**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 10th May 2023**

Present: Cllrs, Jamie Lewis, Wynn Griffiths, Tudor Eynon, Edward Howells and County Councillor David Simpson.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllrs Keith Thomas and Meurig James 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.

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

**A40 bypass.**  There had been the fifth quarterly LALC meeting in the previous month. This had confirmed that good progress was being made with the works. The weekend road closure was more than likely to go ahead on the specified dates in June. A 12 week closure for work to take place around Redstone cross had been mentioned in the meeting, which had raised a lot of concern on the impact on Narberth and the potential traffic issues in the area, considering the narrow roads and tight turns in places. It was also reported that the Llanfallteg bridge required significant piling because there were unanticipated land stability issues.

**6 – New business.**

**Play area – annual inspection.** This had been received. The Hall Committee would sort out the issues raised as of medium concern.

**Audit Wales – external audit for 2021-22**. This had been previously circulated. An unqualified view had been given, with no concerns raised and no matters drawn to the attention of the Council. Councillors thanked the Clerk for her ongoing work to achieve this.

**Online payments**. The Council discussed this, and agreed to make online payments the default payment process where possible because it gave better control of the transaction process – no delayed cheques – plus more information available online of payee etc. The Clerk/RFO would amend the Financial Regulations and Financial Risk Assessment accordingly and bring them to the next meeting for Council agreement. The agenda would also be revised to provide a schedule of payments for authorisation in each meeting by two Councillors.

**Newsletter**. A suggestion had been made to make the Council minutes available as part of the newsletter. After discussion it was agreed that since they were available online, a link to that could be provided in each newsletter, along with the Clerk’s email for contact.

**7 – County Councillor’s report.** The County Councillor reported that the potholes had been properly filled. There had been some concerns raised over speeding on the back road in the last few weeks. He also highlighted the dial-a-bus service for the village.

**8 – Correspondence received.**

* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.

**9 - Planning:**

22/0848/PA. Proposed single storey extension to existing kitchen. Trelawney, Fron Hill, Whitland. SA34 0RG. This had been conditionally approved 13-3-23 after the last meeting.

**10 - Finance:**

Bank balance **main** account £3159.04 as of 2nd May 2023

Bank balance **second** account: £20.00 as of 2nd May 2023

Bank balance **business interest** account: £8097.21 as of 2nd May 2023. This account holds the War Memorial bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections.

Details of payments made and due are summarised below:

Invoices/contractual/other payments to consider:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for April/May
* Clerk’s expenses for April/May
* Clerk’s tax April/May
* ICO annual renewal fee
* PCC – play area maintenance/inspection charge (£628.00) and grass cutting (£240.00) for 2022-23.
* Clerk SLCC membership for 2023-24 pro rata - £24.84

These payments were all agreed by those present and it was also agreed to have them made online.

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

Concerns had been raised locally about the number of recycling/waste lorries travelling through the village. It was stated that a private company was using them to transport waste to a privately owned tip, so out of the remit of this Council or Pembrokeshire to do anything. If there were traffic concerns, they should be reported to the police.

It was raised that the speed limit signs (not those placed by the contractors) were giving false readings: indicating that vehicles were exceeding the speed limit of 40mph when they were travelling at 30mph or below.

A query was raised on whether the PCC play area included insurance cover or not – the Clerk would make enquiries.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 12th July 2023 starting at 8.00pm.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.