**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 8th November 2017**

The meeting was formally opened by the Chair.

Present: Cllr Wynn Griffiths (Chair); Cllr Tudor Eynon; Cllr Meurig James; Cllr Keith Thomas; Cllr Jamie Lewis; Cllr Deryck Prosser; County Cllr David Simpson.

1 – **Apologies for absence**. No apologies were received.

2 – **Declarations of interest**. None were given.

3 – **Minutes of previous meeting**. There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Thomas. They were duly signed.

4 – **Matters arising from previous meeting**.

A40 update. The most recent information received indicated that the horse underpass had moved to be from Ffynnon wood to Ffynnon Chapel. This was in order to combine it with the bat route. There is also planned a path from the layby and a gateway to provide a link towards the existing bridleway. A link is also planned for Henllan Lodge.

Village planning update. There was no update provided to the meeting on this.

Remembrance Service. It was confirmed that all the arrangements were in place for Sunday 12th November.

**5 – New business**

Welsh Government independent remuneration panel review. This was discussed, particularly the current recommendation that a small annual payment or allowance be made to Community Councillors. The general feeling of all the Council was against this, and that currently they chose to give their time freely for the community.

Budget review and Precept. The Clerk circulated a proposed budget, based upon actual and anticipated expenditure in the current year. The lack of actual reserves for the Council was noted, and that the Council received a slightly below average payment from each household compared to other community and town councils in Pembrokeshire, plus did not have the benefit of any economies of scale because of the size of the community. It was also stated that the current expenditure was largely compulsory (e.g. audit fees, insurance), and that the Council chose to help the Village Hall with their insurance costs for the benefit of the community. After discussion the precept level for 2018-19 was proposed by Cllr Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Lewis and all voted in agreement.

Fly tipping on Pencawse Hill road. This was passed to Cllr Simpson.

6 – **County Councillor’s report**.

The County Councillor stated that the ditches had been cleaned in the usual locations. The hedges had then been trimmed, which entailed the ditches being re-cleared in the last week. The branch overhanging a BT cable had been dealt with, and the Llandaff Row roadsign had been put up. The war memorial had been pressure-washed and the grass cut in preparation for the Remembrance Service. The deterioration of the Llanddewi Velfrey plaque had been reported, and Street Care would be looking into it. The meeting was informed that consultation on the Local Development Plan had just started – it was available online, or hard copies were available to view in Narberth and Whitland Libraries. He also stated that PCC were looking into revising the refuse and recycling collection system, in the light of the increasing targets set nationally for recycling, and the fines that would be imposed for non-compliance.

7 – **Correspondence received**.

* Noah’s Ark summer newsletter.
* Mid and West Wales Fire Service letter on defibrillators.
* Consultation – guidance for principal councils on the review of communities.
* Planning training 10th November. Cllr Prosser to attend.
* PCC request for rentals for Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.
* Proposed changes to Village Green registration.
* PCC and Community Council Charter discussion meeting.
* Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003.
* Welsh Government updated scheme to promote closer working with local government.
* PCC – vacancy for Community Council Representative on Appointments Panel.

8 – **Planning**.

17/0439/PA. New dwelling (revised design) 1 Picton Terrace, Llanddewi Velfrey. Refused, on grounds of impact on neighbour’s amenity, parking/vehicle and affordable housing contribution.

17/0300/CL. Certificate of lawfulness granted. Use as a dwelling – non compliance with agricultural occupancy. Lletty, Llanddewi Velfrey..

9 – **Finance**.

The expenditure so far for the year had been detailed in the budget review above. The Clerk stated that after the payments listed below the Council account would hold £686.71, plus the bequest.

Bills to pay:

* Clerk’s salary for October and November - £193.70
* Wales Audit Office audit fees - £186.00
* Wreath - £17.00
* Newsletter donation - £38.00

It was agreed that the above payments should be made - proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr James, and agreed unanimously.

10 – **Councillors’ reports for action at next meeting**.

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of speeding in the village, and no speed camera ever being sited in the community, although Whitland often had one. Cllr Simpson agreed to raise this with the police.

Cllr Prosser, summarised the meeting he attended in PCC, held to encourage closer working between community councils and PCC.

Cllr Simpson stated that a private company had been hired to administer penalty notices for fly-tipping, dog fouling, bin-bags left out on the wrong day etc., which would provide a small measure of income for PCC and a more efficient way of reducing public issues with this sort of waste and litter.

**11 – Next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be on 10th January, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.