

Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 8th March 2023

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and stated that the community had lost a character from the community recently – Mr. Hughes.

1 – Apologies for absence. No apologies were received.

2 – Declarations of interest. No interests were declared.

3 – Questions from members of the public. There were no questions from any members of the public.

4 - Minutes of previous meeting.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed by all present. They were therefore signed.

5 - Matters arising from previous meeting.

A40 bypass. There had been no significant updates received from the contractors about progress on the bypass received. The Council were informed that the decision to purchase the field adjacent to the Hall and plant it completely with trees had been raised as an issue – a request for part of this land to be used for community benefit purposes instead (extended play area, picnic area for example) had been passed on the Welsh Government for consideration. It was looking increasingly likely that the weekend A40 road closure for surfing works would be in the middle of June.

Local repairs and issues. The potholes had been partially dealt with on the back lane, although not all had been filled. The Meadow View safer access issue would be considered as part of the road safety audit after the bypass was completed. Provision of a grit bin had been requested in one location during the cold snap in January. This was discussed and it was agreed not to purchase and provide one for cost and other reasons.

6 – New business.

Hall insurance. The figure provided in the previous meeting had been inaccurate. The actual policy invoice was provided and it was agreed to pay the difference so that the complete sum was covered.

Council insurance. The Council considered the renewal premium, and also an alternative. It was agreed they wished to continue to insure both the bus shelter and the War Memorial, so chose to go with the renewal premium as provided.

Bus shelter. It was agreed to pay the contractor who had carried out the cleaning of this which was needed for safety purposes. The bypass contractors were not able to undertake the work and other contractors had been approached unsuccessfully.

One Voice Wales. After discussion it was agreed to renew this subscription for another year.

IRPW report 2023-24. The Clerk had previously circulated a summary report on this. The mandatory allowances were noted and it was agreed that at this time the Council would not take up any of the optional allowances. It was agreed as Council policy that should any Councillor wish to take up the consumables allowance they should provide the relevant invoices to the Clerk for payment to be made.

7 – County Councillor’s report. The County Councillor reported on various maintenance activities around the area including ditch clearance, pothole filling and road surfacing works. He highlighted the new hospital consultation, for which hard copies of the consultation had been provided in the meeting by the Clerk.

8 – Correspondence received.

- One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
- Voter ID information – a new scheme. This was noted.
- Consultation on the new hospital site. This was noted.

9 - Planning:

22/0848/PA. Proposed single storey extension to existing kitchen. Trelawney, Fron Hill, Whitland. SA34 0RG. Application received 17-1-23, last date for determination 13-3-23. There were no objections.

22/859/OHL. Proposed A route pole height increases. Application received 23-12-2022.
Application decided 15-2-2023

10 - Finance:

Bank balance **main** account £1913.49 as of 1st March 2023

Bank balance **second** account: £20.00 as of 1st March 2023

Bank balance **business interest** account: £8087.17 as of 1st March 2023. This account 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. £33.26 was paid online to the Hall account to make up the remainder of the donation for the Hall insurance at the end of January

Invoices/contractual/other payments to consider:

- Clerk’s monthly salary for February/March
- Clerk’s expenses for February/March
- Clerk’s tax February/March
- Hall insurance – remainder - £33.26
- Bus shelter cleaning - £50.00
- One Voice Wales membership - £70.00
- Council insurance - £360.58

These payments were all agreed by those present.

10 - Councillors’ reports for consideration at next meeting.

It was suggested that payments be made online instead of purely by cheque when possible in future. This would be put on the May agenda for consideration and decision.

11 - Date of the next meeting. The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 10th May 2023 starting at 8.00pm. This would be the annual meeting, followed immediately by the normal May meeting.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.