

**Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday
7th September 2023**

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

Apologies: Cllr D Davies

Declarations SH 84/23 a Cllr C Davies
SH 88/23b Cllr C Davies
SH 88/23c Cllr S Lewis

SH 81/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2023 were approved and signed.

SH 82/23 Information from Minutes

None.

The Chair informed members of the birth of Cllr Daisy Davies baby. Members sent their congratulations to Daisy and Ben.

SH 83/23 Public Speaking

Mr John Senior addressed the Council on agenda item 6b – Connecting Communities. He outlined the proposals for the new scheme and asked for the support of the Community Council.

The Chair thanked Mr Senior for addressing the meeting.

SH 84/23 Correspondence

a) Hayley Davies – Container

Cllr Davies declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Email informing the Council of the need for an additional storage container for the new marquee and the possibility of funding.

After discussions, it was agreed to look at the possibility of purchasing a new container and siting it at the Hall, or purchasing one large shed to replace the existing containers. The Chair was asked to liaise with the Community Hall Committee about this and report back to the next meeting.

b) John Senior – Connecting Communities

The Council fully supported the proposal of a new service linking the communities by retiming the existing services to provide regular connections with trains to and from Birmingham and providing additional services for communities that currently lack public transport. It was agreed to write to Cty Cllr Jackie Charlton, Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys sending her this proposal for consideration and also James Evans MS.

Members also suggested a leaflet drop for the community to encourage local residents to support this proposal and to write to the Cabinet members.

Cllr A Mills offered to work on a leaflet with Mr Senior for distribution. Cty Cllr Mills offered to assist with delivery.

Resolved: to write to the Cabinet Member and the MS to seek their support for this project and to develop and copy a leaflet for a leaflet drop within the community – 400 copies.

c) S Lipscomb – Pub Buyout

Email informing the Council that the proposal for the community buy-out is no longer going ahead. Therefore, the grant allocated of £1370 is no longer required. This was noted.

SH 78523 Planning Applications

None.

SH 86/23 Finance

- a) Salary – £353.98 – July - approved
- b) HMRC - £88.40 – July - approved
- c) Lyreco – Stationery - £38.44 - approved
- d) Rhayader Building Supplies – Mulch - £104.94 - approved
- e) Net World Sports – Gazebo - £163.14 - approved
- f) Easyspace – Website - £392.88 - approved
- g) Ebay – Lollies - £12.50 - approved
- h) Ebay – 2 Welsh Flags - £7.58 - approved
- i) Charlies – Folding Table - £54.94- approved
- j) Salary – August -£353.98 - approved
- k) HMRC – August - £88.40 - approved
- l) Salary – September £353.78 - approved
- m) HMRC – September £88.60 - approved
- n) SLCC – Subs - £91.60 - approved
- o) Clerks Expenses – Apr-Sept - £113.55 - approved
- p) A Mills – Cake Competition - £8.54 - approved
- q) Community Hall – Hire - £18 - approved
- r) Bank Reconciliation

Reconciliation	@		31.08.23
Balance @	30.06.23		34387.88
Plus Receipts	Bryn Titli	16059.26	50447.14
Plus Receipts	Precept	6509.00	56956.14
			56956.14
Less Payments	July	583.81	
	Salary	353.98	

	HMRC	88.40	
	Cake for Show	8.54	
	Total	1034.73	55921.41
Total Balance	31.08.23		55921.41
	Breakdown:		
	Council		20380.84
	Bryn Titli		35540.57

SH 87/23

Reports

a) Annual Report 2022/23

The Clerk presented the draft Annual Report for 2022/23 to the Council for consideration.

Resolved: to adopt the Annual Report.

b) Standing Orders

The new model Standing Orders were reviewed.

Resolved: adopt the Standing Orders

SH 88/23

Bryn Titli Grant Applications

a) Nantgwyn Baptist Chapel

Application for £275 to level out paviors. The Council accepted this and awarded the grant subject to the receipt of an additional quote from a contractor who is not related to the applicant.

Resolved: to award grant subject to the terms above.

b) Pantydwr Show

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

Application for funds of £689.64 for the 2023 show to fund insurance, public toilets and St John Ambulance.

Resolved: to award a grant of £689.64

c) Little Lambs

Cllr S Lewis declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Cllr M Williams chaired the meeting for this item.

Application for a grant of £1500 to fund outdoor play sessions, shed and equipment. It was noted that 10 of the 30 group members are from within the community of St Harmon and Pantydwr. The Clerk reminded members that the group should be approaching other grant funding sources in addition to the Bryn Titli Fund.

Resolved: to award a grant of £1500 and suggest that other funding sources are explored.

d) St Harmon & District Hall - £1500

Application for £1500 to purchase new tables, chairs and chair trolleys. Members agreed that new furniture is required and agreed to allocate funds.

Resolved: to award a grant of £1500.

SH 89/23

Water Supply Issues

The Chair reported on-going issues with affects to the community water supply. The power source often fails which leads to lengthy breaks in supply and the quality of water is often poor.

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood offered to take this matter up with Welsh Water on behalf of the Council.

SH 90/23

Community Show Feedback

Members reported that the Community Council stand had been a success and had received a lot of visitors.

Cllr A Mills felt the Council needed better signage to denote the Council stand. This will be looked into.

Cllr Lowde had gathered a list of residents who wish to receive IT training. Since the event some others have been added to the list.

Cllr Lowde has been in discussions with the training company who have agreed to hold a 2-hour session open to residents so they can get an idea of what training is required. Cllr Lowde will liaise with regard to a suitable date.

SH 91/23

Other Matters & Information

a) Community Post Office

A local Post Office operator has offered to operate the mobile postal service within the community.

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood will get in contact with her and ensure that her details and offer are passed on to the Post Office to ensure a service is restored within the community.

The Chair thanked the local residents for attending the meeting.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on 5th October 2023.

b) Community Woodland

Cllr A Mills confirmed that he had completed the mulching work at the Woodland with the assistance of Gary McCrory and Tony Kay.