

Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 11th May 2022

Present: Cllrs Tudor Eynon, Jamie Lewis, Wynn Griffiths

In the absence of Cllr Thomas, Cllr Lewis was nominated and agreed for the role of Chairman for this meeting, and as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 – Apologies for absence. Cllrs Keith Thomas, Meurig James 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 – Questions from members of the public. The Clerk had circulated a report outlining the new legislative requirements for this and two other measures to be taken by the Council and summarised the difference it would have on future meetings. The ground rules for this item going forward were discussed and agreed.

4 – Minutes of previous meeting.

There were accepted as a true record and agreed – proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Eynon, agreed by all present. They would be signed formally at the first opportunity.

5 – Matters arising from previous meeting.

A40 bypass. An update provided by the contractors the day of the meeting had been circulated along with a verbal update, and was discussed. The project was behind schedule, but was increasing site hours and starting Saturday working to make up time. Hedges were now being removed after the relevant ecological surveys indicated it was safe to do so. De-trunking plans were with the Welsh Government – there was no date yet for the consultation with the community. The issue of the reduced speed limits still being in operation even at night and weekends when there was no work happening was raised – it was understood that it was for continuity and consistency, but was causing significant complaints, and the meeting was told this has been queried with the Welsh Government. It was stated in the minutes from the March Liaison meeting that the next liaison meeting was set for 8th June – the Clerk would confirm this.

Jubilee events. There was a meeting on 15th May for further discussion on the plans and organisation of the day. A request for donation towards it from the Council had been received – it was agreed to donate £75.00. Alun Griffiths had donated a tree for the Jubilee that had been planted in the play area – the Council had purchased a bilingual Jubilee plaque to accompany it.

5 – New business.

Play area – annual inspection report. This had been circulated and was discussed. There were no issues rated high or requiring emergency attention – the two medium ones would be dealt with when possible. The invoice for the inspections and grass cutting for 2021-22 had been received since the last meeting – this was agreed for payment.

New wild area proposal. There was a proposal to provide a wild area just beyond the play area. This involved discussions with the Cricket Club (whose land it was) and would involve safety measures being put in place, a formal agreement, as well as potential rerouting of a footpath. The Council noted the information provided.

Election expenses forms. The Clerk explained the legal requirement for these to be filled in. Those present completed them, and the Clerk would return them to PCC.

6 – County Councillor’s report. There was no report received from the newly re-elected County Councillor, who had sent his apologies. The Council congratulated him on his re-election.

7 – Correspondence received.

- One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.
- Broadband scheme progress - voucher pledge stage. This was noted and that the delay was with the Welsh Government processing pledges prior to individuals making the final commitments to the scheme.

8 - Planning:

21/1011/PA. Removal of agricultural occupancy condition. Maes Yr Rhos, Llanddewi Velfrey. SA67 7PA. **Unconditionally approved** – 23rd March 2022.

21/1053/PA. Outdoor swimming pool; related facilities building; garage. Old Vicarage, Llanddewi Velfrey SA67 8UT **Conditionally approved** 13th April 2022

9 - Finance:

Bank balance main account £6060.60 as of 4th May 2022

Bank balance second account: £20.00 as of 4th May 2022

Bank balance business interest account: £5606.16 as of 4th May 2022. This account now holds the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections so far.

Invoices/contractual/other payments agreed for payment by all Cllrs present:

- Clerk’s monthly salary for April, May including pro rata payment for her ongoing membership of SLCC
- Clerk’s expenses for April, May
- Clerk’s tax April, May
- ICO annual renewal fee - £35.00 – due at the start of June
- RBLI bilingual plaque for Queen’s Canopy tree - £154.99
- One Voice Wales – membership renewal - £64.00 – this was agreed in March 2022, noted here because the cheque needed completion in this meeting.
- PCC – play area maintenance/inspection annual charge - £615.00
- Village Hall Committee - £75.00 donation towards Jubilee activities.

The Internal Auditor had no issues with the accounts, but had highlighted some minor points regarding the minuting of some financial information during the previous year. It was therefore confirmed that the Clerk’s monthly salary that had been paid in line was with the

agreed regular monthly amounts. It was also confirmed that payments made whilst meetings were being held online were after agreement in the online meetings by all those present.

10 - Councillors' reports for consideration at next meeting.

The matter of filling the final seat in the Council was raised – it was agreed to consider this in the next meeting.

The litterbin mentioned in the March meeting had been removed from its mountings. The PCC bus shelter roof still required repair. Alun Griffiths had offered to assist with power washing the Council's bus shelter.

11 - Date of the next meeting. The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 13th July 2022 starting at 8.00pm.

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