

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

Minutes for the Community Council virtual meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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 acknowledged it had been a busy time for everyone in the ward.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Barnes.

**3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Hugh declared an interest in the planning application in agenda item 8b (Sarngwm, Bethesda) as the applicant is friend and neighbour. He would sign the declaration on interests register when Covid-19 restrictions were lifted.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Tracy and seconded by Victoria.

**5. Matters Arising There From**

- a. Traffic Calming Project Updates – Robeston Wathen, Bethesda and Gelli: Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) representatives had confirmed the projects would progress in due course.
- b. Sports Field Llawhaden Update:
  - (i) Invoice from Rob Gibby (erection of gate at the entrance) – an invoice totalling £609.60 had been received, all councillors present agreed to pay the invoice. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Samantha.
  - (ii) Invoice for signage from Amazon totalling £39.90 had been presented by Hugh, it was agreed to pay the invoice by all councillors present. Proposed by Victoria and seconded by Tracy.
  - (iii) External funding for meadows available through Plantlife.org.uk – if the community council wished to pursue the grants available, it would be advisable to apply to the fund as soon as possible. It was agreed that a project would be agreed, with the opinions of Llawhaden residents taken into consideration as to what the best use of the area would be. When ideas were gathered, an application would be put forward to the PCC Second Homes Grant – to hopefully fund their ideas.
- c. Defibrillator Gelli Update: a few replies had been received suggesting locations for the defibrillator. Samantha H agreed to speak to her neighbour to find out if he would be willing to locate the defibrillator on his house.
- d. Llawhaden Play Area: Victoria had been in touch with Planed and PAVS regarding the play area and had discovered there was funding available through various avenues to help fund the maintenance and upkeep of the area. Victoria agreed to speak to 2 PCC wards that had recently taken on the play areas in their areas to investigate the benefits and pitfalls of their recent responsibilities.
- e. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Beacons Pilot Scheme update – it was unsure whether this scheme would be available due to funding shortfalls. There would hopefully be an update in the new financial year.

Signed: Hugh Watchman

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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**6. Finance**

- a. Estimated NatWest Bank Account balances as of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021: -  
Current Account = £5658.82.                      Savings Account = £1438.30
- b. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Acknowledgement of Precept Request for 2021/2022 totalling £7500.
- c. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Review of Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils/Annual Report/Audit Cycle from 2020-21 Onwards – noted.

**7. Correspondence**

- a. Paul Sartori – donation request - it was agreed to donate £100.00 to this cause by all the councillors present. Proposed by Tim and seconded by Tracy.
- b. Cruse Bereavement Care – donation request – no donation would be made on this occasion.
- c. One Voice Wales (OVW) Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales consultation (closes 22/04/2021) – it was hoped that a litter pick could be arranged for the residents in Llawhaden with bags and litter pickers organised through PCC. Hugh and Tracy agreed to speak to PCC to find out if the necessary equipment could be made available to residents.

**8. Planning**

- a. Cilfoden Farm, Narberth SA67 8BU: Agricultural Portal Framed Shed to cover an existing yard (20/0856/PA) – no known objections to this application.
- b. Sarngwm, Bethesda: Retrospective Planning Application for Residential Accommodation (20/0946/PA) – Hugh has already declared a member's interest and did not comment on this application. Subsequently there were no known objections to this application.

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

- a. PCC had set the rates increase at 3.75% for 2021/2022.
- b. Di would be involved in the interviewing of 6 candidates shortlisted for the PCC Chief Executive post, which would take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**10. Any Other Business**

- a. Llawhaden and Castlevue – issues relating to the extension of the car park at Castlevue Residential Home: PCC Tree Officer, Planning Department, Highways along with CADW and Dyfed Archaeological were involved with this issue. Hugh and Di had visited the site after hearing from residents highlighting the issue of heavy vehicles driving in and out of the area, the dirty road and the closure of the public footpath. Both the owner of the residential home and the contractor had spoken to Hugh and Di and both were co-operative. Di had pointed out to them that the appropriate licenses should have been applied for before the works had begun in relation to the felling of the trees and the closure of the footpath, it was believed these had now been sought in retrospect. PCC had been out to the area to wash down the highway, and the cost would be passed on to the owner of the residential home. All residents that had raised the issue had been contacted by both Hugh and Di and would be kept informed of any updates from the various departments involved.
- b. Security lighting at Beltane, Llawhaden – this issue has now been forwarded to the Ombudsman for his perusal.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 20:00hrs, via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:46 hrs.

Signed: *Hugh Watchman*

Chair of Llawhaden Community Council

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