant seat**. With the agreement of all Edward Howells was co-opted to the vacant seat of the Council, and welcomed to the meeting as a Councillor. He also signed his acceptance of office form.

**5 - Matters arising from previous meeting**.

**A40 bypass.**  An update provided by the contractors the day of the meeting had been circulated along with a verbal update, and these were discussed. Concerns about the new road width around Bethel Chapel had been raised in the recent Liaison meeting, and there would be a meeting this week between the design engineer and affected residents and Chapel representatives to clarify the matter. There were current delays due to bowser issues at Redstone, and the process of obtaining licences for wildlife management and removal were ongoing with NRW. All non-essential traffic management would be lifted for the summer period, but work would continue off-road. Information on the de-trunking plans should be made available to the Liaison committee, local Councillors and the public during August.

**Jubilee events.** These had been very well attended and very much appreciated by all. The Council expressed thanks to all those who had been involved and organised the events so well.

**Local repairs and issues – bin; potholes outside Hall; bus shelter roof**. The bin had been removed from the weighbridge site but not relocated locally. Although the potholes on the back lane had been filled, the Hall one was still there. There was concern expressed that tiles were now overhanging the shelter ridge. The Clerk would chase up on the various issues for further information.

**5 – New business.**

**Co-option of Councillor.** This item had been moved to earlier in the meeting and concluded.

**Annual report for the Council for 2021-22.** It was now a legal requirement for the Council to provide and publish an annual report. The Clerk had prepared a draft report which had been previously circulated. This was agreed as satisfactory by all, and so duly adopted.

**Training policy and plan for the Council.** It was now a legal requirement for the Council to adopt a training policy and plan. The Clerk had prepared a draft policy and plan which had been previously circulated. This was agreed as satisfactory by all, and so duly adopted.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** There was no report received from the County Councillor, who had sent his apologies.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* Broadband scheme progress. It was reported that vouchers were being sent in to the Welsh Government. No further update on progress had been provided.
* In addition various items for information had been circulated by the County Councillor, which were appreciated.

**8 - Planning:**

**22/0063/PA.** Change of use from C3 (dwelling house) to B1 (business offices). Trewern Mansion, Whitland, Pembrokeshire. SA34 0RE. Application received 22-4-22, application refused – 15-6-22

**9 - Finance:**

Bank balance main account £4769.37 as of 5th July 2022

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 5th July 2022

Bank balance business interest account: £5606.16 as of 5th July 2022. This account is to hold the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections. The Clerk provided figures indicating that not all the relevant monies under those categories had been fully transferred into this account. It was agreed that £2473.84 should be duly transferred from the main account to this business interest account.

Details of payments made and due were provided, as was a budget line comparison of current spending against budget for the year.

Invoices/contractual/other payments to consider:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for June, July £123.59 each month
* Clerk’s expenses for June, July £72.85 in total
* Clerk’s tax June, July £3.60 each month

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

Trees extending outwards at the lower Pengawse Hill junction meant that drivers using that junction had poor visibility which was a safety issue. The Clerk would report this to the Trunk Road Agency and request urgent remedial pruning.

Concern was again expressed about a van parking close to the junction near the War Memorial and blocking vehicle sight lines and making it dangerous for vehicles using that junction. This had previously been reported to the police a number of times, and would be again.

Concern was raised about the trunk road junction that gave access to residents living in the area of Gwyndy Farm and Meadow View. The current side road widths were too narrow for vehicles to safely turn from the main road. This would be raised with PCC.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 14th September 2022 starting at 8.00pm.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.