**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

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

Present: Cllrs Keith Thomas, Tudor Eynon, Wynn Griffiths, Meurig James, Edward Howells, Jamie Lewis.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. All then stood and a minute’s silence was held to commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. County Cllr David Simpson had offered his 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.

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

**A40 bypass.**  Some plans had been provided to the meeting from the recent de-trunking exhibitions for consideration, which were discussed in detail. The Council was still uncertain about the plans for the centre of the village, so the Clerk would ask for a meeting with the contractor and other relevant individuals to clarify the options. In principle the Council agreed that it was in favour of supporting local business, and not reducing available parking space for either business or local residents whilst encouraging leisure use in the area. The revised plans for the Bethel Chapel area were now functional. The postponed LALC meeting would be in October. There were various delays to progress of the works because licences from NRW were still outstanding. The potential road closure by Fynnon was now delayed into 2023.

**Local repairs and issues**. The Hall pothole was not on PCC Highways land, but it was hoped might be resolved soon. Those on the back lane had been patched, but were again sinking so needed further work – this would be reported to PCC. The bus shelter roof had been repaired over the summer. The trees extending outwards at the lower Pengawse Hill junction had been pruned back after they were reported. The request for provision of better and safer access (e.g. a slip road) to Meadow View and the nearby properties would be clarified and passed on again to PCC.

**5 – New business.**

**Remembrance arrangements.** It was agreed to purchase a wreath as last year. Other arrangements were also agreed. In view of it being 100 years since the War Memorial was erected, it was also agreed to have a tea after the event in the Village Hall.

**Clerk laptop.** The Clerk had provided a report to all Councillors explaining the need for a laptop for Council business. After discussion this was agreed, and the Clerk authorised to purchase one of a suitable specification, with a guide cost of laptop, software and external hard drive to be £500.00. It was confirmed that there is money in the reserves to cover this.

**Hall cleaner**. The Clerk had provided a report to all Councillors summarising the current situation and various options, including how they might impact the Council. After discussion it was agreed that the preferred option would be for the Hall Committee to employ a local firm or individual themselves. The Clerk would inform the Committee accordingly.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** The County Councillor had provided a summary report to the Clerk, which was read out.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* Welsh Government – fairer Council Tax consultation – open until 4-10-22. This was noted.
* Hywel Dda UHB – update on new hospital development and strengthening community facilities plans for information. This was noted.
* PCC – consultation on participation strategy – email 2-9-22. This was noted.
* Information on the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the relevant protocols and actions to be taken – various sources.
* In addition various items for information had been circulated by the County Councillor, which were appreciated.

**8 - Planning:**

**22/0310/PA.** Replacement of residential caravan from Certificate of Lawfulness 08/0479/PA and 18/0751/CL for sunken dwelling with separate access and disability enhancements (resubmission). North Garden of Pant-Y-Gorphys Farmhouse, Stoneyford, Narberth, SA67 7BX Received 12-7-22. Determination date - 5-9-22 – **Decision – Refused**.

**10 - Finance:**

Bank balance **main** account £4769.37 as of 20th September 2022

Bank balance **second** account: £20.00 as of 20th September 2022

Bank balance **business interest** account: £8082.66 as of 20th September 2022. This account holds the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections.

Details of payments made and due are summarised below. The HMRC payment for August and September was made online 12-9-22 after email consultation with Cllrs in order to avoid an HMRC late payment penalty. This was agreed in the meeting.

Invoices/contractual/other payments agreed:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for August, September
* Clerk’s expenses for August, September
* Clerk’s tax August, September
* Llewelyn Davies invoice for internal audit work for 2020-21 and 2021-22 - £162.00
* Audit Wales invoice for 2020-21 external audit work - £314.00
* Royal British Legion – wreath - £17.00

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

Clarification on the safety / visibility issue for residents using a particular junction when driving from or onto the A40 was made – this would be passed to PCC.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 9th November 2022 starting at 8.00pm.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.