

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
Virtually over 'Zoom',
On Thursday, 7th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman : Councillor David Hawkins
Councillors : Steph Bonnar, Julian Hitchcock, Mary Llewellyn,
Heather Shaw, Ray Simkiss, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
None.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Llewellyn – Item 10.1 – Letter from the Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Club. Councillor Llewellyn is a past member of the Club.

Councillor Simkiss – Item 10.1 – Letter from the Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Club. Councillor Simkiss has family members that belong to the Club.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
No information.

Item 4: To consider the Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd December 2020.
Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd December 2020 were a correct record of the meeting and the minutes will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.

5.1 (Item 5.2) – It was noted that more potholes have been sprayed with yellow paint but there are many that are still waiting to be filled.
The Clerk to contact the Vale Council to report the matter.

5.2 (Item 5.1) - With regard to the monies that were given to each village for Christmas festivities, it had become apparent that residents were unaware of where the funds had come from. Members discussed the issue and it was decided that a 'flyer' should be prepared giving information about the Community Council with contact details for residents use.

Item 6: Chairman's Report.
No report.

Item 7: Clerk's Report
7.1 Finances.

Bank balance was noted at **£5,728.20** (Current Account £4,852.12 and Business Reserve Account £896.03).

Payments made since 3rd December 2020 are:

Clerk's Salary (December) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (December) - £38.57;

The Poppy Appeal (Remembrance wreath) - £20.00 (not yet presented at Bank).

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (January) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (January) - £38.57;

Wales Audit Office (Audit of Accounts 2019/2020) - £296.75.

Monies Received.

Third Precept Payment (via Vale of Glamorgan Council) - £1536.00

7.2 Internal Audit.

The Clerk advised that Auditing Solutions Ltd are unable to carry out the work due to Covid and staff shortages. Members discussed the matter and **resolved** that the Clerk should contact Mr Mees, who has performed the Internal Audit for many years, to advise that the External Auditor now requires a written report on the work done. If Mr Mees is unable to provide a written report it was agreed that an alternative auditor should be approached.

Item 8: To set the Precept for the Year 2021/2022.

The Clerk had completed a forecast bank reconciliation and cash flow analysis which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. The Vale of Glamorgan Council had confirmed that an increase of £1 in the levy would produce £384. The current levy on a Band D property is £12.32. Members discussed possible expenditure requirements for the next financial year but it was **resolved** that the precept for the year 2021/2022 should remain the same as the year 2020/2021 with no increase or decrease.

Item 9: Reports of Representatives.

9.1

Councillor Teague advised that the next meeting of the Community Liaison Meeting is scheduled for 26th January 2021. The meeting is held via webinar and Councillor Teague stated that after representing the Council at these meetings for many years, he now wishes to step down. Members agreed that the system the Vale Council use is convoluted and it was decided that until such time as meetings recommence at the Civic Offices, Members would not attend. The Clerk would look at the agenda once it is published and forward it to Members for information and if a Member wishes to attend, arrangements would be made but otherwise apologies would be forwarded by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. The Minutes of the meeting would be requested for information.

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Item 9: Reports of Representatives (Continued)

9.2 Councillor Simpson advised that the next Committee meeting of One Voice Wales is scheduled for 25th January and the next meeting of the Cardiff and Vale Stakeholders Group is on 26th January. Councillor Simpson will report on both meetings at the next Community Council meeting.

Item 10: Correspondence and Publications.

10.1 Letter from Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Club seeking financial assistance. The organisation is an aspiring Rural Youth charity which offers lifelong learning skills by delivering a range of educative and participative activities for young people between the ages of 10 to 26 years. Members agreed that considering the rural nature of the Llanfair Community Council area, it was important to support this local charity.

Proposed by Councillor Hitchcock, seconded by Councillor Bonnar and **resolved** that in pursuance of the Power of Well-being s126 conferred on it through the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, approves the payments of £250 to the Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

Councillors Llewellyn and Simkiss did not participate in the discussion on Item 10.1.

10.2 E-mail from One Voice Wales advising of a proposal to mark 5th July 2021 as 'NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day'. A number of activities are proposed for the day and these are detailed at:

www.nhsfrontlineday.org

It is intended to make this special day an annual event and to use the opportunity to raise funds for 'NHS Charities Together', the official organisation set up to support over 230 hospitals and their charitable trusts, with the money being equally divided to support the health and wellbeing of staff. One Voice Wales is encouraging all Town and Community Councils to be involved in the event.

Noted.

10.3 E-mail from Dyfed Powis Police via One Voice Wales advising of a scam in relation to Covid 19 vaccine. Texts, emails and 'cold calls' purporting to be from the NHS are being sent out to residents to lure people to apply for the vaccine by following a link which leads to a fake NHS site and asks for the input of personal details including bank account/card details to 'check identity'.

The article has been posted on the Council's website for residents' information.

Noted.

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Item 10: Correspondence and Publications (Continued)

10.4 E-mail from the Head of Local Government Elections team at the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising of the level 4 Covid-19 related restrictions which were imposed on Saturday 20th December 2020. The information has been posted on the Council's website for residents' information.
Noted.

10.5 E-mail from One Voice Wales giving details of training courses and previously forwarded to Members.
Noted.

Item 11: Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman.

11.1 It was reported that the storm water drains at Garn Farm had not been cleared. The Clerk will report the matter again.

11.2 Councillor Bonnar thanked the Clerk and the Vale of Glamorgan Council for the visit of the Road Sweeper to St Mary Church. The visit had taken place within 24 hours of the request being made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 12: Planning Applications.

12.1 Planning Application No. **2020/01462/FUL**
Location: Whips Cottage, Llandough
Proposal: Two storey side extension, single storey porch and laundry room; removing an existing outbuilding and replacing with new outbuilding.

No objection.

12.2 Planning Application No. **2020/01493/FUL**
Location: New Beaupre Farm, St Hilary
Proposal: Erection of new agricultural storage building.
No objection.

12.3 **Result of recent Planning Applications:**
(i) Planning Application No. **2020/01063/FUL** – Incorporation of two sets of double doors on rear (east facing) elevation, installation of twin walled flue at The Old Farm, St Hilary – **Grants permission with 2 conditions.**

Item 13: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th February 2021 Virtually over 'Zoom'.

..... Chairman
Date : 4th February 2021.