

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

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 1st October via Teams virtual meeting at 20:00hrs.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Tim Simons

Tracy Watkins

Victoria Rabiya McAndrew

Di Clements (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Hancock and Michael Barnes.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

There was no declaration of members interests.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – September 2020

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Samantha H and seconded by Tim.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Sports Field Llawhaden – Trees from the Woodland Trust etc. The Woodland Trust pack of trees should be delivered in November 2020, the councillors would need to make arrangements for them to be planted. Tim agreed to enquire whether Llawhaden YFC would be available help with the planting of the trees.
- b. Defibrillators: Gelli defibrillator and telephone kiosk update. As Samantha H had put her house in Gelli on the market, she agreed to check the implications of the Kiosk sold as part of the sale or whether it could be used by the community to place the defibrillator in it.
- c. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Highways & Transport Community Works Project Bid for Bethesa, Gelli and Robeston Wathen update – the proposed projects were progressing, PCC were now in receipt of the plans and the community council await their update. A project for Llawhaden had not been proposed, although whilst delivering the Summer Newsletter, Di had spoken to residents who complained about speeding vehicles heading to the Castle. Di had spoken to the owner of the residential home to advise that there had been complaints but unfortunately this had not resolved the issue.
- d. Bethesda Green – trees with ash die back – the trees had again been reported to PCC as branches were falling, only just missing residents who maintain the area. PCC agreed that their condition had deteriorated and would revisit them in the Spring of 2021.
- e. Llawhaden Playground update – the playground is leased to PCC by the trust that owns the land known as Llawhaden Green. The trustees through Michael Scale have agreed to additional play equipment being placed there. It was again noted that Llawhaden Community Council did have responsibility for the play are, however if fundraising were necessary to accommodate new equipment then they would be happy to help organise an event.

6. Finance

- a. NatWest Bank Account Estimated balances as at 30th September 2020: -

Current account - £5545.17

Reserve account - £1436.10

- b. Clerks Request for Wages and Expenses July to September 2020: -

Wages = £502.00. PAYE = £122.00. Expenses = £0.00

It was agreed to pay the request by all present. Proposed by Hugh and seconded by Tim.

Signed:

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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7. Correspondence

- a. Local Places for Nature (Welsh Government) – it is believed that this is the same project available through the Woodland Trust that the community council has already successfully applied to.
- b. National Lottery Heritage Fund – 15 Minute Heritage Grants: Funding for local projects in Wales that connect communities with heritage. Given the closing date for the applications was the 14th October, the clerk agreed to contact the Rural Health and Care Wales Project Manager (Anna Prytherch) to ask if the deadline for applications could be extended. It was felt there are many places of interest throughout the ward that could benefit from having their story told.
- c. Prosiect Fory: Knowing what sort of society we want to live in post-virus – noted.

8. Planning

- a. Eagle Lodge, Canaston Bridge: Removal of existing semi-mature trees at edge of pond (NP/20/0429/TPO).
- b. Cwm Farm, Cwm Lane, Llawhaden: Agricultural shed to house and milk goats and rear beef, construction of track and yard, siting of caravan for domestic welfare for owners and staff (in retrospect), extension to shed and siting of solar panels on shed roof and relocation of pole barn (19/0987/PA) – Refused.
- c. Vaynor, Bethesa: Erect a portal framed agricultural building (20/0293/PA) – Conditionally approved.
- d. Canaston Oaks, Canaston Bridge: Extension to existing accommodation business to include an enlarged dining room, toilets, parking area and serviced lodges (19/1196/PA) – Conditionally approved.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor

- a. PCC Chief Exec would be retiring soon, with a parting gift of £95,000 pay off. Questions would be raised at the next full council meeting in October. The recruitment process for an interim Chief Exec would begin soon.
- b. Planning Members Briefing: complaints had been received regarding the standards of the PCC planning department. It was hoped that recruitment of new staff would improve the department.
- c. Green recovery: Covid-19 had brought about new ways of working i.e. working from home with the help of virtual meeting etc. New ways of travelling to work cycling, car sharing (when appropriate). Will these new ways still be with us when the Covid-19 pandemic is no more?

10. Any Other Business

- a. Autumn Newsletter – it was hoped the next newsletter would be printed and ready for delivery in early November. Hopefully, a consultation letter could be included for the Highways Projects through out the ward. The clerk would request articles from the usual contributors.
- b. Christmas Lunch December 2020 – due to Covid-19 restrictions it was with regret that the decision was made to cancel the Christmas Lunch this year.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Thursday 5th November at 20:00 hrs, the format was likely to be a virtual Zoom meeting in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:45 hrs.

Signed:
Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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