

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday 8th
April, 2021**

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

Apologies: None

SH 64/21 **Declarations of Interests**
Cllr M Williams - SH 69/21a

SH 65/21 **Minutes**
a) The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 4th March 2021 were confirmed and signed.
b) The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2021 were confirmed and signed.

SH 66/21 **Information from Minutes**
a) **NHS Anniversary Day**
Cllr Lowde reported that the flags and flagpoles had been received and he was storing them.
b) **Phone Box Refurbishment**
The Clerk had published an opportunity to quote on the council website and circulated this to members. A couple of contractors had been in contact. The closing date for quotes is 28.04.21

SH 67/21 **Public Speaking**
None.

SH 68/21 **Correspondence**
a) **One Voice Wales – Renewal of Subscription - £100**
Resolved: to renew the annual subscription
b) **One Voice Wales – Training April 2021**
Cllr Williams wished to attend Code of Conduct Training and Cllr McPhee wished to attend The Councillor training. Cllr Hunt wished to attend Local Government Finance.
Resolved: the 3 sessions were approved by members.
c) **CADNO – Garn Fach – Offer to Meet**
Cadno has offered to make a presentation to the Council on the proposed project

Cllr Lowde shared some slides with members containing information and example questions for the project. These will be emailed to members following the meeting.

Resolved: to invite EDF to make a presentation to the Council.

SH 69/21

Planning Applications

a) 21/0475/REM

Grid Reference: **E:299021 N: 272592**

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition no. 2 attached to outline planning approval for 4 dwellings P/2016/0560 to allow an extension of time in which to submit remaining reserved matters for plot 1 (affordable dwelling)

Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Resolved: No objection.

b) 21/0525/HH

Grid Reference: **E:292773 N: 273899**

Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension and single-storey porch Extensions - Site Address: Dolhelfa Ganol , Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6RX

Resolved: No objection

SH 70/21

Grant Applications

None.

SH 71/21

Finance

a) Salary £324.10 - approved

b) HMRC £81.20 – approved

c) Clerk’s Additional Hours – Dec 20 – March 21 - £256.69 – approved (to be paid in May salary)

d) Annual Return 20/21 – Information from Clerk

The Annual return paperwork had been received and completed by the Clerk and following internal audit will be presented for approval to the May council meeting.

The Chair asked about the notice for publication for Exercise of Electoral Rights. The Clerk informed members that the notice will be published on the website and on noticeboards in line with the statutory dates. A copy of this notice will be included with the Annual Return for the May meeting.

e) One Voice Wales – March Training £30.00 - agreed

SH 72/21 Clerk's Request for Training

a) SLCC – Getting the Best from Wordpress Websites – 13.04.21 - £30.00. The Chair also wished to attend at a cost of £35.

Resolved: Clerk and Chair to attend the course.

SH 73/21 Annual Accounts 2020/21

a) Annual Accounts 20/21

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditor will be collecting the papers on Monday 12th April.

Resolved: to approve the annual accounts for 20/21.

b) Council Financial Reserves (for information.)

The Clerk presented a report on the detailed earmarked reserves and general reserves at 31.03.21:

Earmarked	£ 9577.00
General	£ 698.09
Bryn Titli	£13201.15
Total reserves	£23476.24

The Clerk advised that the council would need to be extremely mindful of any likely additional expenses due to the lack of general reserves.

Some discussions took place and information was provided by the Clerk.

The Chair reminded members that there is a set procedure for Bryn Titli grants any if members wished to make any changes, this would need to be brought before full council at a future meeting.

The Chair advised that the precept would be received in 3 payments throughout the year.

c) Budget 2021/22

The Clerk presented a report to the Council which contained the 21/22 budget and earmarked reserves.

Resolved: to Clerk will email a copy of the open spreadsheet to members to enable them to monitor the budget is they wish.

SH 74/21

Community Hall Report

Cllr Lowde reported on the recent Hall meeting. The hall had accepted a self-managed 2- day booking from an outside organization for a health & safety event, they also have a booking from PCC for the Polling Station.

Cllr Lowde reported that the pathway works funded from the Bryn Titli Fund had now been completed. The Chair reminded Cllr Lowde that evidence is required as part of the fund criteria.

Cllr Lowde reported that there may be a change in Booking Secretary and he will advise the Council of details for the website.

The Hall had received a £10,000 grant from Welsh Government which had greatly assisted with operational costs over the last year.

There had also been discussions with Welsh Water with regard to access for large vehicles for the treatment plant. A site meeting is planned between representatives from the Committee and WWA. This may well have implications on the Football Club plans.

Cllr Lowde had provided a copy of the approved minutes from the November meeting to the Clerk. It was agreed to circulate these to members via email. The Chair asked for these to be published on the council website. The Clerk advised that the council would need permission from the Hall Committee to do this. Members were not in support of publishing them on the website.

SH 75/21

County Councillors Report

Cllr Evans was unable to attend the meeting

SH 76/21

Other Matters & Information

a) Future Meetings

The Clerk advised that new guidelines from Welsh Government from 12th April 2021 enable meetings of up to 15 people to take place indoors, providing social distancing can be maintained. The question of returning to in person meetings was raised. Cllr Lewis stated that the Hall would only be able to accept 15 people under the Covid 19 regulations due to space. The Clerk felt it would be difficult to ensure that a council meeting could be limited to 15 people in view of the legal requirement to permit public attendance.

Resolved: to put this matter on the agenda for the May meeting for discussion. Clerk to approach Hall Committee to see if the Hall would be available for council meetings.