

**Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday
6th October 2022**

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

Apologies: Cllr K Mills, C Davies

A Minute's Silence was held in memory of HM the Late Queen Elizabeth II.

SH 148/22 Declarations of Interests

None.

SH 149/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2022 were confirmed and signed.

SH 150/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2022 were confirmed and signed.

SH 151/22 Information from Minutes

a) Tree Project

Cllr Mills confirmed that Mike Richard was a private contractor and not an employee of One Voice Wales. The council agreed to allocate £200 from the Bryn Titli Fund for him to carry out a site survey on the Recreational Field with a view to planting trees.

Resolved: to fund a site survey up to £200.

Cllr Mills informed the council that the project would re-open in the Spring for tree packages.

SH 152/22 Public Speaking

None.

SH 153/22 Correspondence

a) Aberystwyth University - Research into Digital Ecology and Technology Adoption - LD6 survey.

It was agreed to support this survey and ask for the author to link this with the Community Broadband Scheme and mention SHCC. The Clerk will circulate the survey as widely as possible once received.

b) Resident – Problems with Rights of Way

The council was copied into an email illustrating issues with footpaths in this area.

Resolved: to inform the resident that 2 members of the Community Council had agreed previously to sign up as volunteers, however, the issues fall under the remit of PCC.

SH 154/22 Planning Applications

None.

SH 155/22 Grant Applications

None.

SH 156/22 Finance

- a) Salary - £330.10 - approved
- b) HMRC – £82.40 - approved
- c) SLCC - £50.74 - approved
- d) Pantydwr Show – Programme Entry - £40.00 – approved
- e) Bank Reconciliation

Reconciliation	@		29.09.22
Balance @	24.08.22		56941.90
Plus Receipts		6325.55	
			63267.45
Less Payments			
	A Mills	19.29	
	J Johnston	330.10	
	HMRC	82.40	
	Hall - Hire	24.00	
	J Johnston - Exps	199.92	
	Comm Hall - BT	1500.00	
	Pantydwr Show - BT	1200.00	
	Nantgwyn Chapel - BT	1500.00	
	Cookery Club	1088.00	
	Under 5's - BT	725.00	
	Total	6668.71	56598.74
Total Balance			56598.74
Breakdown:			
Council			27233.69
Bryn Titli			29365.05

- SH 157/22 Dignity at Work Policy**
Following the adoption of the Civility & Respect Pledge, the Clerk had circulated the recommended Dignity at Work Policy.
Resolved: to adopt this policy
- SH 158/22 Biodiversity Action Plan**
The Clerk had prepared a draft Biodiversity Action for consideration by the Council. Some additions were made.
Resolved: to adopt this plan
- SH 159/22 Community Speed Watch**
This matter had been raised previously by a local resident but had been voted down by a previous council.
- The Clerk has links with a group within Llandrindod Wells and would be happy to get information from them.
- Not all members were aware of the new Welsh Government legislation to introduce 20mph speed limits in 2023. The Clerk agreed to circulate some information to all members - <https://gov.wales/introducing-20mph-speed-limits-frequently-asked-questions>
- In view of the new restrictions to be implemented, the council felt it was important to look into the Speed Watch matter and the Clerk was asked to explore the cost of Community Speed Watch Signs and bring further information to the next meeting.
Resolved: Clerk to place this matter on the next meeting agenda and obtain information and prices.
- Cllr Lewis also felt it would be useful for some information on “stopping distances” to be provided. The Clerk will look for a suitable link and circulate it.
- SH 160/22 Budget Setting Meeting**
The Clerk recommended that a separate meeting be held to prepare the budget for 23/24.
Resolved: to hold this meeting on 22nd November 2022 to discuss possible future projects and set the budget for 2023/24. This meeting will be held via Zoom.
- SH 161/22 Appointment of Internal Auditor**
Resolved: to appoint Tracey Price as Internal Auditor for 22/23 at the agreed rate.
- SH 162/22 County Councillor’s Report**
Not present.

SH 163/22 Other Matters & Information

a) St Harmon Play Area

Cllr Williams had made contact with a land owner who is willing to speak with the Community Council. Cllr Williams agreed to do some measuring up prior to the next meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Williams to provide details at the next meeting.

b) Bryn Titli Wind Farm Visit

The Chair had been in contact with Ventient with regard to arranging a tour of Bryn Titli Wind Farm. He will provide further information when available.