

## Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

- Present:** Cllr S Lewis, L McPhee, D Davies, D Lowde, M Williams, A Mills
- Apologies:** Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood
- Absent:** Cllr K Mills, C Davies
- Declarations** None
- SH 117/23** **Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved and signed.
- SH 118/23** The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 were approved and signed.
- SH 119/23** **Information from Minutes**  
None.
- SH 120/23** **Public Speaking**  
None.
- SH 121/23** **Correspondence**  
**a) Green Gen Cymru - Launch of Rhiwlas Green Energy Network Consultation**  
Cllr Lowde identified that this may affect some properties close to Bryn Titli and had identified that those residents affected will be contacted re the consultation.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to contact the officer responsible to establish if these residents have been notified.
- SH 122/23** **Planning Applications**  
None.
- SH 123/23** **Finance**  
**a) National Pay Award**  
**Resolved:** to approve the national pay award and the back pay due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.
- b) Salary – £546.10 - approved**
- c) HMRC – £136.40 - approved**
- d) Community Hall – Halloween Hire - £48.00 -approved**
- e) Croeso Restaurants & Bars – Over 60’s Lunch - £1134.00 – Approved.**  
Cllr Lewis has £204 in deposits which she will send to the Clerk for banking.
- f) Bank Reconciliation**  
As below:

Reconciliation	@		30.11.23
Balance @	31.10.23		50357.93
Plus Receipts			0.00
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Less Payments	Salary	353.78	
	HMRC	88.60	
	Zoom	47.96	
	Hall Hire	36.00	
	PCC ROSPA	72.00	
	Show Programme	40.00	
	<b>Total</b>	638.34	49719.59
Total Balance	30.11.23		49719.59
<b>Breakdown:</b>			
<b>Council</b>		18475.95	
<b>Bryn Titli</b>		31243.64	

**g) Annual Return – 2022/23**

The Annual return, once again this year, was unqualified and not issues were raised.

**Resolved:** to accept the completed Annual Return and publish the statutory notice.

**SH 124/23**

**Budget for 2024/25**

The Clerk circulated the pre-budget setting paperwork. Members worked through the draft budget line by line.

Resolved: to set a budget of £15,982 and make a precept request for that amount, based on a Band D product of £316.99 equating to an individual household levy of £50.42. This equates to a 3.23 % reduction on 2023/24.

The St Harmon Play area was discussed and it was agreed to include this on the January agenda to take this matter forward.

**SH 125/23**

**Storage Facility**

Cllr Lewis reported that the Community Hall Committee and Show Committee will get together in the spring to sort out the containers. There was concern as to where the new marquee is being stored.

**Resolved:** Clerk to establish the location of the marquee.

**SH 126/23 Community Events – Christmas Lunch**

Cllr Lewis reported that 63 residents attended and had a lovely time. This was borne out by Cllr Lowde and Cllr Williams. The meal had cost of £1134 plus the cost of Mince Pies which will be refunded to Cllr Lewis shortly. It was agreed to include a clear closing date on next years form and also a place for an address to ensure only qualifying residents attend.

The Clerk had contacted Sam to asked for her claim for the expenses for the Halloween Event, these will be sent in shortly.

**Resolved:** Clerk to pay these in advance of the next meeting within the budget allocation of £500.

Cllr Mills also asked if Community Events for 2024 could be placed on the agenda for January 2024 and invite Sam Lipscomb to attend. This was agreed.

The Clerk suggested the idea of a Tea Dance. This will be discussed at the January meeting along with other ideas.

**SH 127/23 County Councillors Report**

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood apologised for not being available for this meeting.

**SH 128/23 Other Matters**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 via Zoom