

Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 13th March 2024

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

1 – Apologies for absence. These were received and accepted from Cllr Edward Howells and County Cllr David Simpson.

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. Work on the section up Pengawse Hill meant traffic in that area was being managed by lights. Work was also taking place on the Llanddewi Velfrey to Llanfallteg road. The previously proposed 5 month closure of that road had been changed after significant public opposition – the current plans involved traffic lights managing single lane access via a ramp whilst work on the final roadway continued.

Post box. Royal Mail had written at the end of January to state they would re-instate the post box outside the filling station in the next 12-16 weeks. Cllrs requested this stay on the agenda to monitor the situation until the box was in place.

6 – New business.

Council insurance. The Council agree to pay this for another year – it would be year 3 of a 5 year long term agreement.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales report. This was received and noted. There were no changes to Council's previously agreed remuneration policies.

Council website. The Clerk had previously circulated a report from PCC's Head of ICT. In summary the architecture used by PCC for hosting community council websites had been in use for over ten years, and was no longer fit for purpose or sustainable. It would be switched off at the end of March 2025. Community councils were legally obliged to have a website and publish certain documents. PCC were working with PAVS and others to explore potential alternatives, and would report back. The Clerk also gave a short verbal report. It was agreed to keep this topic on the agenda to update the Council on progress and options.

7 – County Councillor's report. Cllr David Simpson was not present, and had not provided a report, but stated that any issues should be reported to him. The Clerk was requested to report that the drains between Ivy Cottage and Henllan Lodge needed clearing, and there were also concerns about the increasing number of potholes along that stretch.

8 – Correspondence received.

- One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
- Summary information paper from PCC Head of ICT regarding community council websites. This was noted – see above.

- Voter ID posters – from Electoral Commission via PCC. These were noted, and would be displayed in various locations in the village.

9 - Planning:

23/0922/HG Hedgerow removal. Hedgerow just past Valley View corner, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 7EG. Application registered 15-2-24. **Withdrawn on 19-2-2024.**

23/0835/NM Non material amendment to planning permission 19/1191/PA (proposed double garage and single storey extension) Mynydd Y Wawr, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 8UR. Application registered 23-1-2024. **Conditionally approved 14-2-2024**

23/0813/DC. Discharge of condition 4 (external lighting) of 19/1191/PA (proposed double garage and single storey extension) Mynydd Y Wawr, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 8UR **Part refused part approved 14-2-2024.**

10 - Finance:

Bank balance main account £2831.86 as of 4th March 2024

Bank balance second account: £25.00 as of 4th March 2024

Bank balance interest account: £8194.69 as of 4th March 2024

Income received – £30.53 interest 4-3-24

Invoices/contractual/other payments to consider:

- Clerk's monthly salary for February, March
- Clerk's expenses for February, March
- Clerk's tax February, March
- Council insurance - £373.98
- Audit Wales – external audit for 2021-22 - £484.00

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.

There was nothing further raised by Councillors.

11 - Date of the next meeting. The next meeting was agreed for 8th May 2024. This will be the annual meeting, followed by the normal May meeting.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.