

## Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024

**Present:** Cllr S Lewis, L McPhee, D Lowde, A Mills.  
Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood

**Apologies:** Cllr M Williams, D Davies

**Absent:** Cllr K Mills, C Davies

**Declarations** None

**SH 01/24 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved and signed.

**SH 02/24 Information from Minutes**

None.

**SH 03/24 Public Speaking**

**a) Mr John Senior – Powys Stakeholder Meeting**

Mr Senior made the following address to the Council:

“In September 2020 Powys County Council declared a climate emergency. This declaration committed it to taking a series of actions, which included setting up a cross-party Climate Change Working Group and a Stakeholder Group. These are now active. Jeremy Brignell-Thorpe chairs the Stakeholder Group and I am a member.

Dr. Alan Netherwood (Netherwood Sustainable Futures) was commissioned in May 2023 to provide Powys County Council with advice and support on ways to improve and strengthen their approach to their climate change programme. Two recommendations were made in relation to the Stakeholder Group:

- pursue de-carbonisation and climate risk management in 13 communities across Powys,

- involve key partners, stakeholders and the community in identifying specific outcomes to address de-carbonisation and climate adaptation at territorial scale. These were discussed at the Stakeholder meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

a) Funding is limited.

b) Expertise is thinly spread throughout the 13 communities.

c) Experience is not shared among the 13 communities.

**PROPOSAL:** that the Powys Green Guide (PGG), which is already a well established website resource, have a section added with pages for each of the 13 communities across Powys, with sections giving each community’s

local plans to address, and progress in addressing, the climate and ecological emergency.

Each community council could post the data on the PGG, or have its web site linked directly to its pages on the PGG. All 13 communities would be able to see what others were doing and share ideas.

Llanidloes has a climate action plan, but little evidence of action;  
St Harmon has a report under the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty (Part 1, Section 6, Environment (Wales) Act 2016). It addresses many aspects of climate action, and 210 trees have been planted.  
Brecon has a comprehensive 7-page Climate Emergency Action Plan with time-frames, plus a carbon audit of Brecon Town Council buildings.

Communities could cooperate in liaising with outside advisory bodies such as the Centre for Alternate Technology (CAT). CAT has established a Zero Carbon Britain Hub and Innovation Laboratory for this very purpose. CAT run two two-day courses: Literacy course for local authorities and Carbon literacy for communities. A Zero C Britain upskilling a community day is planned for June 2024.  
Contact – [Amanda.Smith@CAT.org.uk](mailto:Amanda.Smith@CAT.org.uk).”

The Chair thanked Mr Senior for his address to Council.

**SH 04/24**

**Correspondence**

**a) Mr J Senior – Powys Stakeholder Meeting**

**Resolved:** to support the inclusion of a Community Council link page in the Powys Green Guide in line with Mr Senior’s address to the Council.

The Clerk will also look for information regarding the CAT Upskilling Course.

**SH 05/24**

**Planning Applications**

None.

**SH 06/24**

**Finance**

- a) **Salary – £377.90 - approved**
- b) **HMRC – £94.60 - approved**
- c) **J Arthur – Tree Lights - £225.00 - approved**
- d) **D Lowde – Gift for IT Tutor - £19.50 - approved**
- e) **Bank Reconciliation:**
- f)

Reconciliation	@		22.11.23
Balance @	30.11.23		49719.59
Plus Receipts			0.00
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			<b>49719.59</b>

Less Payments	Salary		546.10
	HMRC		136.40
	Hall Hire - Halloween		48.00
	Over 60's Lunch		1,134.00
	Mince Pies - Over 60's		14.07
	Xmas Tree Lights		225.00
	Gift IT Tutor		19.50
			<b>2,123.07</b>
	<b>Total</b>	0.00	47596.52
Total Balance	22.12.23		47596.52
	<b>Breakdown:</b>		
	<b>Council</b>		17963.45
	<b>Bryn Titli</b>		29633.07

**SH 07/24**

#### **Community Events**

Sam Lipscomb joined the meeting to discuss future events. A provisional timetable was planned for 2024 and early 2025. Further discussions will take place at future meetings and budgets set. Sam indicated that she will be looking for support for all events. Cllr McPhee committed to help.

23.03.24 or 30.03.24	Easter Party	
08.06.23	King Charles Birthday	Hog Roast or Barbeque
17.08.23	Pant y Dwr Show	
26.10.24	Halloween Children's Party	
08.12.24	Over 60's Christmas Lunch	
Jan 25	Children's Panto trip.	

Sam will also clarify if events are covered under the Community Hall insurance and report back to the Clerk.

**Resolved:** Clerk to book the Community Hall for these dates.

The Clerk informed members about new legislations – Martyn's Law. This brings into place new legislation for community events. The Clerk will circulate a copy of this legislation to all members and Sam.

**SH 08/24**

#### **Community Focus Group – The Woodcock Paper**

Cllr Lowde reported on the recent Community Focus Group (Green Hub) and reported there are 300 contacts within this group. The groups recommendation is for Councils to engage with external bodies to obtain support, advice and information on biodiversity and the local environment. Other Town and Community Councils are a good source of information and support.

Cllr Lowde asked if a photograph of the Woodland project along with some supporting text could be sent to the Community Focus Group "Green Hub." This was agreed. Cllr A Mills will prepare some text to support a relevant photo.

Cllr Lowde and Cllr Mills had registered for training with PCC some 18 months ago to be able to maintain footpaths. No response had been received.

**Resolved:** Clerk will chase this up with the relevant officer.

**SH 09/24**

**St Harmon Play Area**

This matter was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Williams, project lead, was not present.

**SH 10/24**

**County Councillors Report**

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood had toured the community earlier on that day and had identified a couple of issues with a lifted manhole cover and blocked drains. The manhole issue was reported and had been addressed by PCC on that day. Cty Cllr Williams will arrange to meet with our Chair and look at other issues as soon as possible.

She will liaise with the lady re the Mobile Post Office via email as she has had no telephone response.

**SH 11/24**

**Other Matters**

**a) Pantydwr Christmas Tree**

The Chair reported that the lights on the tree had continually failed during this Christmas period.

**Resolved:** to allocate £400 from the Bryn Titli Fund to purchase new LED lights. The Clerk will send links to specific companies to the Chair.

**b) Road Closure – 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February - MWS-LTD-EITHON-GLEN-PANT-Y-DWR-RHAYADER-LD6-5NA**

Cllr Mills thanks Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood for forwarding this notice and asked the Clerk to include this matter in the minutes to notify residents. She will also put the notice on the Facebook page and website.

**c) Pantydwr Bus Shelter**

Cllr Lowde had recently gone to clean out the bus shelter as he had noticed it was in a mess, however, when he arrived it had been cleaned out. Thanks go to the resident/s who did this work.