Felinfach Community Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting at Llanfilo Old School

on Tuesday 14TH March 2023 6.30pm

Present: I.Robinson, R.Carrotte, J.Pryce, G.Jones, R.Williams, S. Brown, G.Price, D.Rowlands (Clerk)

Apologies –C.Morgan

Absent – none.

Declaration of interest – None

Any other Business - None

MINUTES of the last regular Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2023 was RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting.

Actions

3.3 - Risk Assessments – All risk assessment were carried out, Clerk to Collate findings and

report actions at next month’s meeting.

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6.4 - Internal Auditor – Ms Mathias has agreed to carry out internal audit for 2022-2023,

Clerk to complete accounts at the end of the financial year and deliver to Ms Mathias.

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3.7 - Felinfach Defibrillator – Clerk confirmed that all consumables are covered under annual support with Community Heartbeat Trust, battery & pads are all dated.

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3.0 - Co-opting new Councillor to Council –The vacancy for a replacement Councillor for Llanfilo following the resignation of Cllr Angela Lawrence, has been advertised with a closing date of the 13th of March 2023. There were three applicants, the Council examined all applications and were given the opportunity to vote. It was resolved by means of a vote which found in favour of Mr Steve Shepstone, Clerk will make the relevant contact with all applicants.

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2. Planning

2.1 – Application Reference: 23/0178/HHGrid Reference: E:311968 N: 235624

Proposal: Erection of two storey extensions (to replace existing side porch

and rear extension) Site Address: Wernfach , Pont-Y-Wal Lane, Bronllys, Brecon LD3 0NA – Application was examined by Planning Sub-committee and found no reasons to object.

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2.2 - Application Reference: 23/0282/REM Grid Reference: E:309051 N: 231622

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition no. 6 attached to planning

approval P/2014/0851 (operating hours) Site Address: Cwrt Y Plyffin Landfill Site,

Waste Transfer Station , Llanfilo, Brecon, LD3 0TT

– Application was examined by Planning Sub-committee and found no reasons to object.

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2.3 – Reply from Luke Jones regarding Certificate of Lawfulness for Land Below Maes-y-Bellan – The Certificate of Lawfulness has been explained by Luke Jones (PCC Planning dept.) although the Council are not entirely happy that this information in not available to the Community Council. The serving of a contravention notice is still ongoing ,Clerk will chase for an update. \_\_\_\_

3.0 - Correspondence

3.1 – Biodiversity – Meeting with Brian Price in Felinfach regarding grass cutting in Felinfach & LLanfilo, Bird Box Count for 2023, Funding for wildflower planting, Clerk circulated all information regarding the change to the grass cutting regime in Felinfach & Llanfilo. Mr Ian Rowlands and Clerk checked all bird boxes and emptied ready for this nesting season; number of used boxes collated for biodiversity report. Funding for wildflowers is subject to allocation of funding from WG. Ezra Tattersall (Biodiversity Officer) will notify the Council when this becomes available.

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3.2 – Laptop issue – unable to scan – Clerk to uninstall printer and reinstall, if problem

persists Clerk will seek professional help.

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3.3 – Dog fouling on Llandefalle & Llangoed Hills – It was resolved that this is an issue for

the commoners and not Community Council.

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3.4 - Election of one Town/Community Councillor to the Community Sub-Committee of

the Powys Standards Committee – There were no nominees put forward by Council.

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3.5 – Any issues to be raised with the PSCO, Crime & incident report Jan – Feb – None Raised.

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3.6 – Training needs Survey 2023 – Survey completed by full Council, clerk to process.

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Reports – Cllr Williams confirmed that Llanfilo Village Hall have sufficient funds to buy a defibrillator for Llanfilo but would require Council funding to help with running costs, Training will be organised by a resident doctor and will be free for anyone to attend.

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County Councillor Report. – Pont-y-Bat action Group - Cllr Colbert was unable to attend the meeting but had provided an update detailing that Powys County Council will pursue the Welsh Government to revisit the decision of the road review, due to lack of engagement with Communities at the time, by the team that undertook the roads review.

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6.1 - Current Account

Statement Dated : 31st Dec 2022 - 1st Feb 2023

Previous Balance 10,279.89

Withdrawn 750.23

Income 0.00

New Balance 9,529.66

Payments made Electoral Services – Powys County Council 750.23 Income: 0.00

Forthcoming Payments: 0.00

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Statement Dated: 2nd Feb 2023 – 1st Mar 2023

Previous Balance 9529.66

Withdrawn 0.00

Income 285.00

New Balance 9814.66

Income: J Hosie (Headstone Llanfilo) 285.00

Forthcoming Payments:

Community Heartbeat Trust 198.00 Community Heartbeat Trust 120.00

One Voice Wales 124.00 Clerks Expenses( Services Broadband electric etc) 330.52

Stationery – Printer Ink for 2022-2023 56.13 Stationery – Accident book / stamps purchased 25.63

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* 6.2 - Reserve Account 6th Jan 2023 – 3rd Feb 2023

Previous Balance 189.54

Interest 0.13

New Balance 189.67

4th Feb 2023 – 3rd Mar 2023

Previous Balance 189.67

Interest 0.13

New Balance 189.80

* 6.3 -
* Play Park Account No New Statement
* Previous balance on 281.24
* Withdrawn 156.97
* Paid in 0.00
* New Balance 124.27

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6.5 – Whilst completing the financial risk assessment it became apparent that the Council did not have a savings account and that the current account and reserve account were possibly not working to full capacity with regards to interest being earned. Clerk was able to obtain interest rate from Santander & NatWest Bank, Monmouthshire building society are not accepting new applications at the present time. Please see attachment.

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Point of Interest

Salt Boxes – Powys County Council have been requested to place grit boxes on the Tredurn Road & Trawscoed Road, Vincent Playdon has replied with the comment that it will be added to the increasing list of requests awaiting more funding.

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The death of previous Clerk Sheila Griffiths – Clerk advised Council that a Sympathy card has been sent to Mr & Mrs Neil Griffiths on behalf of the Council.

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Cllr Carrotte asked if anyone held information on the rubbish that has been tipped on the road side leading to Llandefalle Common, from Felinfach direction – No one present had any information.

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Chairman’s Business – Date for next meeting is 11th April 2023 at Llanfilo Old School.

Meeting Closed at 19.45

Chairman…………………………………

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