Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

**Date:** Thursday 8th December 2022 T**ime: 7:30**pm **Venue:** Community Hub

 **1. Apologies received:** Catherine James, Wayne Bowen

 **2. Members Present:**  Tracy Lewis (Vice-Chair), Geoff Morgan, Darren Rogers,

 Gareth Bowen, Marc Williams, David Horne (Clerk).

**3. Declaration of Interest. Tracy Lewis. Marc Williams (RES grant quotes)**

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) –** Minutes of the October 2022 general meeting

 were previously circulated to all councillors. A discrepency was identified by Darren

 Rogers relating to RES committee representation. With the exception of this matter it was

 agreed that the minutes were a true record. Proposed by Geoff Morgan and seconded by

 Marc Williams. The minutes will be amended and signed at the January meeting

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes-**

 a. Llanbister Road AED signage. The road signage is now in place but the green phone box

 signs now need to be installed. The old glass panels will be hard to remove as old putty is

 very hard. The defibrillator is now fully emergency ready as the pads have been

 replaced. We need now to arrange a public event to officially open the facility. This would

 be alongside the lectern at the memorial. Clerk will arrange this once the work is completed

 and the weather is warmer

 b. Litter signage. This is now all in situ

 c. Queens platinum jubilee celebration. We are still needing to have the photographs

 installed.

 d. Highways issues. Clerk has spoken to highways and the road from the church down to

 Hazeldene and the road over to Llanbister Road from the A483 are in the pipeline but they

 cannot say when it will be carried out

 e. Air Ambulance. Clerk has received a reply from the Air Ambulance Service

 f) Grass cutting. As discussed at the last meeting Clerk has reviewed the grass cutting

 contract with the current contractee and he is happy to continue next year on the same

 terms. He will advise us of any reasonable increase should that arise

 g) Clerk wrote to Powys CC regarding the governorship status of Geoff Morgan. Reply

 received in correcspondence. Essentially they are continuing as thisngs stand until the

 Term of office of the incumbent governor expires

 h) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. These were reviewed by councillors at an

 extra meeting. Clerk has edited the drafts and has them here this evening. The Standing

 Orders are good to go but the Financial Regulations need further amending. Clerk will

 action and bring the Financial Regs back to council in january or March 2023 ready for

 approval and adoption at the annual meeting in May

 **6. Planning –**  Receive planning decision notices for 30th September to 17th October, 18th

 October to 1st November, 2nd November to 11th November and 14th November

 to 25th November 2022. These have been previously forwarded to councillors.

 **7. Correspondence**

 **a. Receive email** from SLCC in conjunction with OVW regarding Civility &

 Respect. Discussed by councillors but it was felt unecessary to adopt this as we

 already have sufficient safeguards in place.

 b. Receive email from PCC regarding the school governorship. Basically there is a status

 quo until the incumbant school governors term of office expires.

 c. Receive letter from PCC returning officer regarding the cost of the council

 elections 2022. See business to be transacted

 **8. Business to be transacted -**

 a. Uncontested council election costs of £329.15. This needs to be paid once an invoice has

 been received from Powys. Proposed by Geoff Morgan and seconded by Gareth Bowen

 **9. Finance - Balances as at 5th December 2022**

  **Savings Account - £ 1,077.66**

  **Income (as part of above balance) – £1.14p interest**

 **Community Account - £8,074.74**

  **Income (as part of above balance) - £41 VAT refund 2020/21**

 **Outgoings as part of the above balance –**

 £49.08 Defib pads

 £92.40 Geoff Morgan jubilee expenses

 £20 Clerks expenses

 £110.60 HMRC PAYE

 £147.41 Clerks salary

 £5 Account charge (Oct)

 £60 Grass cutting x2

 £147.41 Clerks salary

 £5 Account charge (Nov)

 **10**. **School Goverors Report**

 **Nothing new to report except that the Head Teacher is on a phased return to work, from**

 **home initially**

**11. Community Hall / Hub Report**

 **There needs to be a new retaing wall between the hub and No 5 Glan Dorddu. This is being**

 **looked at**

**Any Other Business.**

1. RES grant. Not many quotes received as yet for proposed grant projects (one for the memorial base and one for the painting of benches. We are waiting for another one for the memorial and 2 for the telephone box door in the village. Discussed in the meeting and priority projects identified.The telephone box door in priority one, resurfacing the memorial base is priority 2 and the repainting of the benches and notice boards is pririty 3. Clerk to submit grant request based on this
2. Pre budget discussion. No major issues to be decided. Discuss fully in January 2023
3. Website issues. Should we consider moving to a new host? Clerk to review with current host on his return and get the website back up and running. If the current host does not wish to continue then we can look at alternatives
4. Section 5.7 expenditure. Clerk has drawn up list of recurring annual outgoings that are not optional. Under the financial regs these can be approved for each year so clerk does not need to get approval each time one comes due but to pay them provided they are within financial regs limits. For approval in March prior to next financial year.
5. Tracy Lewis thinks it would be a good idea if one of the councillors would hold a surgery and give a talk to the Catch up club next year. For further discussion.

**Date of Next meeting - Thursday 12th Januray 2023. Community hub**