

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

Minutes for the Community Council virtual meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2020 at 20:00hrs, via Zoom.

Present:

Hugh Watchman (Chair)	Samantha Hebblethwaite	Tim Simons
Tracy Watkins	Victoria Rabiya McAndrew	Michael Barnes
Catherine Hancock	Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)	

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on how lovely it was to see a full complement of community councillors for the ward.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Di Clements (County Councillor).

3. Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members interests.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 1st October 2020

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2020 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Tracy.

5. Matters Arising There From

a. Highways Traffic Calming Projects Update:

Roberson Wathen – Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) were no longer considering the chicane on the road out to the village. The Vehicle Activated Sign on the Bush Inn approach to the village would be purchased with the Highways grant. Once PCC had decided the exact improvements that they would allow, the residents would be contacted to seek their opinion of the proposals.

Bethesda: again, once PCC had decided the exact improvements, residents would be contacted to seek their opinions of the proposals.

Gelli: PCC were looking into speed restrictions for the area - residents would be contacted to seek their opinions of the proposals.

Llawhaden: no traffic calming measures had been discussed previously for Llawhaden, but now that there were 3 new community councillors for this area it was felt that if further grant funding became available it was suggested that PCC Highways consider a STOP sign at the T junction in the village. There had been many a near miss at this junction and the safety of residents should be considered.

b. Christmas lunch 2020 update: The decision had been taken to cancel the lunch for this year in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was hoped that if the restrictions were lifted in the new year, that a function would be held when it was safe to do so.

c. Llawhaden Playpark: there was no update at present, however as the play park was the responsibility of PCC that any suggestions should be made to them directly.

d. Woodland Trust Tree Pack Update: 50 saplings had been delivered to Hugh's home to date, and more were expected during November. Tracy had visited the sports field and

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advised the meeting that saplings had been planted at the field recently, however the grass had grown up around them and it would be difficult to plant saplings there without a little groundwork being actioned initially. It was agreed to place a request for ideas from residents in the next issue of the newsletter, to find out what locals would like to see at the field and any suggestions they might have.

- e. History Noticeboards (Heritage Grants): Hugh had spoken to Mary Houseman (a local historian) regarding information for the noticeboards and she agreed to look into writing information for them. It was believed that the afore mentioned grant was no longer available, but Hugh would investigate this further.

6. Finance

- a. Nat West Bank Estimated Balances as at 5th November 2020:

Current Account = £5045.21

Savings Account = £1437.52

It was noted that approximately £2600 of this money was earmarked for the Highways Projects with PCC.

- b. Budget 2021/22: to include budget for fuel for the lawnmower/trimmer used for the green, and electricity contribution for the defibrillator in Bethesda:

<u>BUDGET FORECAST/PRECEPT REQUEST for 2021/2022</u>		
		BUDGET
<u>INCOME</u>		
Precept		£7,500
Other Income		
<u>TOTAL</u>		£7,500
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Clerk's Salary		£2,500
Clerk's Expenses (Estimated)		£100
BDO Audit Fees (Estimated)		£300
Internal Audit Fees (Estimated)		£130
Insurance		£200
YFC Hall Rent		£300
One Voice Wales Annual Membership		£100
Donations		£300
Printing Costs (for Newsletter etc.)		£300
Christmas Events (Lunch & Panto Transport)		£1,200
Misc. Including to include: -		£2,070

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Petrol for lawnmower/stripper	50.00	
Electricity for Defibrillator Bethesda	20.00	
Defibrillator Gelli & heated cabinet (?grant)	0.00	
Highways Project	2000.00	
<u>Sub total</u>	<u>2070.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL</u>		£7,500

It was agreed that the precept request for the Financial Year 2021/2022 from PCC would be £7500.00.

7. Correspondence

- a. Community Action Response Resources (Eden Project) – noted.
- b. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Local Development Plan Rural Facilities in your area – Victoria highlighted the plan stated that there was a playgroup held in the Llawhaden Hall, however it was thought this was not if fact the case. It was agreed to double check this fact and advise accordingly.
- c. PCC & Pembrokeshire Coast National Park – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – tabled.

8. Planning

No planning information received.

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor – although Di was unable to attend the meeting, she had forwarded the following information:

As a member of the senior staff committee – they were busy recruiting an interim chief executive. A decision should be made by 20/11/2020. There was a short list of 2. A recruitment agency would be engaged to employ the permanent chief executive. It was noted that there would be at least an £18.4million budget shortfall for the current financial year. There were still Covid grants available for business through PCC.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Memorial Bench in Bethesda for Jacob Thomas (Kathryn Bradbury email): permission is being sought for the family of the late Jacob Thomas to replace the current bench in Bethesda with a new bench. It was agreed by all those present that permission be granted. Hugh agreed to inform Kathryn and Jacob’s family.
- b. Defibrillators: Michael agreed to regularly check the defibrillators in the ward, namely:
Robeston Wathen - Dicky Parry’s Garage.
Llawhaden – Village Hall.
Bethesda – Glendale Garage.
- c. Hugh advised the meeting that he had successfully interviewed to sit on PCC Standards Committee.

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11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 20:00hrs via Zoom virtual meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:40 hrs.

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