

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

Minutes for the Community Council virtual meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2021 at 20:00hrs, via Zoom.

Present:

Hugh Watchman

Victoria Rabiya McAndrew

Tracy Watkins

Tim Simons

Samantha Hebblethwaite

Di Clements (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped everyone was keeping safe and well?

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 – 7th January 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2021, were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tracey and seconded by Tim.

5. Matters Arising There From

- a. Highways Project Update: Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) had employed Mr Phil Leggett and the projects would proceed. PCC would make the initial payments for the vehicle activated signs (VAS) etc and would then reclaim the monies from the Community Council with the VAT deducted.

Robeston Wathen – signage for both entrances to the village plus yellow bar marking on the road as well as the VAS.

Bethesda – consultation with residents to be actioned in relation to reducing the speed in the village to 30 MPH.

Gelli – a request for the PCC traffic department to investigate the signage in the village, with the suggestion of enhanced signage being considered e.g. Please Drive Carefully, narrow road, warning signs etc. Hugh will keep in touch with PCC to ensure they consider these options for Gelli, but due to Covid-19 restrictions PCC were unable to consider visiting the area and residents at present.

- b. Sports Field, Llawhaden Update:

Signage – Hugh would investigate the cost of signage and purchase signs for the field.

Gate/Rab Quote - a quote for purchasing and erecting a gate and laying rab at the entrance at the field had been received from Rob Gibby totalling £609.60 (including VAT). It was agreed to ask Mr Gibby to action this work.

It was noted that as the value of the work to be carried out was below £2500, and as per the Community Council's Standing Orders, there was no requirement to obtain 3 quotes on this occasion.

- c. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Beacons Pilot Scheme update – no update at present.
- d. Defibrillator Gelli: Welsh Hearts Grant Application submitted. There is a grant of £200 at present from Welsh Hearts, with the total cost of a defibrillator and heated cabinet totalling approximately £1300 with the grant deducted. It was decided that the purchase would-be put-on hold until a suitable site was agreed in the Gelli area. A flyer would be delivered to the residents for them to

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suggest a location for the defibrillator before any further decisions were made. Hugh agreed to compose the flyer.

- e. Historical Notice Boards – it was felt that the use of the Second Home Grants for this project, may not be the best use of the funds, and that maybe an application could be made for it's use within the Sports field in Llawhaden. It was acknowledged that there was a lack of engagement from residents in relation to planning for the area, and maybe Social Media may be the key to success in these future projects. It was felt that if Covid-19 restrictions were lifted later in the year, a social event could be held to gage residents' thoughts on future projects. Tracey, Samantha H and Victoria agreed to discuss a future community project.
- f. Llawhaden Play Area (next to the hall) – Victoria had discovered there was help/information available for the play area through Planed/PAVS/PCC. The majority of the Community Councillors present did not want the Community Council to take on the responsibility of the Play Area and that a Llawhaden Village Community Group may be more appropriate, with the support of the Community Council. Victoria agreed to look into this possibility.
- g. Planters for each village – no update at present.
- h. Woodland trees – what to do with the remaining plants. The majority of the trees had been collected by residents and Di agreed to plant the few remaining trees at the Sports Field.

6. Finance

- a. NatWest Bank Account balances as at 04/02/2021:
Current Account - £6308.32
Savings Account - £1438.30

7. Correspondence

- a. A communications guide for Welsh Community & Town Councillors and their Clerks – noted.

8. Planning

- a. Great Canaston Farm, Canaston Bridge: Proposed 200K Biomass Boiler (NP/20/0500/FUL) – no known objections.
- b. Cotland, Llawhaden: Proposed Roof over existing Clamps – conditionally approved (20/0774/PA).
- c. Sunnyside, Robeston Wathen: alterations and extension – conditionally approved (20/0418/PA).

9. Points of interest raised by the County Councillor.

- a. Digital Engagement (PCC) – Superfast Broadband for the rural communities in Pembrokeshire. Residents in areas where their Broadband speeds where slow, are encouraged to sign up to the project on PCC website. Currently Ambleston, Woodstock, Walton East and New Moat were in the first phase of having fibre to their homes and not just to the green BT cabinets as in most villages. Anyone interested should speak to PCC Digital Engagement Officers for more information. Di is hoping that Slebech and The Rhos would be included in the next phase, and all areas where broadband speeds were slow are encouraged to sign up to the project.
- b. An increase in the Community Charge of 5% was currently being proposed, however it was hoped that an increase of 3% would be finally agreed.
- c. PCC are currently short-listing candidates for the post of PCC Chief Executive.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Llawhaden Public Footpath Problem – Di felt that this issue would be sorted in due course.
- b. Community Council Purchasing Rules (Standing Orders) – the clerk confirmed that the standing orders stated that there was no requirement to obtain 3 quotes if the value was below £2500, this is when there was a need for 3 signatories to sign a cheque.

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- c.** Newsletter publication dates – the Spring Newsletter would be published around Easter with all articles being received by 1st April 2021.
- d.** Llawhaden Green Maintenance- Mr Brian Twose kindly maintains the green area in Llawhaden, however there may be a need for the councillors to help him with the maintenance from time to time.
- e.** Bank Account Authorised Signatories – Victoria agreed to be added as a signatory on the bank account. The clerk would enquire with NatWest, what their procedures were during the Covid-19 restrictions for this to be actioned.

11. Next Meeting

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

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:55 hrs.

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