

## **Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council**

### **Minutes of normal meeting held Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1 – Apologies for absence.** No apologies were received by the time of the meeting.

**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 some updated information provided by the contractors during a recent quarterly meeting with them. It was stated that licensing for wildlife removal had had an impact upon the project's progress. There was a query raised on the parking for Fynnon Chapel. In addition the de-trunking exhibitions had been held in the last few weeks, and advice sought on the preferred layout of the village's central area, landscaping and improvements for which had been included in the requested community benefits. It was noted that several of the other requested community benefits were included in the plans such as car park surfacing in places, a cycle path, and a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee memorial tree.

**Local repairs and issues.** The pothole on the edge of the Hall car park had been filled, for which the community was thankful. There was still concern regarding the back lane potholes and road depressions – Cllr Simpson said he would ask for further investigations on this. He also stated he would follow up on the request for safer access for residents in the Meadow View area, which had been passed to the Welsh Government late September but as yet no response had been received.

**6 – New business.**

**Play area inspection report.** This had been received in October. All barring two items were considered low or very low risk, which was pleasing. Work would be done to resolve the two medium issues when possible.

**Community Benefit fund.** The potential community benefits from the bypass contract were, it turned out, not directed at Llanddewi Velfrey primarily, although this was the place most closely affected by the work and disruption, but for quite a wide community extending as far as Narberth. It was also a competitive process with very limited funds available.

**7 – County Councillor's report.** The County Councillor spoke briefly on a recent minor pollution incident. He also provided some background to and information on the current County concerns about the budget and finances for next year, which were shared by all the county councils in Wales.

**8 – Correspondence received.**

- One Voice Wales remote training. This was noted.

- Tour of Pembrokeshire cycle event in 2023. This was unlikely to affect the area. It was noted.

## **9 - Planning:**

There had been no relevant planning notifications received since the last meeting.

## **10 - Finance:**

Bank balance **main** account £2668.02 as of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Bank balance **second** account: £20.00 as of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Bank balance **business interest** account: £8082.66 as of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. This account holds the bequest; the reserve for Cllr allowances; the reserve for elections.

Details of payments made and due are summarised below. The meeting acknowledged the recent national pay award due to come into effect 1-4-2022 and the subsequent back pay for the Clerk, which was included in the payments agreed. A query was raised on one budget line which the Clerk would clarify as soon as possible - the figures were not to hand in the meeting.

Invoices/contractual/other payments agreed:

- Clerk's monthly salary for October/November
- Clerk's expenses for October/November
- Clerk's tax October/November

## **10 - Councillors' reports for consideration at next meeting.**

A query was raised as to support the Council could provide to the Hall Committee as regards the car park resurfacing work – this was briefly discussed in theory but no decision made.

Arrangements for the Remembrance event on the coming Sunday were agreed as correct.

The contractors had offered to provide at least one Christmas tree locally – this would be passed on to the Church and the Hall Committee for consideration.

**11 - Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 starting at 8.00pm.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.