**Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 10th March 2021**

Present: Cllrs Meurig James (Chairman), Jamie Lewis, Wynn Griffiths, Keith Thomas and Tudor Eynon. In addition five members of the Hall Committee were in attendance.

Cllr James as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the representatives of the Hall Committee, and thanked them for taking the time to come to the meeting.

**1 – Apologies for absence**. Cllrs Deryck Prosser and County Cllr David Simpson had offered their 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 Griffiths and seconded by Cllr James, agreed by all present. They would be signed formally at the first opportunity.

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

At this point Standing Orders were suspended with the agreement of all so that members of the Hall Committee could provide information and participate in the discussion.

**Hall.**  Information was provided on the extensions and improvements to those present. The main works had been completed in February last year, but roof issues, snagging issues including with the floor, and installing the air source heat pumps, along with Covid-19 had meant the Hall had not fully opened for use. The floor had had a short-term fix, but might well need significant repair, or replacement, at a later date.

The Hall was booked for the 6th May elections, and once all the covid-19 secure requirements were in place and the Government permitted Halls to re-open it would. It was agreed that there should be more certainty in the next month or so.

**Playground**. The Clerk had sent the repairs report to both the Council and the Hall Committee for information. Some of the issues listed had been dealt with – it appeared to be at least in part a historical record rather than an up-to-date listing of currently required repairs. The Clerk would ask PCC for more information, and the equipment would be looked at in the light of this report and repairs and maintenance required would be done by a group of volunteers, which would be reported back to the Council/Committee.

It was proposed and agreed by all the Council that the £615 charge for a SLA with PCC be paid by the Council as a donation to the community, and that in future this would be factored into the budget and precept setting each year.

The Council and Committee would work together for future funding and provision for the playground and the Hall, for instance when seeking grants for equipment replacement.

At this point the Standing Orders were re-instated, and the meeting continued. The Council formally agreed all of the above decisions regarding the Hall and playground. The Chairman thanked the Hall Committee for their input.

**A40 update**. No update had been provided to the Council since the letter dated 1st February 2021 received from the Minister which had stated the tender process was then ongoing and it was feasible for construction work to commence in Spring 2021. This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk should make further contact requesting an update, and expressing concerns about the ongoing delays.

**Overhanging trees**. These were still an issue. It had been stated in the last meeting that the relevant landowners had been informed last year of the issue. The Clerk was requested to ask Cllr Simpson to again 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 an earlier meeting. Some work had been done to alleviate the issue, but more was needed.

**5 – New business.**

**Donation requests.** These had been received and were considered. It was stated and agreed that since the Precept was raised from the local residents, it was preferable to make donations that benefitted the local people. It was agreed that the SLA payment mentioned earlier was a valuable donation to the community, and illustrated the Council’s ongoing support locally.

**Active Travel consultation**. The Clerk summarised this, which had been previously circulated to all, and it was noted.

**6 – County Councillor’s report.** In the absence ofCounty Cllr Simpson there was no report provided. He had, however, stated that any issues arising in the meeting that he could assist with should be passed on to him. The Clerk stated that she would do so.

**7 – Correspondence received.**

* Information from PCC regarding covid-19 regulation changes/guideline updates etc. –throughout period.
* One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
* Election newsletter regarding flexibility and potential postponement of the May elections. This was noted, and the Clerk stated that the May elections were now expected to go ahead.
* Independent Remuneration Panel final report. This was noted.
* Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – One Voice Wales summary of relevant topics. This had been previously circulated, and the Clerk summarised the new requirements.

**8 – Planning.**

Application 20/0146/PA. Planning to regularise change to a domestic garden. The old Vicarage, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 8UT. This had been conditionally approved.

**9 – Finance.**

Bank balance main account £2176.24 as of 3rd March 2021.

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 3rd March 2021.

Bank balance business interest account: £5605.46 as of 3rd March 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 February, March
* Clerk’s expenses for February, March
* Clerk’s tax February, March
* Llewelyn Davies internal audit 2019-20 - £72.00

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.**

There were no issues or matters raised.

**11 – Next meeting.**

The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 12th May 2021, starting at 8.00pm, and that it was likely to be held remotely via Zoom. This would be the Annual Meeting followed by the normal May meeting.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.