

Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 14th March 2018

The meeting was formally opened by the Chair.

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

1 – Apologies for absence. No apologies were received.

2 – Declarations of interest. Cllr Thomas declared an interest in planning application 17/0950/PA,

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

4 – Matters arising from previous meeting.

A40 update. Letters had been received from Angela Burns, Ken Skates and Simon Hart regarding the delays to the project caused by the loss of Carillion. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk should reply to both the ministers thanking them, and requesting that they update the Council with new information on the bypass progress as it comes to light. Simon Hart also stated that he was trying to get scrapings from the current road surfacing work re-used for the access to St David's Church.

Draft Reserves Policy. This was received and discussed. It was accepted in principle, but the Clerk was asked to have it checked legally before it was adopted by the Council.

Bridge and Footpath near Ffynnon Cottage. PCC take responsibility for the footbridge and will do the necessary repairs. The two landowners who need to provide access for this will allow the work to go ahead. Cllr Simpson agreed to act as liaison between the two parties.

5 – New business

Insurance for Community Council. The invoice had been received for 2018-19 and the Council agreed payment.

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation. The Clerk took the meeting through this coming piece of legislation, and provided a simplified guide to all Councillors. The implications for how Councillors and Clerk might need to adjust their ways of working were discussed.

Newsletter donations. After brief discussion it was agreed to continue to donate towards the cost of the newsletter in 2018-19, at the same rate and frequency as 2017-18m as s137 donations.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. The Clerk took the meeting through this and the affect it would have on the Council. The only determination that would apply to the Council was payment of carer's allowance if required by a Councillor to attend meetings.

6 – County Councillor's report.

Cllr David Simpson reported that he had a meeting with Ken Skates AM at the end of this month regarding the bypass. He also reported that the reflectors had been erected on Henllan back road where the lorry had gone into the ditch. He stated that he had obtained agreement with GD Harries to provide scrapings from the current road surfacing work to improve the surface of the road going to St David's Church. This had also been mentioned in the letter from Simon Hart.

He also stated that PCC were close to having the purchase of the Narberth Old School site finalised, with provision that would bring benefits to the town and area.

7 – Correspondence received.

- Welsh Government – new taxes to start 1st April. Stamp Duty Land Tax and Landfill Tax will be replaced by Land Transaction Tax and Landfill Disposals Tax.
- Future Generations Commissioner information.
- GDPR guidance from NALC / One Voice Wales.
- Independent Review Panel engagement event 13th March.
- Welsh Government/Defra consultation on waste sector and reducing problems.
- Local Development Plan update the opportunity to nominate potential sites would open on 22nd March and be open until 14th June.
- One Voice Wales membership offer.
- PCC email regarding dog control.
- PCC email regarding increasing cost of off-street parking.
- Kidney Wales Walk for Life.
- Consultation on draft Autism (Wales) Bill.

8 – Planning.

Application 17/0950/PA. Extension to Village Hall. The Council were in favour of this.

Application 17/1034/DC. Discharge of conditions relating to cattle grid and disposal of foul waste for 12/0294/PA – conversion of outbuildings into 3 residential units and access improvements. The Council had no comments to make on this.

Application 17/116/PA. Change of use from artist studio and gallery to be used in conjunction with main dwelling. The Council had no objections to this.

9 – Finance.

The Clerk took the meeting through the current state of the Council's finances. It was agreed the Clerk should set up a second account in the next couple of months and transfer the war memorial bequest to it, plus money from the precept that was allocated to the elections budget by the Council. This new account would be used for specific reserves. The Clerk stated that after the payments listed below the account would hold £44.29, plus the bequest.

Bills to pay:

- Clerk's salary for February and March
- Clerk's expenses for January to March
- Council Insurance
- Village Hall insurance

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

10 – Councillors' reports for action at next meeting.

Cllr Thomas raised concerns about a number of trees with damaged or rotten branches overhanging paths and properties in various areas of the village. Cllr Simpson agreed to pass this on for PCC to resolve. Finally it was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to GD Harries for the courteous and

efficient way the road resurfacing work was being carried out. This was agreed by all, and the Clerk duly asked to do it.

11 – Next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meetings should be on 9th May, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm. This would be the AGM, then the normal meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.