

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on
Thursday 4th February, 2021**

Present: Cllr D Jenkins, S Jenkins, J Bennion, S Lewis, P Hunt, D Lowde, L McPhee

Apologies: None

SH 23/21 **Declarations of Interests**

None.

SH 24/21 **Minutes 7th January 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2021 were confirmed subject to amendment and signed.

SH 25/21 **Information from Minutes**

a) Phonebox

Despite contacting PCC, no response had been received about the adoption of the phonebox at Nantgwyn. Cllr Lewis will obtain the phone number of the box and provide this to the Clerk. The Clerk will contact BT with regard to adoption of the kiosk.

Resolved: Clerk to contact BT.

SH 26/21 **Correspondence**

a) St Harmon Christmas Volunteers – Tree & Lights

Email of thanks for the agreement provide the annual Christmas Tree and lights for St Harmon. It was commented that new lights would not be required for a few years.

The email also mentioned and invoice which was sent to the Community Council some time ago for replacement led bulbs, which remains unpaid. The Clerk confirmed that this had been paid via the Bryn Titli Fund.

b) Powys County Council – Electrical Charging Points

The following response was received from PCC:

“In terms of funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Points, we had an OLEV grant in order to help our recent roll out of charging points in our car parks. Looking at the funding schemes that OLEV have available, the workplace charging scheme seems appropriate for yourselves. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles#workplace-charging-scheme> I am not aware of any other funding available at the moment.

There are 3 main types of Electric Vehicle Chargers available, details and approximate costs of chargers (not including installation & any new connections which may be required) as follows:

Charger Type	Approx. full charging time	Approx. cost
Slow 3.5kw	8-12 hours	500-1k
Fast 7-22kw	3-4 hours	2-3k
Rapid 50kw +	20-30 mins	20k +

The chargers that we have in some of our car parks are ‘fast’ 22kw chargers supplied by Silverstone Green Energy of Narberth. The make and model is Ensto Chago Pro.”

Resolved: to not pursue this project for the time being due to lack of demand and cost.

c) One Voice Wales – Publishing Minutes

The following advice was received from One Voice Wales

“In relation to your request for advice, I would advise you that it is not a statutory requirement for a Council to publish its draft minutes or draft budget on line. This would be discretionary.

However, it is a requirement of the current Local Authorities’ (Coronavirus) (Meetings) Wales Regulations 2020 for a Council to publish on-line a summary of the discussions of a Council meeting and decisions taken as soon as reasonably practicable after the meeting. Some Councils publish the draft minutes as a means of achieving this requirement.

There is no statutory requirement to publish the approved budget on-line but it would be good practice demonstrating openness and transparency to do so.”

Resolved: to no longer publish draft minutes, but to publish the budget for 2021/22.

d) One Voice Wales – NHS 73rd Anniversary

Local councils, communities and others throughout Wales are being encouraged to play a leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021, a unique day of celebration and commemoration of those that work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week without any thought of their own safety. They are asked to do this by agreeing to raise a unique flag at 10am; participate in the Two-Minute Silence at 11am, the Nation's Toast at 1pm, Afternoon Tea at 4pm, the ringing of church bells 73 times with each ring representing a year in the 73 years of the NHS at 8pm, from within their local communities, as a 'tribute' to the Heroes of the NHS, Social Care and those that work so tirelessly on the frontline.

Members discussed and agreed to take part in this celebration. The Clerk suggested purchasing flag poles and flags. Cllr Lewis suggested the Clerk contact Mr Arthur with regard to ringing the Church Bells 73 times.

Resolved: Clerk will price up flag poles and the relevant flags for the next meeting and will approach Mr Arthur with regard to the church bells.

e) Powys County Council – Highways Issues

Cty Cllr Evans had arranged for PCC Highways to replace the manhole cover mentioned at the last meeting and also tried to even out the surface on the B4518 as there were no real potholes on site. Cty Cllr Evans was thanked for his intervention.

SH 27/21

Planning Applications

- a) **Pre Planning Application** – Major application: Erection of broiler poultry building and associated infrastructure at Llwyngwilym Farm, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5NS. Notification of this application was received on 2nd February 2021.

As this item was received at short notice, not all members had been able to look at all the plans and associated documents. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the company who confirmed that the actual planning application will be submitted shortly. Members will discuss the application once this has been submitted.

The Clerk was asked to provide notices for the pre application for the noticeboard. She confirmed she had placed this on the Community Council website on the day of receipt.

Resolved: Clerk to provide notices to the Chair and members for the notice boards and for circulation within the community as soon as possible. She will also forward this notice to Rhayader Town Council.

- b) **20/2115/REM**

Section 73 application to vary condition 3 of planning approval 20/1115/FUL to allow the building to be used for up to 5,000 free range organic broilers (Poultry). Cty Cllr asked if the Community Council wished the application to be “called in” to the Planning Committee.

Resolved: This was agreed. The Clerk will send confirmation to Cty Cllr Evans

SH 28/21

Grant Applications

None.

SH 29/21

Finance

a) Appointment of Internal Auditor 2020/21

The Clerk had identified a qualified Clerk who would be prepared to carry out the Internal Audit for 2021/21 at a rate of £20 per hour.

Resolved : To appoint Tracey Price on the above terms.. Clerk to send offer letter.

b) Salary - £322.07 & HMRC - £83.23

Resolved : payments approved.

c) Microshade Business – IT Back Up - £542.64

Resolved : to pay this invoice

d) Bank Reconciliation – 29.01.21

Balance c/f 31.03.20	11416.59
Plus Receipts	25885.37
	37301.96
Less Payments	6501.31
Balance	30800.65
Breakdown :	
Community Council	15356.15
Bryn Titli	15444.50

SH 30/21

Refurbishment of Phone Box

Members discussed the condition of the phone box in Pantydwr which needs refurbishing. It was also suggested that some of the books from St Harmon box could be put on a shelf in the Pantydwr box. The Chair also commented that the Defibrillator is sitting on the shelf and does not have a cover box.

Resolved: to obtain quotes to paint the phone box and install shelving and obtain prices for a suitable defibrillator box to be mounted on the wall of the phone box. The Chair will provide contact details for the contractor who was used to carry out work previously. All members were asked to identify local contractors and provide contact details to the Clerk.

SH 31/21

Community Hall Report

Cllr Lowde had nothing to report.

SH 32/21

County Councillors Report

a) Cllr Evans referred to the road works being completed as per minute 26/21 e.

- b) Cllr Evans reported on the recent Police Community Meeting organized by the local PCSO Gareth Morris. He suggested the Community Council may wish to be involved. The Chair reported that had received an invitation but was unable to attend.
Resolved: to contact Gareth Morris PCSO to ask for invitations to be sent to the Community Council members
- c) Cllr Hunt reported the blocked gullies outside Dolybont. Cllr Hunt and Cllr Evans will check these and if required, Cllr Evans will report this to PCC.
- d) It was also reported that 2 drains on the main road in Sun Hill are also block. Cllr Evans will check and report this.

SH 33/21

Other Matters & Information

a) Code of Conduct Training

The Chair reported that he had attend OVW Code of Conduct Training which was hosted via Starleaf.

SH 34/21

Public Questions

None.

SH 35/21

Resolution – Confidential Matters

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as there would be disclosure to them of confidential information relating to contractual, legal and personnel content.

SH 36/21

Confidential Matters (Legal, Personnel, Contractual)

a) Grass Let Tender

Two submissions were received.

Resolved: to offer the grass let to Mr Hird at a rate of £275, payable prior to accessing the land on 01.03.21

b) Clerk's Contract

The Chair and Vice Chair met with the Clerk on 17.12.21 and made some draft amendments to the Contract of Employment. These were placed before the Council for discussion.

Resolved: to accept the amended contract subject to an amendment.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.