

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2019 in the Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall at 20:00hrs.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chairman) Tim Simmons
Geraint Bowen Dave Wilcox
Di Clemments (County Councillor) Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Hancock.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

There was no declaration of members interests.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

Proposed by Tim and seconded by Geraint.

5. Matters Arising There From

a. Llawhaden Green Update: -

- Lease update – the lease had been updated and typed with the relevant information included. Once confirmation has been received from the BHIB insurance that all necessary liability insurance is included or needs to be added to the policy then the lease will be signed by both the trustees and the community council.
- Cost of Stone for pond – following conversations with residents it was decided not to fill the pond in.
- Cost of levelling the area – again following conversations with residents it was decided not to level off the area.
- Cost of redoing the post and rail plus gate post plus pedestrian gate – and quote of £340 per day plus cost of materials had been received from Rob Gibby a local fencing contractor.
- Lawn mower/stripper - it was decided to investigate the cost of a mower and stripper to maintain the land. Hugh agreed to investigate the cost of these items.
- Other costs – Wooden benches for the area £240 + vat, recycled plastic £450 + vat. An invoice totalling £56.19, from Brian Twose had been received for maintenance of his equipment following his felling of trees etc., it was agreed to pay. Proposed by Hugh and seconded by Dave.

b. Llawhaden playing field update – Geraint had spoken to Castle School to find out if they were interested in using the field for sports, but no reply had been received to date. If they were not interested a potential idea would be to plant fruit trees and turn it into a wildflower meadow to encourage wildlife in the area?

a. Defibrillator Gelli Update – permission to house the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk in Gelli had been given. It was therefore agreed to find out how much the repairs (including painting) would cost,

Signed: *Hugh Watchman*

Dated: 4th July 2019

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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how much an electrician would charge to fit the defibrillator and how much it would cost to run the heated cabinet for the defibrillator each year.

- b. Llawhaden Community Council Facebook Page – the page is up and running.
- c. Speeding Survey and speeding concerns in Llawhaden. The results of the speeding survey for Bethesda and Robertson Wathen had indicated that there is/was not a problem with speeding in the area and is unlikely to result in any further restrictions being placed in the areas.
- d. Traffic issues in Bethesda: parking at Delmoor, speeding concerns and lack of awareness for cars at the junction. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) have been contacted regarding this issue, but no response has been received to date.
- e. Notice boards in Robertson Wathen – Tim had spoken with the Tim Parry the owner of the petrol station in Robeston Wathen and he was happy to site a noticeboard at the station for the community council. It was agreed that the same notice board as Llawhaden Hall be purchased at an estimated cost of £189 from Red 17, Hugh agreed to arrange this.

6. Finance

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as at 6th June 2019:
Current Account - £5631.69 Savings Account - £1434.66
- b. Grant Thornton Audit / Internal Audit for 2018/19 – has been returned from the internal auditor Mr Dylan Harries with no issues to report, other than there appeared to be no risk assessment actioned. The clerk reminded the meeting that a risk assessment was discussed in the March 2019 meeting and apologised for not including it in the paperwork sent to the Internal Auditor. The following for year ended 31/03/2019 were presented to the councillor's present:
 - Grant Thornton Annual Return
 - Accounts
 - Bank Reconciliation
 - Explanations of significant variances
 - Statement of Accounts
 - Comparison of Statement of Account for 31/03/18 & 31/03/19
 - Asset Register
 - Comparison of Budget to Actual Spend
 - Forecast of Income and Expenditure 2019/20
 - Risk Assessment (not included in Internal Auditors Report)

7. Correspondence

- a. Paul Sartori – letter of thanks for donation.
- b. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Off Street Parking Places (Consolidation) Order 2011 (Variation Order No. 9) – tabled.
- c. PLANED AGM – 9th July 2019 – noted.

8. Planning

- a. Old Transport Yard, Llawhaden – change of use of former electrical contractors' yard and buildings (B1) to bus and vehicle hire depot (in retrospect) – Conditionally Approved (18/1325/PA).

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9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor

- Di had been involved with the reviews of the litter enforcement officers – overall, they were carrying out their duties as expected, and the majority of complaints to date had been unfounded.
- Climate change: PCC had already actioned many changes such as planting trees, greener vehicles including electric therefore on target to reducing the carbon footprint by 2030. It is felt that this is a whole community issue, with little changes actioned by many making a big difference.
- Budget update – currently on target.
- Road Closures for the Iron Man Long Course Weekend had been discussed at council – with questions being asked if the policy was robust enough to support the local businesses affected by the road closures for the event.
- A request to move the national speed limit applies road signs in Robertson Wathen along Church Lane, to the end of the lane had been put to PCC.
- Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) consultation was now closed and there did not appear to be any new areas of concern for the ward.

10. Any Other Business

a. Second Home Grant Applications for Llawhaden Ward: -

- Historical Signs
- Improvement to the Green in Llawhaden
- Gelli Telephone box to house a defibrillator

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th July 2019 at 20:00hrs at Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall, Llawhaden. However, this is subject to change to ensure a quorum of councillors is met.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:50 hrs.