**LLANWDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of Llanwddyn Community Council held on Thursday 9th February 2023 in Llanwddyn Village Hall at 7 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr. L. Baker – Chairman

 Cllr. S. Dale

 Cllr. C. Jandrell

 Cllr. C. Kettle

 Cllr. R. Kirby

 Cllr. N. Worthington

**Also present:** Anne Wilson Locum Community Clerk

**16/2022 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to receive apologies of absence for this meeting from:

* Cllr. Bryn Davies – alternative meeting as a Councillor

**17/2022 Co-option of Community Councillors**

**RESOLVED** to co-opt the following Community Councillors to Llanwddyn Community Council:

* Cllr. C. Jandrell
* Cllr. S. Dale

 **18/2022 Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

**19/2022 Public Question Time and Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**20/2022 Minutes**

With a few amendments which would be sent to the Locum Community Council Clerk for the master set of minutes **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting of Llanwddyn Community Council held on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

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**21/2022 Finances**

i) Accounts for Payment

**RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

* Tina Roberts £90 for cleaning the toilets in January.

ii) Bank Account

The Chairman handed the Locum Clerk a new card machine to make payments online.

iii) Bank Signatures

**RESOLVED** that all Councillors become signatures on the HSBC bank account. The paperwork was needed to be downloaded and the Locum Clerk would look into this.

iv) RESOLVED that the Precept be set at £9000.

**21/2022 Report from Powys County Councillor**

Councillor Bryn Davies was not able to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment.

 **22/2022 Appointment of a Community Council Clerk**

Members discussed the appointment of a Community Council Clerk including number of hours, salary etc. as well as advertisement timescales, who will interview, when and where.

**RESOLVED** that the Locum Clerk will place an advert, job description, person specification is circulated to Members for consideration. She will circulate applications to Members and in liaison with the Council arrange and facilitate the interviews.

The advert would be placed on the OVW website, circulated to the Powys Clerks, in the Llanwddyn Newsletter, The Chronicle, on the local noticeboards and on My Welshpool. The pay would be £11.25 per hour with the number of hours to be agreed with the applicants.

Consideration for shortlisting and interview dates to be agreed when it was known how many applicants there were. The applications would come to the Locum Community Council Clerk.

**23/2022 Parish Council Matters**

1. Members were asked to consider any updates on the following matters in relation to the running of the Parish Council and the ability to meet its statutory requirements:
* Parish Council website
* Parish Council e mail – Individual e mail addresses for Councillors to meet the requirements of GDPR rather than the generic e mail llanwddynclerc1@gmail.com
* Communication within the Community Council

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The website and e mails would be left for a new Clerk to take up. Members agreed that e mail was a good medium to communicate through but noted the village Facebook pages and other social media mediums should also be used.

1. Defibrillator Battery

**RESOLVED** that the Locum Clerk purchase a replacement battery for the defibrillator.

1. The cash box at the toilets needs to be emptied regularly.
2. The minutes and agendas needed to be put up on the parish noticeboards when available.

 **24/2022 Reports from Members representing the Community Council on Outside**

 **Bodies.**

Members gave reports from meetings of outside bodies that they have represented on behalf of the Community Council.

* PPG – The Chairman explained who they were.
* Llanwddyn Hall meeting
1. Concern was expressed that there was no one on the hall committee who represented families with young gchildren. Cllr. Dale agreed to be the person who went on the committee to represent this demographic
2. The meetings were held once a month on a Monday.
3. It had had major structural work and a new kitchen and needed funds to cover the energy costs for the building.
4. They were putting together a large bid for a lottery grant to update and modernise the hall including double glazing, a split water system, curtains, painting etc. A large amount of money was needed.
5. It was agreed it was the hub of the village and it needs to be a useable space.

Cllr. Dale suggested the need to have the centre equipped so it could be used as an emergency hub for the area and would raise it at the next hall meeting.

* The Lake Vyrnwy Market Association
1. Stopped existing since COVID and needed to reinvent themselves over the next year – summer season
2. The hotel had not seen bookings like it was for 30 years
3. The sub-committee is pushing to get other local businesses, not just accommodation, to join the association and really push social media to get the most out of the year
4. Writing press release and invite all local people to join.
5. The vision is to get people here to visit the area and make the best of the local economy

Members expressed concern about the price of parking at Artisans. **3**

* The Lake Vyrnwy Stakeholders
1. The path to connect the village along the Glyndwr’s Way need work on as it goes through so may prominent areas in the parish. Money has been found from HD, the RSPB and the local MP Craig Williams has pushed for money too – some of this is being matched, and they need to find a little more for the project to go ahead. However, due to grant timings etc, it wouldn’t be until 2024/2025 financial year
2. If £20k can be raised by 2024/25 the there may be match funding available
3. Hafren Dyfrdwy explained that the electric charging points in the main car park would soon be in use
4. The possible retail units did not have enough interest in them.
5. The had heard that some work was going on , on an aerial tower, but had heard no more. Why has the community council not been spoken to about the TV aerial and bench area – EE emergency tower – they hope to hear more soon.
6. At the stakeholders meeting it was said that they were looking at how to improve the sculpture park if there was grant money available and they wanted ideas.

**25/2022 Planning**

1. Planning Applications

22/2090/FUL Vyrnwy Workshops, Unit 6, Llanwddyn

Change of use of unit from A1 to A2 (shop/financial and professional services) to a community hub

**RESOLVED** that Members had no objections to the change of use to a community hub but are concerned that the rest of the area would be lost to local retails. Members were disappointed that this was a retrospective application.

Members also commented that the electricity cable needed to move and investment made in the area to accommodate this application.

1. Approved or Refused Application

**RESOLVED** that Members noted that there had been no planning applications approved or refused since the last meeting.

Members spoke about a community garden – the residents had spoken to the Community Council previously and nothing had moved forward win this regard. There were suitable pockets of land in the parish and concern was expressed that the maintenance and cost would fall to the Community Council. It sounded too much for the Community Council to take on as with all projects only the same few people ever turned up and the pressure would be put on those people. It was suggested that these pockets became wildlife areas as if anything was done then they need to be areas which looked after themself.

**RESOLVED** that Lauren would contact the person who suggested the community garden and say that the Community Council is a busy at the moment but may consider something in the future.

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The Chairman announced that she would be standing down from the Council after the March meeting and that another Councillor would need to step into the role of Chairman. She was keen that the Chairman also got involved in the market group and stakeholders’ group as part of their role as was expected of them.

**26/2022 Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED** to confirm that the date of the next meeting of Llanwddyn Community Council would be Thursday 30th March 2023.

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………… Date …………………………………………………………**

 **Chairman**

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