

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday
6th April, 2023**

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

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr D Davies, K Mills, C Davies

SH 39/23 **Declarations of Interests**
None.

SH 40/23 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2023.
As the Council was not quorate for this approval, this will be deferred to the next meeting.

SH 41/23 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2023 were approved.

SH 42/23 **Information from Minutes**
None.

SH 43/23 **Public Speaking**
None.

SH 44/23 **Correspondence**
a) **Powys County Council – Climate & Nature Conference.**
Invitation for 2 members to attend this full day event on 14th June 2023.
Resolved: Cllr Lowde will attend and Cllr A Mills will check his availability.

SH 45/23 **Planning Applications**
None.

SH 46/23 **Finance**
a) **Salary - £353.98 - approved**
b) **HMRC – £88.40 - approved**
c) **Coronation Consumables - £195.40 - approved**
d) **Audit Wales 18/19 - £200.00 - approved**
e) **Audit Wales – 19/20 - £200.00 - approved**
f) **Audit Wales – 21/22 - £590.00 - approved**
g) **A Mills – Tree Planting Food - £7.25 - approved**
h) **A Mills – Tree Tape - £6.72 - approved**
i) **One Voice Wales - £111.00 – approved.**
j) **Annual Accounts – 2022/23**
The Clerk presented the annual accounts for 2022/23 to the Council, including a bank reconciliation and listing financial reserves.
Resolved: to approve the accounts for 2022/23.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for presenting such clear and detailed information.

The Clerk reported that the files were now with the Internal Auditor for inspection. The Internal Audit report will be presented at the May meeting.

SH 47/23 Broken/Inoperative Street-Lighting

Prior to the meeting, Cllr A Mills had informed the Clerk of a faulty street light outside of the Community Hall. The Clerk had reported this to PCC as a health and safety issue and it had been repaired within a few days.

Cllr Lewis and Cllr Williams were also aware of some faulty street lights. The Clerk asked them to forward her the lamp numbers and location and she will report these to PCC.

SH 48/23 Woodland Tree Project

Cllr Mills reported on the tree planting day when 205 trees were planted in the newly fenced community woodland area of the Recreational Field. He was disappointed that only 6 people attended to help but the planting was completed.

Cllr Mills thought it would be good to install wooden signage to denote the community woodland and, due to the historical use of the site, suggested "Sheep Dip Wood." Members felt this was a great idea. The Clerk will identify signage for the next meeting.

Cllr Mills had received a request from a local resident about planting soft fruit bushes within the fenced woodland area and proposed that this would be possible on the top of the railway embankment. Members were in support of this. Cllr Mills will liaise with the resident.

The Clerk asked the Council for approval to pay the invoice from Kieron Mills for the installation of the fencing promptly when received. She would share the details with the Chair for confirmation before payment.

Resolved: to pay the invoice in line with the quote, bearing in mind the additional posts and barbed wire fencing.

SH 49/23 Advertising Community Events/Activities

In view of the lack of response to the request for volunteers for the tree planting, Cllr A Mills felt the council needs to get the message out more effectively about community events. He shared various designs of A boards with members for their information.

Some members felt that banners were a good option and it was agreed to consider purchasing banners for certain community events.

Resolved: Council agreed to consider purchasing advertising banners for future events.

SH 50/23

Community Events – Plans

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable Sam Lipscomb to discuss the Coronation Event.

Members discussed the event and it was agreed to use Bryn Titli funding to fund a hog roast and live music. Hog roast to be provided to first 100 attendees. There will also be a bouncy castle and people will be encouraged to bring food. Attendees can bring their own drinks if they wish but a bar will be in place for them to purchase drinks.

The Clerk asked Sam to have all items invoiced directly to the Community Council. Sam had looked at Baseball Caps as gifts for the children and it was agreed to order 100 in red and blue with the Coronation Logo on. Sam will order these.

Sam agreed to draft a poster and circulate it to the Chair. Banners will be printed in support of this event.

Members also discussed the Easter Event which is being supported by the Bryn Titli Fund.

SH 51/23

Other Matters & Information

a) Picnic Benches

Cllr Lewis asked members to consider purchasing picnic benches for the triangular piece of land next to the Recreational Field. This area would need levelling. The Clerk will bring examples of picnic benches to the next meeting.

b) Speeding Signs

Cllr Williams confirmed that all signs had now been installed in Pantydwr.