

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Present:** Cllr D Lowde, L McPhee, A Mills, S Lewis, D Jenkins, P Hunt

**Apologies:** None.

**SH 56/22**      **Declarations of Interests**  
SH 61/22 a & b - Cllr L McPhee

**SH 57/22**      **Minutes**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022 were approved and signed subject to an amendment.

**SH 58/22**      **Information from Minutes**

- a) Football Club  
The Clerk reported that the refund of £3000 from the Football Club had been received in 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.
- b) Stores Farm Barn  
The security work had now been carried out to a high standard.

**SH 59/22**      **Public Speaking**  
None.

**SH 60/22**      **Correspondence**

- a) **One Voice Wales – Subscription Renewal - £102**  
**Resolved:** to renew the subscription of £102
- b) **Powys County Council – Overgrown Tree**  
**The following email was received:**  
  
“Please see attached report on the tree Sun Hill in St Harmon stating that there is some decay in the tree and it does need felling within 12 months, as part of the investigation into this we have carried out a land registry search on the area the tree is growing on and this has confirmed that the land is privately owned.  
  
As such we will be issuing a tree cutting order to the owner stating the recommendations from the attached report and we would hope that they would let us know what their plans are with regard to felling the tree. We will keep you informed regarding the issue when we have any information.”  
  
This was noted.
- c) **Rhayader Motor Club – Thanks**  
Acknowledgement of receipt of grant notification email.  
Thanks for generous grant towards our new facility at our Cwmythig Hill Moto Cross course.

The group has already applied for planning permission and have just received the impact report on the scheduled monuments which lie within the course, which has no objections to the development.

They are the Tumulus at the bottom left hand corner and the remains of the Roman road at the bottom right hand corner. The group are in the process of obtaining quotations for the supply of materials and specialised construction work, but in the main it will be a self-build project utilising, where possible, local input.

This was noted.

**d) PAVO – Have Your Say Powys**  
**The following email was received:**

“I should like to draw the attention of the Community Council to funding available to support local projects. The UK Government funding is being administered by PAVO.

I suggest that the Community be made aware of this source of funding and that the community hold a meeting to identify beneficial projects and apply for funding.

This is a section from the PAVO Community Fund text:

Don't miss out. If your local community organisation, community council or business sector is not currently represented on a Locality Network - take the initiative and contact us today.

If you have an idea you'd like to put forward for your locality, you can send us the details by filling in this form (does not take you to the form but to useful information, and the link half way down takes you to a main PAVO page on the scheme. I find the PAVO web site very disjointed).

<https://forms.gle/3Dav6emxaaNt5XF2A>

(If you go to the bottom of the screen and click on 'Next' the form appears)

The form is not a grant application; it simply seeks to collect information on project proposals across the 13 locality networks. All project proposals will be subject to further discussion and prioritisation for support within each locality network.

I also found this, which is perhaps a better starting point: it shows what ideas have been put forward so far, including thee put forward for Llandrindod & Rhayader -

***Join the discussion in your area***

[Visit our page on the Have Your Say Powys website](#) to put forward ideas for your community, add your comments to others' ideas, offer your support or ask questions about them."

This was noted.

**SH 61/22**

**Planning Applications**

**a) SH21/2250/FUL**

Grid Reference: **E:** 298426 **N:** 270222

Proposal: Engineering operations involving installation of 5 no. underground holiday let units (hobbit homes), parking area, water treatment plant together with all associated works. Additional Information. - Site Address: Development Of 11 Hobbit Houses at Land Near Llwyngwilym, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5NS.

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

The Clerk advised that several documents had been published on the planning portal since the last meeting.

Cllr Mills had looked through these and felt that the issues identified by the Community Council had now been addressed. In particular the reduction from 11 homes to 5.

Cllr Lewis still had concerns about the water from the hot tubs. Cllr Hunt stated that this is usually disposed of through the water treatment plant.

**Resolved:** no objection. Cllr Jenkins abstained from the vote.

**b) 21/2308/REM**

Grid Reference: **E:** 298047 **N:** 269201

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 and 3 of planning approval 20/1115/FUL, for design changes and to allow the building to be used for up to 5,000 free range organic broilers (poultry) - Site Address: Ffosmascal, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5NR

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

**Resolved:** to re-iterate the previous objections submitted on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**SH 62/22**

**Grant Applications**

None.

**SH 63/22**

**Finance**

- a) National Pay Award 2021/22 – 1.75% - for information
- b) Salary - £406.90 – approved
- c) HMRC - £101.60 - approved

- d) Running Imp – Jubilee Bottles - £183.92 – approved  
The Chair showed everyone one of the bottles to be presented to the children.
- e) 2021/22 Accounts – Year End Balances  
The Clerk presented a report to the council providing the year- end balances for individual budget headings.  
**Resolved:** this was received.
- f) Annual Accounts 2021/22  
The annual accounts for 2021/22 were presented to council for discussion and approval. The balance at 31.03.22 stands at £42134.41 (Community Council £19407.02 & Bryn Titli £22727.39)  
**Resolved:** to approve the accounts. Cllr Jenkins abstained from the vote.
- g) 2022/23 Budget (Updated)  
The Clerk presented a report to council of the 2022/23 budget including ear marked reserves.
- h) SSE – Christmas Tree Electricity - £252.55 - approved  
The Clerk had contacted SSE as she felt this amount was excessive. She had received the relevant usage form and had cross referenced this with the form submitted by Mr Arthur. As the supply is owned by the local authority, it would not be possible to change supplier. The Clerk will check the bulb wattage with Mr Arthur and look into the cost.
- i) Marteg Messenger – Printing (P Hunt) - £40.00 – approved.  
Cllr Hunt confirmed he will continue with the production of the Marteg Messenger after May 2022. Cllr Mills offered to support with delivery.

**SH 64/22**

**Community Broadband Scheme**

The Clerk updated members of the project and mentioned that letters had gone to all properties within the community from Broadway Partners. Apparently one particular development had been missed, but letters have now been sent to them. The Chair has also sited banners within the community.

The Clerk asked all members to promote this scheme within the community, particularly with their neighbours and friends and remind everyone that expressing an interest does not mean residents have committed to the project.

**SH 65/22**

**Training Plan**

The Clerk reported on the new legal requirement for councils to prepare and publish an annual Training Plan for members and staff.

**Resolved:** to adopt the plan.

**SH 66/22**

**Tree Planting Project**

Cllr Mills updated on the project and has been in discussions with the Woodland Trust on behalf of the Council. He will be contacting PCC following the elections. The Clerk will share the contact details of the Biodiversity Officer with Cllr Mills.

The Clerk had met with the Outdoor Recreations Officer and Biodiversity Officer with regard to this project for her other councils and they had confirmed that there is no outdoor recreation land available within this community.

Cllr Lewis suggested planting trees on part of the Recreational Field; the Clerk reminded members as RFO that this would lead to the council being responsible for carrying out annual visual inspections and full tree inspections every 3 years. The council would also be responsible for any maintenance required.

Cllr Mills will report back to the council on progress.

**SH 67/22**

**Community Hall Report**

The Chair reported on the last meeting. Due to absence of several members of the Committee many items were carried over to the next meeting. The Committee thanked the Council for the allocation of a grant from the Bryn Titli Fund.

**SH 68/22**

**County Councillors Report**

Cllr Evans reported on items he had looked into on behalf of the community council.

The Chair asked Cllr Evans how long he had been a county councillor. In total including Radnor District Council it is 49 years. The Chair had noted that from 2015 -2022 Cllr Evans had 96% attendance at PCC meetings which is an excellent record.

Cllr Evans had decided not to re-stand for election for several reasons but wished to thank members for their support and friendship. He has enjoyed attending meeting and assisting the community. He also offered to be available to the community council if required for advice. He thanked the Clerk for her support and guidance and professional approach to her role.

The Chair thanked Cllr Evans for his contribution to the community and wished him every success in the future.

Cllr Mills asked Cllr Evans if he could speak to someone with regard to the notification of temporary road closures. It is very difficult to pin point the exact area of the closure which is causing issues for local residents. Cllr Evans completely agreed that these are confusing and agreed to approach PCC officers with regard to this.

**SH 79/22**

**Other Matters & Information**

**a) Car Rally**

Cllr Hunt reminded members of the car rally taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April which will be travelling from Marteg to Abbey Cwm Hir and back later.

**b) Cllr D Jenkins**

Cllr Hunt stated the following:

“Poor old Donald has had quite a bashing through the last few months regarding some of the paperwork which was submitted to the government. None of the people on this committee now, except for me, was there at the time when all these problems appeared. If it hadn’t of been for Donald about 3 or 4 years ago you wouldn’t have a committee now. I would think that the community council would have been closed down and amalgamated with somebody else. He didn’t get perhaps everything right, we were all in the dark when we first took it over, but I think he does deserve a bit of help, well not help, but appreciation for the work he did do in the past. It all just seems to be all against and no for. Everybody makes mistakes; if you haven’t made a mistake then you haven’t done anything at all.”

The Chair thanked Cllr Hunt for his comments.

The Chair thanked all those members of the council who are not standing for re-election for their contribution to the Council. He agreed that Cllr Jenkins had been extremely enthusiastic and, certainly when the current Chair joined the council, there was a need for more members because Donald had helped retrieve it from a situation of very little interest by the community. The Chair hoped that, even though there are only 3 members post-election, this will build up a good council fairly quickly.

Cllr Hunt stated that the new council would not be quorate. The Clerk confirmed that a quorum for this council is 3 members.

The Chair closed the meeting.