Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 13th November 2019

Present: Cllr Keith Thomas (Chair); Cllr Wynn Griffiths; Cllr Jamie Lewis; Cllr Deryck Prosser; Cllr Meurig James.

The meeting was formally opened by the Chair and all those present welcomed.

1 – Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Tudor Eynon and County Cllr David Simpson – these and the reasons for absence were accepted by the Council.

2 – Declarations of interest.

No interests were declared.

3 – Minutes of previous meeting.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Prosser, agreed by all present. They were duly signed.

4 – Matters arising from previous meeting.

A40 update. There was to be a public local enquiry in the spring of 2020, preceded by a preenquiry meeting in January. In the meantime local surveying and test hole drilling was continuing.

Debris and soil removal. This had been monitored since the last meeting, and no further issues reported. It would be raised again should they re-occur.

Defibrillator. This had been installed. The Clerk would get prices for a sign acknowledging the contribution of the Dean Mason family and Llanddewi Velfrey Hall towards its provision. She would also get prices for a sign to be placed on the post at the entrance indicating the defibrillator was there. Training would be done in January when the Hall work had finished.

5 – New business.

Financial Regulations. These had been previously circulated. The Clerk briefly explained that there had been some updates to the model ones, so those for the Council had been reviewed and updated. It was agreed by all present to adopt the latest version as provided by the Clerk.

Biodiversity plan. The Clerk explained the legal requirement for this. A draft had been previously circulated. It was agreed by all present to adopt the plan.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft report. The Clerk summarised the changes from the current year's situation.

6 - County Councillor's report.

In his absence the Clerk reported the information that had been recently provided by email from the County Councillor of actions he was undertaking: water drainage issues; litter dumped in the old weighbridge area; new recycling scheme storage items delivery; resident

reported issues on potholes and planning; War Memorial. The 100 year anniversary of the War Memorial was discussed, and it was agreed that some marking of it should be done. It was to be a standing item on the agenda for the coming year.

The new recycling regime had also been included in this report, and there was considerable discussion on this topic, with various concerns on efficiency, flytipping, time consuming, practicality etc. raised – there had also been queries raised with Councillors by residents. It was agreed to send a letter to PCC stating these concerns from the Council on behalf of the community.

7 - Correspondence received.

- Llanddewi Velfrey WI centenary celebrations
- Recycling containers and new rules. November 2019

8 – Planning.

- Conditionally approved: Application 19/0296/PA. Change of use of existing barn to three bed holiday accommodation. Caerau Farm.
- Conditionally approved: Application 18/0334/PA. Landscaping work to garden area and alterations to access driveway (in retrospect). Pen Hendre, Llanddewi Velfrey.

9 - Finance.

The Clerk circulated information on the current state of the Council's finances. The latest bank statements were also made available. This was reviewed and discussed, and agreed as accurate.

Bank balance main account £1586.60 as at 9-11-19. £1500.00 had been transferred into the savings account in November 2019. After the below cheques were deducted, After below cheques deducted the account held £1330.60

Invoices to pay:

- Clerk's salary for October and November minus tax £162.70
- Clerk's expenses August and September £35.50
- Clerk's tax August and September £40.80
- Royal British Legion wreath £17.00

Second (spare) account balance £19.00 as at 9-11-19. Interest account balance £4,100.76 as at 9-11-19

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

10 - Councillors' reports for action at next meeting.

Cllr Lewis reported for information that the Remembrance collection had raised £187.00 which was appreciated.

Cllr Thomas reported that the Hall work was progressing well, despite the current weather.

11 – Next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meetings should be on 8^{th} January 2020, in the Hall, starting at 8.00pm.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.