

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on
Thursday 1st April, 2021**

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

Apologies: None

The meeting did not commence until 7.20pm

The Clerk asked to be permitted to make an introduction to members.
This was agreed.

SH 61/21 **Clerk's Introduction**

It is not a legal requirement under legislation for this report to be shared with the Council, however, Audit Wales wish to give the council, as a corporate body, the opportunity comment on factual accuracy.

Members must consider under the Code of Conduct if they have a Personal and Prejudicial interest with regard to the content of the consideration report:

Do I have a prejudicial interest?

Your personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

If members fail to declare an interest in this matter, it may be deemed that one or all of those members may be influencing the meeting and the meeting may be deemed unlawful.

SH 61/21 **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr D Jenkins - Personal & Prejudicial

Cllr D Jenkins left the meeting following his declaration.

Cllr Bennion took over the Chair for the meeting.

SH 62/21 **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.

Audit Wales – Audit Consideration Document 18/19

Cllr Bennion was unsure as to the process to follow and asked the Clerk for advice. The Clerk advised the following:

Each member may wish to consider individually if they are able to comment on the factual accuracy of the reports contents.

Members may wish to send comments in response to this report directly to Audit Wales by 9th April 2021.

The council is asked to make a decision following discussions at this meeting and formulate a response to Audit Wales.

Once all comments are received the Auditor General may wish to develop a Public Interest Report which will have consequences for the council including the obligation for the council to publish comments on the report's recommendations in the local press.

Each member then had an opportunity to comment on factual accuracy. The following was identified:

51 The paragraph stated 2019 (2018 is the correct date.)

99. Record that no interests were made (should this read - Record that no **declarations** of interest were made

109. Opinion he gave was correct (should be incorrect.)

195. Held on 27th November 2011 (should be 2018.)

Cllr Bennion stated that she was the only councillor in the meeting who was serving on the Council throughout the time stated within the report. She felt there were further inaccuracies which she had reported back to Audit Wales.

Following further general discussions the following was agreed:

Resolved: To write to Audit Wales and point out the factual inaccuracies as above. To point out the typos. The Council will offer to make the final report public and hold an open meeting and provide copies to residents on request. The Council will also detail how improvements have been made since the Internal Audit in May 2020 and provide a copy of the updated improvement plan.

The Clerk will now respond to Audit Wales in line with the resolution above. The deadline for comments is 9th April 2021.