

LLAWHADEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCORPORATING LLAWHADEN, ROBESTON WATHEN, GELLI & BETHESDA

Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Monday 4th January 2018 in Llawhaden YFC Hall at 20:00hrs.

Present:

Dave Wilcox (Chairman)

Simon Plant

Hugh Watchman

Di Clement (County Councillor)

Geraint Bowen

Tim Simons

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Clerk, Samantha Philipps-Harries. He also thanked Margaret (the outgoing clerk) for all her hard work and wished her well.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Isobel James and Bronwen Vincent.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed as a true record.

Proposed by Dave Wilcox and Seconded by Tim Simons.

4. Matters Arising There From

- a. Update on interesting items from Di Clements: Cobbled path and stone wall opposite Llawhaden – a convenient date had not yet been arranged with Mr R Cole, for Dave Wilcox and Di Clements but they would try to arrange a meeting before the next community council meeting in February.
- b. Installation of defibrillators – Dave Wilcox had not yet received a reply from the electrician, but he would chase them up. The councillors present were asked to consider where the best site would be for defibrillators to be placed in Bethesda and Gelli. It was felt that maybe the residents of these areas should be consulted before a final decision was made, with flyers being sent to each household for their views. This was felt to be the best way forward by all councillors present and would be actioned once the defibrillators had been sited in Llawhaden and Robeston Wathen.

5. Finance

- a. Bank Account Balance as at 3rd January 2018:

Business Current Account £3999.13

Business Reserve Account £1432.93

- b. Budget Consultation 2018-2019: *“The Draft County Council Budget for 2018/19 has been developed against a backdrop of four years of reduced financial settlements and significant workforce, pay, inflation and demographic pressures., resulting in a cumulative funding gap of £52.2m (2014-15 to 2017-18). The funding gap was bridged by a combination of £9.0m additional income from Council Tax increases (including base charges) and £42.6m in cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformation and £0.6m contribution from the council tax second homes income (community element). Having delivered £42.6m of cost reduction / efficiencies / service transformations during the past four years, identifying and delivering more is becoming increasingly challenging and in some cases virtually impossible if services are to continue. The projected funding gap for 2018-19 is £16.9 million. To date, proposed cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformations of £11.2m, to be delivered within the financial year 2018-19 have been identified. Three options to address the £16.9million funding gap are currently being considered:*
 - i. *Proposed council tax increase and income generated*
 - ii. *Cost reductions, efficiencies and services*
 - iii. *Further cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformations to be identified.”*

If anyone had any comments or suggestions to make on this consultation, now was the time to express them.

6. Correspondence

- a. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Cabinet Agenda (Item 10) – Get involved – Review of the community and town councils. The chairman brought to the attention of those present the Cabinet Agenda on the PCC website which advised the public on items/issues to be discussed by the cabinet. It was felt this was a useful tool. This was noted by all present.

7. Planning

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

8. Received After Posting

No items were received after posting.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Simon Plant had nothing to report.
- b. Geraint Bowen had nothing to report.
- c. Di Clement had nothing further to report.
- d. Hugh Watchman raised the need for a notice board in the Bethesda area. Geraint advised that he would be willing to display meeting agendas on the shop notice board, but it was felt that a notice board to could be sited on the green next to the bench. Dave agreed to obtain some quotes for a notice board.
- e. Tim Simons raised the issue of the drains along the old Narberth Road in Robeston Wathen. Di confirmed that she had reported the to the Highways Department at PCC, and they had concluded that there was no funding available at present, but the drains had been noted as an outstanding issue.
- f. Dave Wilcox had nothing further to report.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC Hall, Llawhaden.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:30hrs.

Signed: _____
Chairman to Llawhaden Community Council

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Clerk to Llawhaden Community Council

Date: _____