

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday 5th
August 2021**

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

Apologies: Cllr M Williams

SH 127/21 **Declarations of Interests**
None.

SH 128/21 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Finance & Procedures Committee meeting held on 26th June 2021 were confirmed and signed.

SH 129/21 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2021 were confirmed and signed.

SH 130/21 **Information from Minutes**
a) Stores Farm Barn
Morris, Marshall and Poole are no longer marketing this property. They forwarded the council's email to the tenants.

SH 131/21 **Public Speaking**
None.

SH 132/21 **Correspondence**
a) Welsh Government - Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations & General Power of Competence (GPOC)
Consultation to establish the minimum level of qualification for Clerks in order for a council to qualify for General Power of Competence being introduced in May 2022.
Resolved: to submit a response denoting CiLCA (Wales) as the minimum level of qualification.

The Clerk explained that the General Power of Competence is being introduced into Welsh councils in May 2022. In order to qualify to obtain this status which enables councils to spend monies of anything, the following 3 criteria must be obtained:

- i. At least two-thirds of the council must be elected
- ii. Must have a qualified Clerk (level to be agreed nationally)
- iii. Must have last 2 years unqualified audit.

The Clerk pointed out that St Harmon Community Council would not be eligible as it has not had the last 2 years unqualified audit.

The Chair had been at a meeting where it was indicated that if a council was not eligible for GPOC this may have an implication for the level of grants given. He has asked OVW to check this out.

Resolved: not to take part in the consultation. Clerk to contact OVW regarding the grant issue.

b) Welsh Government- Electoral Arrangements Review – Decision

The Clerk pointed out that Cty Cllr David Evans will now also be member for Llanyre. This was noted.

c) One Voice Wales - New networking group to discuss Environmental issues
Opportunity to nominate a member to serve on this group.

Resolved: Cllr Lewis will represent the Community Council on this group.

d) One Voice Wales – Innovative Practice Conference 22nd September

Invitation to attend the above at a rate of £40. The Clerk will be attending this on behalf of another council and will report back.

e) One Voice Wales – Operation London Bridge – Draft Plan

Information and guidance from OVW on plans for the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Clerk had drafted a plan for discussion.

Resolved: to adopt the draft plan

SH 133/21 **Planning Application**

a) EDF Renewables – Garn Fach Pre Planning

Following the presentation from EDF at the last meeting the members discussed this application.

Cllr Lowde had fed back information as part of the group which had been included within the pre-planning. It was agreed to request benches and picnic tables on site. It was also suggested to combine the forestry land next to the site to extend the Cycle Path.

Resolved: to put forward the above suggestions.

SH 134/21 **Grant Applications**

None.

SH 135/21 **Finance**

a) Salary - £324.30 - approved

b) HMRC – £81.00 - approved

c) X2 Communications Ltd Defib Signs - £57.72 - approved

d) Litter Bins.co.uk – Bin Play Area - £171.54 - approved

e) Bank Reconciliation

Reconciliation		26.07.21	
Balance @	@	26.06.21	27064.75
Plus Receipts			
Less Payments			498.02
Balance			26566.73
Council			13413.68
Bryn Titli			13153.05
			26566.73

f) **Community Hall – Annual Grant – 1500 - approved**

SH 136/21 Community Hall Report

Cllr Lowde reported that the Hall has a new Booking Secretary, further discussions had taken place with the Football Club and grant applications were agreed for the Bryn Titli Fund. The Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th August 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Chair asked why AGM notices were not posted in St Harmon as it is part of the community. Cllr Lowde will approach the committee about this.

SH 137/21 County Councillors Report

Nothing to report.

SH 138/21 Review of Standing Orders

The Finance and Procedures Committee had met to review the Standing Orders and had prepared a draft for presentation to the Council. This is based on the Model Standing Orders.

Resolved: To adopt the reviewed Standing Orders.

SH 139/21 Annual Leave – Clerk

The Clerk will be on annual leave from 21st – 28th August 2021.

SH 140/21 Other Matters & Information

a) St Harmon Trail

Cllr McPhee asked a question about the maintenance of the trail. It was agreed that this should not be undertaken as a member of the Community Council but as a resident.