

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon Community Council held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
September**

**Present:** Cllr D Jenkins, S Jenkins, J Bennion, M Williams, D Lowde, S Lewis, P Hunt  
Cty Cllr D Evans

**Apologies:** Cllr L McPhee

**SH 141/21**     **Declarations of Interests**  
SH 151/21a     Cllr S Lewis (Personal)

**SH 142/21**     **Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were confirmed and signed.

**SH 143/21**     **Information from Minutes**

**a) Stores Farm Barn**

The Clerk reported she had not received a reply from the owners of Stores Barn with regard to the issues with their barn.

**Resolved:** to write to PCC Planning to report the unsafe building. Cty Cllr Evans will also refer this matter to PCC.

**b) Request for Bins at Bus Stops**

Cty Cllr Evans had brought this matter up with PCC but had not received a response with regard to supplying bins. He agreed to chase this up.

**c) Community Hall AGM Notices**

Cllr Lowde reported that he had received a favourable response from the Committee Chair following the last meeting with the agreement to display AGM notices in St Harmon.

The Chair, Cllr D Jenkins confirmed that no notices had been placed in St Harmon Bus Stop. Cllr Lowde will look into this.

**d) Pant y Dwr Kiosk**

Cllr Williams will be completing the work on the kiosk in the next few weeks. The Clerk asked him to provide receipts for materials so he may be reimbursed. Members thanked Cllr Williams for his work.

**SH 144/21**     **Public Speaking**  
None.

**SH 145/21**     **Correspondence**

**a) St Harmon Football Club**

The following email had been received from the Club Secretary:

“We have exhausted all possible avenues currently to continue playing at The Bryn for this season.

Our plan as you know was to set up new shower blocks/changing rooms at the hall. With the planning as it currently is we can't get through that path currently. We've looked at hiring showers each game and buying cabins for changing rooms, this has now fallen through as the shower company are selling up.

For St Harmon to play this year, we had a meeting last night and it's been decided we only have one option at the moment. We are going to rent the Rugby Club Pitch in Rhayader for now to be able to get under way as is scheduled for 4th September 2021. We do not intend to play there forever but for the time being. This being said we do have to do a makeover of the changing rooms there before the season begins. “

We have been fund raising and have made some money, with more fund raising set to take place in a few months.

The Chair reminded members of their duty to ensure that council funds are spent correctly and within the stated timeframe. Therefore, he recommended that the council ask for the refund of £1500 awarded in March 2021 from the Bryn Titli Fund and also a refund of the £1500 from the council grant fund.

It was also mentioned that a grant of £1500 had been awarded in September 2020 for planning related matters. No evidence of expenditure had been received. The club may wish to reapply for funding when they are in a position to move forward with the project. **Resolved:** to request a refund of the £3000 awarded in March 2021 and also evidence to support the expenditure from the £1500 grant awarded in September 2020.

**b) One Voice Wales – Keep Wales Tidy Webinar**

Members were asked to contact One Voice Wales if they wished to attend this webinar. The Clerk will be attending.

**SH 146/21 Planning Applications**

None.

**SH 147/21 Grant Applications**

None.

**SH 148/21 Finance**

**a) Salary - £324.10 – approved**

- b) **HMRC – £81.20 – approved**
- c) **Clerk’s Expenses & Home Working – 05.03.21 – 26.08.21 £146.88 – approved**
- d) **Bank Reconciliation**

<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>26.08.21</b>
Balance @	26.07.21	26566.73
Plus Receipts		12918.44
Less Payments		2076.84
Balance		<b>37408.33</b>
Council		11193.89
Bryn Titli		26214.44
		<b>37408.33</b>

- e) **Mid Term Budget Report**  
The Clerk presented a detailed report of expenditure against budget for 2021/22 to date. Cllr Williams asked a couple of questions which were answered by the Clerk.
- f) **SLCC – Membership - £50.13 – approved**
- g) **One Voice Wales – Training - £30.00 – approved**
- h) **M Hird – Grasslet Field Works - £95.00 – approved.**

**SH 149/21 Community Hall Report**

Cllr Lowde had sent the minutes of the Annual General Meeting for year ending 2020 to the Clerk which she had circulated to members. He advised that once the accounts had been audited the Annual General Meeting for the year ending 2021 will be held.

He also reported that Little Lambs and Yoga classes will be beginning soon and a wedding has been booked for September. The Chair asked Cllr Lowde to inform the Hall Committee that as no application had been received from Little Lambs for a grant to fund the room hire, the Community Council would not be funding this. Cllr Lowde agreed to feed this back.

**SH 150/21 County Councillors Report**

Cty Cllr Evans agreed to chase out a couple of outstanding matters and committed to continue to send regular PCC briefings to the Clerk for circulation.

**SH 151/21      Bryn Titli Fund – Grant Applications**

**a) St Harmon Community Hall**

Cllr Lewis declared a personal interest in this application, but has a dispensation to permit her to remain, speak and vote.

Application for a grant to purchase projection equipment, total cost £1550 plus VAT.

Cllr Sheila Jenkins stated that the application has been made for £1550 plus VAT which is above the grant level permitted and requests VAT which cannot be awarded via this fund. The bank balance section had also not been completed.

Cllr Lowde had also identified these and felt these were a simple error and refusal would be depriving the community of a facility.

The Chair felt that the missing information made the application incomplete and recommended refusal of the application. There had also been no evidence of the expenditure from the grant awarded from Bryn Titli in March 2021 of £385.47 for the painting of the gazebo and fences.. Cllr Lowde stated that completion of this work had been confirmed at the meeting of the Hall Committee 20th August.

The Chair could not understand that more recent accounts could not be submitted. Cllr Lowde explained that these had only been approved by the Hall Committee at the 20th August AGM, after the deadline for Bryn Titli grant applications.

Cllr Lewis suggested that the Council write to the Hall Chairman and ask him to provide the missing information and evidence for re-submission at the October meeting. The Chair stated that the policy is in place which requests specific information which had not been received by the application deadline.

Cllr S Jenkins commented on an issue from 2 years ago with the Community Hall grant application which lead to the Grant Policy being developed. She stated this policy must be adhered to.

Cllr Williams asked what the purpose of the purchase of the projector was. Cllr Lewis said this was assist with community events and fund raising.

The Committee had previously run film nights facilitated by Flicks in the Sticks, where there was an associated cost for the equipment hire. The purchase of a projector would mean that all funds raised would go directly to the hall. There has also been a great interest in running local history events.

The Chair stated that the Community Hall had not done any fund raising for 6 years. Cllr Lewis refuted this.

The Chair stated that according to the Charities Commission website the Hall had over £9000 in reserves and could afford to purchase a projector.

The Chair proposed that this application be refused on the points stated and suggesting that the Hall Committee may wish to resubmit an application for March round of applications. (3 members in favour of rejection, 2 members objected and 2 members abstained.)

**Resolved:** to reject this application as above.

**SH 152/21**     **Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – Meeting Outcomes**

The Clerk reported that the new Act has laid down new requirements regarding meeting outcomes.

Councils are now required to publish the following within 7 days of the meeting:

- List of Attendees
- List of Absentees
- List of Declarations
- List of all Decisions and Resolutions.

The Clerk approached the Council to offer 2 options:

- To publish the unapproved “draft” minutes
- To publish a summary of the above.

**Resolved:** to publish the draft minutes in line with new regulations.

The Clerk also mentioned the new legislation which includes public attendance at meetings. Councils are now permitted to hold remote, in person and hybrid meeting. However, if meetings are held in person these must allow residents to attend the meeting remotely. This will be extremely costly for the Council and will require the purchase of a laptop, camera and sound system and projector and screen. In view of the council’s financial position, the Clerk stated it would not be possible for the council to fund these purchases in the current financial year.

Therefore, the council will need to continue with remote meetings for the foreseeable future. This was noted.

**SH 153/21**     **Other Matters & Information**

None.