Felinfach Community Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting to be held at Llandefalle Hall

On Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: C.Morgan, G.Jones, S.Brown, S.Shepstone,G.Price, D.Rowlands(Clerk)

Apologies – Cllr Carrotte, Cllr Williams, Cllr Pryce, Cllr Robinson, C.Cllr Colbert.

Absent - None

Declaration of interest – None

Any other Business - Actions 3.2 – Tree felling in Llandefalle Churchyard.

Correspondence 3.2 – Complaint regarding mowing regime in one of

the two areas in Glandulais, Felinfach.

MINUTES of the last regular Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023, along with the minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 9th May 2023 were RESOLVED as a true record of the meetings.

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1 - ACTIONS

3.1(April) Latch on Llanfilo Graveyard gate, Gate post. –Clerk informed the Council that all work has been completed in Llanfilo Churchyard. The adjoining wall has been completed by Powys County Council and the area within the Graveyard that was used by the Contractors has been cleared with only the portable toilet to be removed.

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3.2 – Clerk advised that the work felling the Ash trees in Llandefalle will commence on Thursday 8th June, and will hopefully be completed by Monday 12th June, all associated documents have been received. Clerk to contact Lynsey Rees (adjoining landowner) to advise of start date.

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2. PLANNING

Application Reference: 23/0618/HHGrid Reference: E:310815 N: 237765

Proposal: Removal of existing window from ground floor of south elevation.

enlargement of window aperture; replacement of existing window with new

Oriel window Site Address: Castlewood Barn ,Llandefalle, Brecon, LD3 0NR

Application was reviewed by Planning Sub-Committee and found no reason to object. Clerk will notify Powys Planning Department of the decision.

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3.0 – CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 - ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING ORDERS – Clerk distributed copies of the Standing Orders to all members via e-mail, Orders were viewed with no changes to be made. It was resolved that the Council would adopt the Standing Orders for 2023-2024, hard copies will be distributed to Members not on email.

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3.2 - Complaint regarding mowing regime in one of the two areas in Glandulais, Felinfach – Clerk raised the communication that had occured between a resident and herself to which had been forwarded to Mr Chairman, Clerk explained to the Council that the complainant

was not happy with the mowing regime that had been agreed with Powys County Council in January 2023 to comply with Welsh Governments Section 6 Biodiversity Act. All Members present agreed that it was not possible to change the schedule of mowing as the Community Council and Powys County Council are complying with legislation that is mandatory. Powys County Council have advised that as it is purely the look of the area and not a safety issue to provide the complainant with “It’s for Them” campaign leaflet that the Welsh Government is promoting.

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Reports – No Reports

County Councillor Report. – No report

Finance -

6.1 - Current Account  - No Statement available at time of meeting, Clerk to forward statements on when received.

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6.2 - Review balance of current account with a view to transferring funds into Reserve Account – Clerk compiled a comparison of accounts from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 but it was resolved that the decision would be deferred until next meeting when Members of the Finance Committee were in attendance.

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6.3 – Letter to enable Clerk to use Current Account Card for Felinfach Community Council payments. - Clerk has experienced issues with the cashier in NatWest Bank, attempting to make payments that have been authorised by the Council by means of a payment schedule, Clerk complied a letter which has been signed by the Chairman and will seek agreement and signature from Cllr Robinson (Finance Chairman) that will give the Clerk permission to carry out the transactions.

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6.4 – Invoices to be paid. – Ian Bufton £260.00

Card Payment (Stationery) £ 4.50 \_\_\_\_

Point of Interest

Thank you e-mail from Vera Harley for donation to Llandefalle Hall, Cllr Morgans also thanked the Council on behalf of Maes-y-Bellan Chapel and Cllr Brown on behalf of Llanfilo Old School.

Chased Powys.C.C with regards to flood defence in Felinfach. – Highways Dept has raised a job schedule for this job, but they require a larger digger than they have, with only one qualified employee to be able to operate it, they are also waiting for him to become available.

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Data etc. – No longer providing I.T. support. – Clerk advised that Charlotte is no longer able to offer support with any I.T. issue but will continue to support the Clerk with the renewal of the Website provider. It will be postponed until next meeting to nominate new support.

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20MPH – Clerk has been advised that from the 17th of September 2023, most 30mph limits across Wales will change to 20mph. Most affected streets are in residential or built-up areas where people walk and cycle , The Council will continue to promote the change with information from GoSafe, Police and other partners.

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Chairman’s Business – Mr Chairman reported that the local paper ran an article from Audit Wales that was very critical of Powys County Council Planning Department.

Clerk raised the issue of being asked specifically about an application by a member of the public. It was resolved that any enquiry regarding planning permission should be address to the Council in letter form or taken directly to Powys County Council.

Next meeting is scheduled for 11th July 2023 at Llandfilo Old School at 6.30pm

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Meeting Closed at 7.15pm

Chairman…………………………………

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