

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

Minutes for the Community Council virtual meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 20:00hrs, via Zoom.

**Present:**

Hugh Watchman	Catherine Hancock	Victoria Rabiya McAndrew
Tracy Watkins	Tim Simons	Di Clements (County Councillor)
Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)		

**1. Chairman's Remarks**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a happy new year.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Barnes and Samantha Hebblethwaite.

**3. Declaration of Members Interests**

There was no declaration of members interests.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Catherine and seconded by Tracy.

**5. Matters Arising There From**

- a. Highways Project Update: Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) personnel resources are currently devoted to the Covid-19 pandemic and it was agreed to chase the projects up once the current rounds of business grant funding had been dealt with. Hugh had investigated the cost of an electronic sign for Gelli; however, the quotes so far were on the high side.
- b. Sports Field, Llawhaden Update: more trees had been planted recently, and there were many more trees to be planted when the weather improved and when Covid-19 restrictions allowed. There are many trees still to plant, and it was discussed whether some of the remaining trees could be offered to local residents as it was thought there were sufficient trees planted in the area? A Facebook post would be composed to offer the trees to local residents. Tim agreed to enquire whether there were any local farmers who would like to cut the grass when the time was right. Hugh had been quoted £160 for a load of rab (4"/5" deep) to be delivered and laid at the entrance to the field and to make an area for parking inside the field, from Bethesda. Hugh agreed to obtain quotes for the purchase and erection of a new gate and signage for the field. An email from the James family of Aelybryn had expressed their support of the area being planted with trees and hoped we would go ahead with the plan to plant a wildflower meadow in the future.
- c. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Beacons Pilot Scheme update: Catherine will continue to investigate this option and would update us when more information was available. Catherine also advised that there may be additional funding and advice available from Plantlife (to help plant meadows) and Bio Pembs (a network for addressing meadows in Pembrokeshire).

**6. Finance**

- a. NatWest Bank Account balances as at 06/01/2021: -  
Current Account - £7435.57. Savings Account - £1438.30.
- b. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Precept Notification 2021/2022: the clerk had returned the precept request for 2021/2022 requesting £7500 for the next financial year.
- c. Clerks request for Wages and Expenses: Wages = £501.00. HMRC = £124.00. Expenses = £0.00. It was agreed to pay this request by all councillors present, proposed by Tim, and seconded by Tracy.
- d. Wales Audit Office (WAO) – Invoice for the 2019/2020 Audit: an invoice totalling £327.25 had been received. It was agreed to pay by all councillors present, proposed by Tim, and seconded by Victoria.

Signed: *Hugh Watchman*

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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**7. Correspondence**

- a. Wales Air Ambulance Emergency Appeal - donation request: it was agreed to donate £100 to this cause. Proposed by Tracy and seconded by Tim.
- b. Local Development Plan: December 2020 Update: noted.
- c. PCC: Dan Shaw – Virtual Seminar for looking at the best way to work together to ensure that Pembrokeshire citizens are leading the post-Covid recovery – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 via Zoom - noted.
- d. Communities of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire will get extra support as the 2021 Census approaches – noted.
- e. Welsh Government: Postponement of local government by-elections – noted.
- f. NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – noted.
- g. Versus Arthritis Introduction – the clerk would endeavour to upload the information received onto the Facebook page.

**8. Planning**

- a. Cotland, Llawhaden: Proposed Roof over existing Clamps (20/0774/PA) – no known objections.
- b. Sunnyside, Robeston Wathen: Alterations and extension (20/0418/PA) – no known objections.

**9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.**

PCC had been quiet over the festive period.

An increase of 5% was proposed for rates for the next financial year 2021/2022, along with an unexpected increase to the PCC precept received from the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) of 4%, there would still be a shortfall in funds following the pandemic.

The Riverside Project, Haverfordwest, that Di had “called in”, to investigate whether it was the best use of public funds, would go ahead as Di was the only councillor to vote against it!

A copy of the lease for the play area in Llawhaden (next to the village hall), was now with Di. The area was developed in 1993 through SPARKS (now Planed), under South Pembrokeshire Council (now PCC). There were rumours afoot that PCC would like to relinquish responsibility for the play area and would be looking to the Community Council to take over the lease. However, now official request had yet been received.

**10. Any Other Business**

- a. Historical Boards: Mary Housman (a local historian) had composed some interesting articles on the villages in the ward, and Hugh would like to apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Homes Grant fund for information boards to be placed in the villages. It was discussed that CADW and / or PLANED may be able to help with the process. Hugh agreed to investigate the possibility.
- b. Summer Event (COVID-19 permitting): due to the current Covid-19 situation it was agreed to discuss this in April’s meeting.
- c. Catherine asked if the planters currently located in the ward, could be planted with vibrant coloured flowers to brighten up the areas. The clerk agreed to contact Newbridge Nursery and ask for a price to provide plants for the current planters in all of the village. Hugh agreed to obtain a quote for 8 planters (to be placed at the village signs for each area).

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 20:00hrs, via Zoom Virtual meeting in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

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

Signed: *Hugh Watchman*

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