

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2020 in the Llawhaden YFC & Community Hall at 20:00hrs.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)

Catherine Hancock

Geraint Bowen

Di Clements (County Councillor)

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Tim Simons

Dave Wilcox

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and wished them a happy new year. He thanked everyone that had helped at the Christmas lunch, which was a success for the community.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members interests.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2019 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Geraint.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Llawhaden Community Council Facebook Page – **Llawhaden CC**: Catherine confirmed that the page was up and running and all that was needed now was for it to be shared in the community. It was agreed that Catherine, Samantha H and Samantha (clerk) would be added as administrators for the site. It was decided that the page would not be used to promote business' but to promote events in the ward and any items the community council would like to bring to the attention of residents such as planning applications, road closures etc. Hugh thanked Catherine for setting the page up and hoped it would be an added forum for residents to find out what was happening in the ward. A twitter and Instagram account have also been set up for the Llawhaden Community Council. The clerk would arrange for a banner to be printed to be placed on the noticeboards in the area to advertise the social media platforms available.
- b. Christmas Dinner and Pantomime – yet again the Christmas lunch on 8th December 2019 was a success, with 55 residents from the community attending including residents and staff from the Castlevue residential home. Hugh thanked everyone that was available to help on the day councillors, Llawhaden Young Farmers Club and the clerk. Emails and cards of thanks have been received from residents that had attended. Only 4 children had attended the pantomime in Clarboston Road on 1st December 2019, but all that had attended had enjoyed themselves. Listed in the table are the costs incurred for both events: -

Balance of the Petty Cash Account - Christmas 2019				
Receipts		Expenses		
Cash Withdrawal	£1,000.00		Lunch Shopping	£428.82
			Chefs & Donations	£300.00
			Electric	£20.00
			Hampers	£103.26
			Total Christmas Lunch Exp	£852.08
			Panto	£23.00
			Cash in hand (to be banked)	£124.92
	£1,000.00			£1,000.00

- c. #2minutestreetclean update – only one board was supplied by Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC), Hugh had placed this by the green in Llawhaden. The board came with litter pickers and plastic bags and would hopefully encourage walkers, villagers etc to keep the area tidy. Additional boards could be purchased from PCC, but it was decided to see how the board was received before deciding on further boards for the ward.
- d. Llawhaden Hall – Painting Project: The hall committee had recently painted the interior of the main hall and are requesting a donation toward the cost. It was agreed by all councillors present to donate £1250.00, which equated to half of the total invoice, proposed by Geraint and seconded by Tim.

6. Finance

- a. NatWest Bank Account balances: -
Current Account (31/12/2019) = £5357.38 which includes the final precept payment
Business Reserve account (05/12/2019) = £1436.81
- b. Invoice from Llawhaden Hall for hire of hall for meetings 2019/20 and Christmas Lunch = £345, it was agreed to pay by all councillor's present. Proposed by Samantha and seconded by Catherine.
- c. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Council Tax Base – Financial Year 2020/21 – the clerk had submitted the precept request for 2020/21 totalling £7500.00.
- d. Clerks request for wages and expenses October to December 2019:
Wages = £500, PAYE (HMRC) = £125.00 and Expenses = £14.53. It was agreed to pay by all councillor's present, proposed by Tim and seconded by Geraint.

7. Correspondence

- a. PCC Highways: Community Works Grant – to enable Town and Community Councils to submit bids for small highway schemes: Hugh agreed to contact PCC to find out what they were willing to consider for this grant, as it was felt that road furniture for Bethesda, Robeston Wathen from Canaston Bridge to the village and Robeston Wathen roundabout to Narberth should be considered to slow traffic.
- b. PCC budget for 2020/21 – public engagement sessions – 8th January and 20th January at 19:00hrs – noted. It was believed a 5% increase in council tax would be likely for the county of Pembrokeshire.

8. Planning

- a. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority – Eagle Lodge, Canaston Bridge: retrospective application for biomass heat pod, a wood pellet boiler and fuel storage (NP/19/0620/FUL) – no known objections.
- b. West Atheston Farm, West Atheston, Trippis Road, Narberth: change of use of part of building for wood chip store and biomass boiler, erection drying kiln and creation of concrete hardstanding (in retrospect) (19/0785/PA) – no known objections.
- c. The Brake, Canaston Bridge – proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling (19/0875/PA). – no known objections.
- d. Dingstopple Farm, Llawhaden – redundant agricultural barn converted into a single dwelling (19/0925/PA) – no known objections.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor

- a. If anyone knew of any budget ideas etc to let Di know or add it to the consultation which is available online.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Sports field Llawhaden – Narberth RFC had expressed an interest in using the pitch during the rugby season, however no one from the club had been in touch to date. The Deeds had confirmed the land had been purchased in 1978, and a covenant restricted its use to sport and/ or Gymkhanas. It was agreed that if the field was to be used regularly by a sports club then the entrance would need to be made suitable for cars to be parked on the field. If the field was not of interest to any sports clubs, then it was decided to investigate planting additional trees, possibly fruit trees to encourage a community larder for the area and introducing beehives. Organisations donating trees for such projects would be sought to supply such trees. The next newsletter would include an article asking residents if they had any ideas for the use of the field.
- b. Tree clearance at Llawhaden Bridge – trees had fallen at the base of the bridge and the arch of the bridge was now half blocked. Dave had spoken to Mr Morgan at PCC bridge maintenance department and after debate between him and NRW it was deemed the responsibility of PCC to clear this obstruction and any further issues should be reported to PCC.
- c. Summer 2020 Community Event – it was hoped a summer event could be arranged for the ward and held on Llawhaden Green. Councillors were asked to come up with ideas.

11. Next Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 6th February 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 21:40 hrs.