

St Harmon Community Council

Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon held on Thursday 2nd January 2025

- Present:** Cllr S Lewis, M Williams, L McPhee, N Schmidt, D Poulton
- Apologies:** Cllr A Mills
- SH 01/25 Declaration:**
None.
- SH 02/25 Minutes**
a) Minutes of Meeting held on 7th November, 2024
The minutes were agreed and signed subject to an amendment.
- SH 03/25 Information from Minutes**
None
- SH 04/25 Public Speaking**
None.
- SH 05/25 Correspondence**
None.
- SH 06/25 Planning Applications**
a) 24/1805/REM
Grid Reference: E:295479 N: 277170
Proposal: Section 73 to vary condition 2 and 4 of planning approval 24/0630/FUL in relation to plans - Site Address: Cefn Llech, Pant-Y-Dwr, Rhayader, LD6 5LR.
Resolved: to support this application subject to replacement trees being planted in line with the Planning Officers recommendation.
- SH 07/25 Finance**
a) Clerk's Salary (Dec Pay Award) - £512.10 - approved
b) HMRC – (Dec) £127.80 - approved
c) Clerk's Salary £392.70 - approved
d) HMRC - £98.40 - approved
e) Croeso Restaurants – Over 60's Lunch - £918.00 - approved
f) S Lipscomb – Halloween Party - £249.87 - approved
g) Knill Co – Woodland Sign - £48.00 - approved
h) Mid Wales Bouncy Castles - £120 - approved
- SH 08/25 National Pay Award**
Resolved: to agree the National Pay Award backdated to 1st April 2024.
- SH 09/25 Budget Setting – 2025/26**
The Clerk had circulated a draft format budget. Members worked through this line by line.

Resolved: to set a precept of £15899 Based on Band D Product of £320.43 which equates to £ 49.61 per household per annum a reduction on 2024/25.

Members also discussed the possibility of having a new website for Council and Community. The Clerk will look into this.

Monies was also placed within the budget in support of the Sustainable Powys Project being instigated by PCC. This included the virement of £2000 from an existing unused budget line.

SH 10/25

Council Vacancies

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received.

Resolved: to re-advertise the vacancies with a closing date of 20th February, 2025.

SH 11/25

New Model Financial Regulations

The Clerk circulated the new Model Financial Regulations provided by One Voice Wales which she had populated based on the current set.

Resolved: to adopt these as amended.

SH 12/25

Community Events

a) Panto Trip

Disappointingly no bookings have been received, the deadline for bookings is 10th January 2025. As the coach forms a significant cost, it was agreed to cancel the coach now and hold open the deadline for bookings until 10th January 2025 as agreed. Anyone who does book will be informed that the coach has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Resolved: Clerk to cancel coach booking.

b) Children's Christmas Party

The Chair and Cllr Schmidt reported that this had been a really successful event with over 50 children present. Everyone had a great time and the Chair wished to thank all the volunteers for their support.

Resolved: to send Little Lambs a donation of £25 as a thank you to their volunteers.

c) Over 60's Lunch

The Chair had been unable to attend due to ill health, however 51 people attended and enjoyed a wonderful lunch and all had a lovely afternoon. The Chair thanked all volunteers including members of the Hall Committee for supporting this event.

Resolved: to award a grant of £50 towards the coffee morning funds to thank the volunteers for their support at all community events.

d) Pant y Dwr Christmas Tree

The Chair and members wished to thank all the volunteers within Pant y Dwr for erecting the Christmas tree for 2024.

Resolved: to write to the volunteer lead and commit to a grant of £50 towards the 2025 volunteers social event after installation.

e) St Harmon Christmas Tree

The Chair and members wished to thank all the volunteers within St Harmon for erecting the Christmas tree for 2024.

Resolved: to write to the volunteer lead and commit to a grant of £50 towards the 2025 volunteers social event after installation

SH 13/25

County Councillors Report

Cllr Johnson-Wood was not present.

SH 14/25

Other Matters & Information

a) Fly Tipping – Garth Wood

Cllr Poulton reported that the fly tipping remains in place.

Clerk to ask Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood to report this.

b) New Noticeboard – Community Hall

Cllr Williams has now dug the holes for the board, and weather permitting hopes to install in the next week or so. Members thanked him for doing this.

c) Community Woodland Signage

Cllr Schmidt had collected the signage and will keep this for Cllr Mills return for his installation.

d) Bryn Titli Grant Applications

The Clerk reminded members of the closing date of 31st January 2025 for applications for this phase of the Bryn Titli Fund.

SH 15/25

Date of next meeting – Thurs 30th Jan