

## St Harmon Community Council

### Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

- Present:** Cllr S Lewis, D Poulton, L McPhee, A Mills, N Schmidt
- Apologies:** Cllr M Williams, Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood
- SH 28/25 Declaration:**  
None.
- SH 29/25 Minutes**  
**a) Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**  
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- SH 30/25 Information from Minutes**  
**a) Noticeboard**  
The Clerk had circulated a suggested board for purchase. Members agreed to purchase this from the Bryn Titli Fund.  
**Resolved:** to purchase a replacement board and posts.
- SH 31/25 Public Speaking**  
None.
- SH 32/25 Correspondence**  
**a) PCC – 20mph Review (2.41)**  
Notification from PCC of the recent review. Section 2.41 relates to this community and is as follows:
- 2.41. St Harmon B4518:**  
Request: Request from three residents from outside the area to increase the speed limit from 20 to 30mph.
- Speed Data:
- | Date                 | Average | Median | 85th ile | Average  | Travel Time |
|----------------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 01/08/24 to 31/08/24 | 35.93   | 37.59  | 40.14    | 00:00:58 |             |
| 01/08/23 to 31/08/23 | 35.98   | 33.93  | 43.12    | 00:00:50 |             |
- Review: There has been a good reduction in speeds through the village. The general roadside environment fits with WG guidance on 20mph speed limits in terms of property density along the route. Therefore, it is proposed to retain the 20mph speed limit as it is and maintain continuity of speed limit application across the network.  
**Recommend: No change.**
- Members could not recall a speed survey being undertaken.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to obtain confirmation on this matter.
- b) Welsh Government – Proposal for Rhayader**  
The Chair asked for this item to be placed on the agenda for this meeting.

The Chair had recently attended the Consultation in Rhayader. All members felt this proposal has not been thought out and the suggested removal of barriers would form a serious health & safety issue. The installation of an island would cause serious issues for HGV's, Buses and larger vehicles. There will also be issues with the reduction in width of the access/exit from the Smithfield which could impede the use of the Link Cash machine.

**Resolved:** to write to local AM's, Minister for Transport and David Chadwick MP to ask them to put pressure on Welsh Government to reconsider.

**c) One Voice Wales – Renewal of Subscriptions**

Notification for renewal from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at £123.

**Resolved:** to renew the subscription.

**d) P Jones – Audit Wales Report**

Email received from Mr King referring to Audit Wales. The Council acknowledged this email and asked the Clerk to respond doing the same. No other comments are to be made.

**Resolved:** Clerk to acknowledge receipt.

**SH 33/25**      **Planning Applications**  
None.

**SH 34/25**      **Finance**  
a) **Clerk's Salary - £392.90 - approved**  
b) **HMRC - £98.20 - approved**  
c) **Clerks Travel & Expenses - £105.00 - approved**

**SH 35/25**      **Bryn Titli Grant Applications**  
a) **Abbey Cwm Hir Heritage Trust**  
Application for £500 towards the cost of printing a book.  
**Resolved:** to award a grant of £500.  
  
b) **St Harmon & District Community Hall**  
Application for £1500 towards the cost of tables and chairs  
**Resolved:** to award a grant of £1500  
  
c) **Coffee Morning**  
Application for £700 towards the cost of community coffee morning  
Cllr Mills declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.  
**Resolved:** to award a grant of £700 to be paid to the Community Hall in lieu of hall hire.  
  
d) **Rhayader Community Nursery**  
Application for £856.44 towards the cost of tables, chairs and equipment.  
Cllr Lewis declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.  
**Resolved:** to award a grant of £500

**e) Pant y Dwr Show**

Application for £1500 towards the cost printing.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £1500

**f) Newbridge on Wye C in W School**

Application for £300 towards the cost of coach hire for a trip to CAT in Machynlleth.

**Resolved:** no grant awarded

**g) Little Lambs**

Application for £1265 towards the cost of games and activities.

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

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £1265. Applicant to be reminded to complete the application in full in future.

**SH 36/25**

**Community Events**

**a) Community Show – Children’s Equipment – Quotes £690 & £490**

Quotes were provided for the equipment for children at the show as above.

**Resolved:** to pay for the equipment at a cost of £690. Supplier to invoice Council directly.

**b) Barbeque**

The date for the event was confirmed as Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June and the cost per resident would be £6.50 (200) £1300. The Clerk has confirmed the Hall booking. Members will now need to engage a band for the evening, bouncy castle and other things.

The following roles were delegated:

Book Caterer	-	Clerk
Book Bouncy Castle/Rodeo	-	Clerk
Bar (Community Hall	-	Clerk
Raffle (Community Hall)	-	Clerk
Engaging Band	-	Cllr A Mills
Engaging Face Painter	-	Cllr A Mills
Engaging Inky Sparkles	-	Cllr A Mills
Display of Banners	-	Cllr A Mills

Members will give an update at the next meeting.

**SH 37/25**

**Inheritance Tax Implications for Community**

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

Cllr Poulton put forward the following motion to Council to seek support:

St Harmon and Pant y Dwr form a rural parish, with many family owned and operated farming businesses who are asset rich but cash poor.

The announcements in the recent Labour budget pose an existential threat to the continuance of these family businesses that have historically passed from generation to generation.

The recent 2024 autumn budget change to inheritance tax relief announced by the Labour Government will introduce a family farm tax, which will have a devastating impact on family farms and farmers' ability to pass on their farms to the next generation of farmers.

This community Council find this tax grab abhorrent, and wish to state its solidarity with our hard working local farmers.

**Resolved:** to support this motion and send a copy of this to Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood, Jane Dodds AM, James Evans AM and David Chadwick MP and local press.

**SH 38/25**

**Kiosk Defibrillator**

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

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact PCC Highways to establish ownership of the land under the kiosk and to approach the owner of the Mid Wales Inn regarding this.

**SH 39/25**

**Flashing Speed Matrix Signs**

Members re-visited this matter and the Clerk reminded them of the cost of in excess of £3000 for 2 units and all implications with regard to paying PCC to install and relocate these units. Members agreed to leave this matter for the time-being.

**SH 40/25**

**Reflective Mirror**

**Resolved:** to purchase a mirror and bracket to be mounted in the site previously mentioned.

**SH 41/25**

**Council Vacancies**

No applications were received. The vacancies have been re-advertised with a closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The Clerk encouraged members to share these vacancies within the community.

**SH 42/25**

**County Councillors Report**

None. Members were asked to contact Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood directly with any issues.

**SH 43/25**

**Other Matters**

**a) Household Waste Recycling, Llandrindod Wells**

Members were appalled at the new requirements for the HWRC in Llandrindod Wells. The changes involving booking appointments, some charges and entrance light system are all causing issues. This is particularly difficult for those residents travelling from rural parishes such as St Harmon as it is not always possible to make appointments.

Cllr Mills reminded members that Shropshire CC had implemented this system some time ago and had shelved it after 3 months due to its failure.

**Resolved:** to write to PCC Recycling to object to this system. Letter to go to local press.

**b) Rhayader Surgery**

Members discussed this, as the practice is now out for tender. The Council will await further information.

**c) Members Allowance**

The Clerk will be issuing forms to members in order for them to claim their minimal annual allowance. All members are asked to complete and return the form to the Clerk by 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.