

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday
10th November 2022**

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

Apologies: Cllr M Williams

Absent: Cllr K Mills, C Davies

SH 164/22 **Declarations of Interests**
None.

SH 165/22 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October, 2022 were confirmed and signed.

SH 166/22 **Information from Minutes**

a) Internal Auditor

Tracey Price had accepted the appointment as Internal Auditor for 22/23.

b) Tree Project

Cllr Mills reported on his meeting with Mike Richards and the Tree Report which had been circulated to all members at a reduced cost of £75.

The report suggests that 2 packs of 105 trees could be sited on the Recreation Field on the lower rough ground. The 2 most suitable packs would be “Year Round Colour” and “Working Wood”. It was recommended that some Alder Trees were purchased to support this project.

The Council will include details of this planting in the tenders for the grass let.

This would also involve require approximately 68 metres of fencing to protect the trees from grazing sheep.

Resolved: to order 2 tree packs for the Recreational Field for delivery in March 2023

SH 167/22 **Public Speaking**
None.

SH 168/22 **Correspondence**

a) Powys Teaching Health Board – Wales Air Ambulance

2 editions have now been published – link:

1 - <http://www.stharmoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Service-Development-proposal-Briefing-note-1.pdf>

2 - <http://www.stharmoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Service-Development-proposal-Briefing-note-2.pdf>

The documents will be placed on the website “Noticeboard” page.

b) Nantgwyn Chapel – Thanks

Letter of thanks for the Bryn Titli grant. This was noted.

c) Powys County Council – Cost of Living Hub

Details of hub - link

<http://www.stharmoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Cost-of-Living-Hub-Newsletter-Oct-2022.pdf>

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SH 169/22 Planning Applications

a) 22/1588/HH

Grid Reference: **E:295699 N: 277302**

Proposal: Extension to rear of house, Site Address: Hirfron, Pant-Y-Dwr, Rhayader, LD6 5LR.

Resolved: to make no comment.

b) 22/1591/FUL

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

Proposal: Erection of 7 no. underground hobbit home holiday units, installation of sewage treatment plant, parking area and all associated works - Site Address: Land Near Llwyngwilym, Rhayader, Powys.

Members objected to this application regarding drainage issues. It is not clear from the application if a second water treatment plant is being installed as one water treatment plant would exceed the acceptable limit for an additional 7 units.

There was also concern expressed that the inclusion of dining rooms may enable the units to become two bedroomed.

It was noted that the aerial images supporting the application are inaccurate.

Resolved: to object for the above reasons.

SH 170/22 Grant Applications

None.

SH 171/22 Finance

- a) Salary - £329.90 - approved
- b) HMRC – £82.60 - approved
- c) Zoom – £143.88 - approved
- d) Easyspace – Website - £121.27 -approved
- e) Mike Richards – Tree Report - £75.00 – approved.

f) Bank Reconciliation

Reconciliation	@		27.10.22
Balance @	29.09.22		56598.74
Plus Receipts			
			56598.74
Less Payments	J Johnson	330.10	
	HMRC	82.40	
	SLCC Subs	50.74	
	Pantydwr Show	16.00	
	Easyspace	121.27	
	Total	600.51	55998.23
Total Balance			55998.23
Breakdown:			
Council			26633.18
Bryn Titli			29365.05

SH 172/22 Audit Wales – Annual Audits**a) 2018-19**

This audit initiated the investigation in to the Council’s financial processes which led to an immediate Public Interest Report. The audit status was Qualified (fail.) The Council awaits the invoices for this audit and the Public Interest Report. **Noted.**

b) 2019-20

This audit status was Qualified (fail). The Council awaits the invoice for this audit. **Noted**

c) 2020-21

This audit status was Unqualified (pass). The Council awaits the invoice for this audit. The Clerk was congratulated for this result.

Link to all completed audits -

http://www.stharmoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/?page_id=55

SH 173/22 Speed Watch Information

The Clerk had looked into this process and in view of the introduction of the new speed limits had been advised to defer this matter. She had also identified signs and the members discussed these.

Resolved: to purchase signs at a total cost of £257.26 from Bryn Titli Fund.

SH 174/22 Equality & Diversity Policy

Following the adoption of the Civility & Respect Pledge, this policy was presented to the council for discussion.

Resolved: to adopt this policy.

SH 175/22 Future Projects

Members were asked to bring forward future projects prior to the Budget Setting meeting. The following ideas were brought forward:

- Community Newsletter
- Work on Community Trail
- Summer Barbeque
- Afternoon Tea
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Children's Christmas Party
- Coronation Event
- Children's Pantomime or Trip
- Christmas Dinner/Hampers
- Live Band
- Community Cinema
- Drive up Movie
- Electric Charging Points

It was agreed that the community have a wonderful resource in the Community Hall and this could be used for lots of event.

The Clerk will put together a list and ask members for future ideas. A draft timetable will be discussed at the December meeting.

SH 176/22 Other Matters & Information

a) Community Hall – Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Community Hall will be held on Thursday 17th November 2022.

b) Community Broadband

The Chair confirmed that those who had registered should have received an email from Broadway Partners updating on project progress. The funding has now been approved for the project.

The next meeting will be held remotely by Zoom at 7.00 pm on 22nd November 2022 to set the 2023/24 budget