

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**Present:** Cllr D Jenkins, J Bennion, S Jenkins, P Hunt, L McPhee. D Lowde, S Lewis,  
Cty Cllr D Evans

**Apologies:** None

**SH 37/21**      **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr L McPhee - SH 42/21

Cllr S Lewis - SH 46/21b – Dispensation in place.

**SH 38/21**      **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were confirmed and signed.

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**SH 40/21**      **Information from Minutes**

a) **Internal Auditor**

The Clerk confirmed that Tracey Price has agreed to act as Internal Auditor for the Council for 2020/21.

**SH 41/21**      **Correspondence**

a) **One Voice Wales – March Training**

Training opportunities were offered to members. Some members which to access training. This was agreed by the council.

**Resolved:** The Chair, Cllr Lowde and Cllr McPhee will forward details of the course they wish to attend to the Clerk. The Clerk will also pass training information to the new member and encourage him to access training.

b) **Rhayader Town Council – Llwyngwilym Planning Application**

See item SH 42/21.

**SH 42/21**      **Planning Applications**

a) **21/0059/FUL**

Grid Ref: E: 297755 N: 269520

Proposal: Erection of a poultry building and associated works -

Location: Llwyngwilym Poultry Unit, Llwyngwilym , Rhayader Powys, LD6 5NS. Cllr McPhee declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

The Clerk had obtained a copy of the letter sent to the Berry's Consultants by Rhayader Town Council relating to the pre-planning application.

**Resolved:** to arrange a meeting for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to discuss this item fully and encourage residents to submit their comments to the Council. A public speaking section will be permitted at this meeting.

Cllr Lowde will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment but will forward his comments for consideration to the Clerk. This was agreed.

**SH 43/21**      **Grant Applications**

None.

**SH 44/21**      **Finance**

- a) Salary £324.30 & HMRC £81.00 - Approved
  - b) Clerks Expenses & Home Working Allowance - £60.05 - Approved
  - c) Defib Store – Defib Box - £114.29 - Approved
  - d) One Voice Wales – Training - £30.00 - Approved
  - e) Bank Reconciliation - Approved
  - f) P Evans – Repairs Recreation Field - £126. (see SH 57/21.)
- All payments to be made by BACS wherever possible.

24.02.21	
Balance c/f 31.03.20	11416.59
Plus Receipts	25885.37
	37301.96
Less Payments	9716.02
<b>Balance</b>	<b>27585.94</b>
<b>Breakdown :</b>	
Community Council	12141.44
Bryn Titli	15444.50

**SH 45/21**      **Council Financial Risk Assessment**

The Clerk presented the 2020/21 Council Risk Assessment to the council for approval.

**Resolved:** The Risk Assessment was approved subject to one addition with regard to responsibility for Grass Let (Recreation Field.)

**SH 46/21**      **Bryn Titli Grants**

**a) Hope House Hospice**

Application for £250 to partly fund a Palliative Care Nurse

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £250

**b) St Harmon Community Hall**

Application for £385.47 to refurbish the Gates, Fences and Gazebo

Mr Roger Mason addressed the Council to support this group's application.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £385.47

Mr Mason brought up the matter of correspondence between the Chair and himself. As this matter was not on the agenda this could not be discussed.

**c) St Harmon Football Club**

Application for £1500 to relocate the shower block

Ms Suzanne Williams addressed the Council to support this group's application. She explained that there are currently issues with Phosphate levels and the club will need to hire portable showers and toilets. The Club has received a donation of £3000 from Fairbourne Eggs and will fundraise following the lifting of Covid restrictions. The group needs £3000 to supply the units.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £1500

The Chair proposed that the Council allocated £1500 from the previously ringfenced £5000 to enable the club to hire showers.

**Resolved:** to award £1500 from council funds to support this application.

**SH 47/21**

**Election**

The recent call for an election resulted in one nomination. Therefore, Mark Williams was elected uncontested to the Council. The Clerk had issued the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form to Mr Williams and he will be meeting the Clerk on 05.03.21 to complete and sign it.

**SH 48/21**

**April Council Meeting**

The Clerk approached member to change the date of the April meeting from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April. This would enable the annual accounts to be presented on 8<sup>th</sup> April and the internal auditor called in prior to the May meeting.

**Resolved:** to arrange the meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**SH 49/21**

**NHS Anniversary Day**

The Clerk had obtained prices for flag poles (£59.99) and official flags (£92.46.) Cllr Lewis had found cheaper flags on Ebay and had circulated the link to members.

Members discussed the location of the flag poles. It was agreed to site one pole by the Community Hall and the other by the pub. Cllr Lowde and the Chair will erect the poles and flags, and Cllr Lowde agreed to store the poles when not being used.

**Resolved:** To purchase 2 flag poles £119.98 and 3 flags £7.90. The Clerk will purchase these and will be refunded via Bacs on presentation of cash receipts.

**SH 50/21**

**Community Hall Report**

Cllr Lowde had nothing to report and no meetings had been held.

**SH 51/21**

**County Councillors Report**

Cllr Evans reported that all works reported by members had been undertaken.

**DH 52/21**

**Phone Kiosk – Nantygwyn**

The Clerk had contacted BT and had been informed that the 90-day consultation period had ended. The council will await a further consultation.

**DH 53/21**

**Standing Orders**

The Chair proposed the following addition to Standing Orders:

**8. VOTING ON APPOINTMENTS**

- a Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.
- b **Election Chair/Vice Chair**  
The election of chair/vice chair At the A.G.M will be in accordance with the 1972 Local Government Act, The NACL Legal text and their successors

The Clerk suggested that the council may wish to look at the Model Standing Orders in the new financial year with a view to adapting them for council use. This will be discussed in the new financial year.

**Resolved:** include the additions.

**DH 54/21**

**Other Matters & Information**

**a) Granville Davies**

Cllr Lowde reported on the recent passing of former member, Granville Davies. Members were extremely saddened to hear of his passing. He had been a devoted and active member of the community council for several years.

**Resolved:** to send a card to his family from the community council.

b) **Garn Fach Liaison Group**

Cllr Lowde had attended a presentation from Wave Hill Consultants on the Impact Assessment and the modelling of finances. He had not been given permission to release a copy of the report but confirmed that a public consultation is likely to take place in May 2021.

The Clerk reminded members of Section 106 monies and Community Pay Back monies which could be available to this community. Cllr Lowde confirmed that they are not accepting applications as of yet.

Cllr Lowde will forward minutes to the Clerk to be circulated to members.

c) **Bryn Blaen Wind Farm**

The Chair suggested that the council should approach the Wind Farm to request some funds for the community.

**Resolved:** to apply for community funds.

d) **One Voice Wales Area Meeting**

Cllr Hunt had attended the above meeting with the Chair which had highlighted several new responsibilities for the council. Cllr Hunt will forward his notes to the Clerk for circulation to all members.

e) **Local Government (Wales) Elections Act 2021**

Following on from Cllr Hunt's item, the Clerk informed members of the introduction of the new Act which has recently been approved.

This will include several changes for community councils including the following:

- The requirement to develop and publish a Training Plan – May 2022
- The change in legislation permitting councils to hold remote meetings indefinitely.
- The requirement for councils to produce and publish an Annual Report – May 2022.
- The requirement for councils to provide and publish a summary of meetings within 7 days.

The Clerk will forward a copy of the Act to members.

**SH 55/21**

**Public Questions**

**Mr R Mason – St Harmon Football Club**

Mr Mason commented on the application from St Harmon Football Club and wished to advise the council of the following.

Powys County Council has not kept the Community Hall Committee informed on the issues with the river and Phosphate levels.

There are concerns over the proposal to run a hose pipe to the facilities on a health & safety front.

No formal agreement has been made between the Community Hall Committee and the Football club.

The Chair thanked Mr Mason for the information.

**SH 56/21**

**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 57/21**

**Confidential Matters:**

**a) Grass Let**

The Chair reported that the repair works had been instigated due to the short deadlines and completed by Mr P Evans for £126.

**Resolved:** to make payment once the invoice is received.

Cllr Lewis asked if there is a protocol for accepting tenders i.e. should the council accept the lowest tender.

The Chair felt this was not the case. The Clerk confirmed that the acceptance of quotes and tenders is down to the council to agree as a whole. There is no requirement to accept the lowest tender or quote.

The Clerk confirmed that the full rental had been received in February 2021.