**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 10th January 2024**

Present: Cllrs, Wynn Griffiths, Tudor Eynon, Edward Howells, Keith Thomas, Meurig James and County Cllr David Simpson.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. These were received and accepted from Cllr Jamie Lewis.

**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 meetings**.

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

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

**A40 bypass.**  The meeting was informed that 60% of the required tarmac work had been done, and 85% of the earthworks and drainage. The majority of the work now was focussed away from areas the public were likely to see. The Redstone bridge was installed, and the piling for the Llanfallteg road started.

There had been a request submitted to PCC by Griffiths to close the road from Llanddewi Velfrey to Llanfallteg for six months to undertake the work needed there. This was discussed at length by those present, who had also received an objection to this proposal. It was agreed the Clerk should send a letter querying the need for this extensive road closure to the contractors, and asking for more details. No indication that road closures would be necessary had been made at the start of the contract or subsequent meetings.

Queries were also asked as to the ownership of any electric car charging points installed by Griffiths – the ownership, maintenance responsibility and recipient of any income for these would be clarified with them and / or PCC when the time came.

**6 – New business.**

**Council Budget for 2024-25.**  The drafted budget proposal was examined and discussed, and some figures adjusted for instance increase in budgeted sum for both insurance policies paid by the Council.

**Precept request for 2024-25**. This followed on from the budget – the sum of £5839.00, the same as last year, was agreed.

**Removal of post box**. The Council was updated on the current situation for the post box removed from outside the Post Office in Llanddewi Velfrey. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Royal Mail again seeking assurances it would be replaced as quickly as possible, because it was an important and well used facility.

**Hall insurance**. The Council acknowledged receipt of the insurance information from the Hall Committee. They were very happy to agree to pay over a donation to the Committee to cover this amount, in appreciation of the facilities and opportunities the Hall provided for the whole community.

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**7 – County Councillor’s report**. Cllr David Simpson reported that the Christmas period had been a quiet one locally, and he had nothing local to report. It was stated that with his support the Ivy Cottage lane potholes had had some repair work done.

**8 – Correspondence received.**

* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.

**9 - Planning:**

23/0813/DC Discharge of condition 4 (external lighting) of planning permission 19/1191/PA (proposed double garage and single storey extension) Mynydd Y Wawr, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 8UR. Application registered 21-12-2023. There were no obkections.

Stepin-2, Pengaer, Llanddewi Velfrey, Dyfed, SA67 8UR, NGR: E: 214233 N: 216474. Cornerstone radio base station upgrade at this location to provide improved technical provisions, greater capacity and coverage in the area. Upgrade tower, 3 replacement antennas. 1 GPS module. Remove 1 cabinet, upgrade 2 others. There were no objections.

**10 - Finance:**

Bank balance main account £4646.49 as of 28th December 2023

Bank balance second account: £25.00 as of 28th December 2023

Bank balance interest account: £8164.16 as of 28th December 2023

Income received – £28.33 interest – December. Precept 3rd tranche - £1946.00 - December

Invoices/contractual/other payments agreed for payment:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for December, January
* Clerk’s expenses for December, January
* Clerk’s tax December, January
* Hall insurance donation - £889.55
* Audit Wales fee for 2022-23 external audit - £200.00

These payments were all agreed by those present and it was also agreed to have them made online, with bank and payment evidence provided to Councillors by email.

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

It was stated that ITV would be filming at Withyhedge this week, after various concerns had been raised on unpleasant smells and debris coming from the site.

It was also stated that Voneus had taken on the broadband rollout after the previous company Broadway had gone into receivership.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 13th March 2024 starting at 8.00pm.

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