**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 13th January 2021**

Present: Cllrs Meurig James (Chairman), Jamie Lewis, Wynn Griffiths, Keith Thomas and Tudor Eynon and County Cllr David Simpson.

Cllr James as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and wished them all a happy New Year, and one hopefully better than 2020.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllrs Deryck Prosser had offered his apologies. These and the reasons for them were fully 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 Lewis and seconded by Cllr Griffiths, agreed by all present. They would be signed formally at the first opportunity.

**4 – Matters arising from previous meeting**.

**A40 update**. An update on this from the official contact had been circulated the previous week. This was noted. The Council had also heard that there were some outstanding queries regarding the need for the road. However, surveys were being carried out on private land in preparation for it to go ahead. EU funding for it could be lost if the delays went on too long.*[After the meeting the Clerk was requested to write to the Welsh Government expressing the Council’s concern about the ongoing delays and the deterioration of the highway and footpaths in the village whilst this project was on hold.]*

**Update on Hall.** The heating was going in this week, and would be switched on next week. The floor issue had been hopefully resolved with the installation of expansion joints. A sign for the defibrillator was being sought that would better fit the outside of the building. It was agreed that a joint meeting should be held with the Hall Management Committee in March.

**5 – New business.**

**Overhanging trees**. These were still an issue. The relevant landowners had been informed last year of the issue. Cllr Simpson stated he would pass this to officers again in PCC to follow up upon. It was requested this stay on the agenda until it was resolved.

**Drain outside White Lodge**. This had been reported as in the planned works by PCC next financial year in the previous meeting. More problems had occurred in the recent bad weather.

**External audit for 2019-20**. This had been completed after delays due to covid-19. The issue of the return being signed prior to the meeting when the accounts and accounting statements had been reviewed was raised by the External Auditors. The Clerk had explained that this was an error in the dating done on the form. The Council agreed they should ensure the correct procedures were followed in future.

**Budget and Precept**. A report on expenditure against the budget in the current year had been previously circulated, with a proposed budget and related precept for 2021-22. This was discussed and various amendments made and agreed. The budget for the coming year, and a precept to therefore request of £, were agreed by those present.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** County Cllr Simpson stated that there was little local to report upon apart from the upcoming Penblewin roundabout repair work. He provided various updates upon matters within Pembrokeshire, including the current cpovid-19 figures and progress being made on the vaccination programme and the current use of Bluestone.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* Information from PCC regarding covid-19 regulation changes/guideline updates etc. –throughout period.
* Pembrokeshire Digital Connections. This was noted.
* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* Census information – job opportunities and co-ordinator contact. This was noted.
* Pembrokeshire Local Development Plan updated information. This was noted.

**8 – Planning.**

Application 20/0557/PA. Agricultural field access. Vaynor Villa, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 8UR. This had been conditionally approved.

**9 – Finance.**

Bank balance main account £3957.66 as of 2nd January 2021.

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 2nd January 2021 £1 transferred from main account 12-11-20 to keep account active.

Bank balance business interest account: £5605.46 as of 2nd January 2021. This account now holds the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections so far.

Details of payments made and due are summarised below, as is a budget line comparison of current spending against budget for the year.

Invoices/contractual/other payments:

* Clerk’s monthly salary for December, January
* Clerk’s expenses for December, January
* Clerk’s tax December, January
* Llanddewi Velfrey Hall donation towards insurance - £651.92
* WAO external audit 2019-20 - £491.75
* Zurich - Council insurance - £402.94

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 Thomas reported that there were numerous potholes and the road was in a bad state of repair from the Lodge onwards. In addition streetlights by the Lodge, Picton Terrace and Ivy Cottage on the main road were not working. The relevant numbers would be provided to County Cllr Simpson for passing to the correct department for repair.

Cllr Eynon stated the salt bin by Llandaff Row needed refilling – Cllr Simpson stated he would pass that on to get sorted.

Cllr Lewis queried whether any acknowledgement had been received for the donation to the Royal British Legion from the November Remembrance Day ceremony. The Clerk stated there had been nothing, but that she would endeavour to get one.

**11 – Next meeting.**

The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 10th March 2021, starting at 8.00pm, and that it was likely to be held remotely via Zoom. The Clerk would invite members of the Hall Management Committee to join the meeting.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.