

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday
1st September 2022**

Present: Cllr D Lowde, S Lewis, D Davies, M Williams

Apologies: Cllr A Mills

Absent: Cllr C Davies, K Mills

SH 133/22 Declarations of Interests

SH 141/22 C – Cllr D Davies

SH 141/22 E - Cllr S Lewis

SH 134/22 Minutes

The meeting was not quorate for this item, which will be deferred to the next meeting.

SH 135/22 Information from Minutes

None.

SH 136/22 Public Speaking

None.

SH 137/22 Correspondence

None.

SH 138/22 Planning Applications

None.

SH 139/22 Grant Applications

None.

SH 140/22 Finance

- a) Salary - £330.10 – approved
- b) HMRC - £82.40 – approved
- c) Stagecraft (Kiosk Shelves) - £120.00 - approved
- d) Knill Co – Boards - £232.80 - approved
- e) Three Counties Vending – Pens - £79.90 - approved
- f) One Voice Wales – Chaining Skills - £35.00 - approved
- g) Clerk’s Home Working & Expenses - £199.92 - approved
- h) Pantydwr Hall – Room Hire - £24.00 - approved
- i) Mrs Mills - Cake Ingredients - £19.20 - approved

j) Bank Reconciliation:

| Reconciliation | @ | | 24.08.22 |
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| Balance @ | 31.06.22 | | 44222.31 |
| Plus Receipts | | 14424.66 | |
| | | | 58646.97 |
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| Less Payments | Salary Jul | 329.90 | |
| | HMRC | 82.60 | |
| | Phone Box | 120.00 | |
| | Name Badges | 17.37 | |
| | Pens | 79.90 | |
| | ICO. Gov | 35.00 | |
| | Signage | 232.80 | |
| | ICO . Gov | 35.00 | |
| | Salary Aug | 330.10 | |
| | HMRC | 82.40 | |
| | Coc Training | 60.00 | |
| | D Lowde | 150.00 | |
| | M Williams | 150.00 | |
| | Total | 1705.07 | 56941.90 |
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| Total Balance | | | 56941.90 |
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| Breakdown: | | | |
| Council | | | 21796.91 |
| Bryn Titli | | | 35144.99 |

SH 141/22 Bryn Titli Grant Applications

- a) Nantgwyn Baptist Chapel – New Boundary Fence - £1500
Resolved: to award a grant of £1500.
- b) Pantydwr Show Committee – Printing Costs - £1200
Resolved: to award a grant of £1200.
- c) Rhayader Under 5's Pre School – iPad - £830
Cllr Davies declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place.
Resolved: to award a grant of £725.

- d) St Harmon & District Parish Hall Pantydwr – Equipment - £1500
Resolved: to award a grant of £1500.
- e) The Arches – Cookery Sessions - £1088
Cllr Lewis declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place.
Resolved: to award a grant of £1088.

SH 142/22 Civility & Respect Pledge

The Clerk introduced the new Civility and Respect Pledge recently developed with between the SLCC and One Voice Wales. The Council was asked to consider signing up for this.

Resolved: to adopt this pledge.

SH 143/22 Health & Safety Policy

The Clerk presented a draft Health & Safety Policy for discussion.

Resolved: to adopt this policy.

SH 144/22 Future Meetings

The Council was asked to consider how it wished to hold monthly meetings.

Members discussed this and it was agreed to hold the October meeting in the Hall as a trial with a view to in person meetings in October, January, April and July. The rest of the meetings to be held remotely.

Resolved: to hold the meetings as above.

SH 145/22 November Meeting

The Clerk will be unavailable for 3rd November, 2022 and asked the Council if it would consider moving the meeting date to Thursday 10th November 2022.

Resolved: to move the November meeting to 10th November 2022.

SH 146/22 County Councillor's Report

She was not present.

SH 147/22 Other Matters & Information

a) Wales Air Ambulance.

Cllr Lewis brought the imminent closure of the Welshpool Air Ambulance base to the attention of the Council.

The Clerk read out the following information from the PCC website:

“The Leaders of Powys County Council have expressed concern over proposals that could see Wales Air Ambulance close its Welshpool base.

Under the proposals being considered by the charity, the Welshpool crews could be moved to north Wales.”

"The Wales Air Ambulance Service is a vital service, especially for a rural county such as Powys. It also receives a huge amount of public support from our residents," said Leader Cllr James Gibson-Watt and Deputy Leader Matthew Dorrance.

"It is therefore disappointing and extremely concerning that their proposal could see their Welshpool base close.”

"We will be seeking assurances from senior representatives at Wales Air Ambulance that changes won't impact on our residents. We will also be asking for an explanation for the justification for this proposal, in particular how moving their base from Welshpool to North Wales will enhance the service for our residents."

Cty Cllr Pete Roberts made this comment – “There are some very major assumptions that are underpinning this decision. We have asked the Chief Exec to contact their equivalent at the service requesting access to the data and reports so we can examine their assumptions in detail.”

The Clerk shared the Facebook Petition Page -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106543493572234>

The Clerk agreed to obtain paper copies of the petition for circulation to each member and within the community. The Clerk will develop a poster for publication within the notice boards.

It was agreed to write a letter objecting to this closure to Wales Air Ambulance with a copy to PCC's Chief Executive and Cty Cllr Pete Roberts and Claire Johnson-Wood.

b) Defibrillator Training

22 residents have signed up for the training so far. The Clerk has spoken to Llandrindod Wells First Responders who will undertake the training. She will circulate session dates by email to all those who have registered an interest.

c) Council Vacancy

The Council has one remaining vacancy as Graham Rowlands did not sign up.

Resolved: to advertise this vacancy in early October.