

**Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of St Harmon held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at the
Community Hall**

Present: Cllr S Lewis, A Mills, M Williams, D Davies. L McPhee

Apologies: Cllr D Lowde, C Davies, Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood

Absent: Cllr K Mills

Declarations None

SH 23/24 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2024 were approved and signed.

SH 24/24 Information from Minutes

None.

SH 25/24 Public Speaking

None.

SH /24 Correspondence

a) Powys County Council – Duty Planning Officer Telephone Line

The new Duty Planning Officer line is now in operation and is open for general planning queries Monday to Friday 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4pm. 01597 827272.

SH 27/24 Planning Applications

None.

SH 28/24 Finance

a) Salary – £377.90 - approved

b) HMRC – £94.60 - approved

c) Clerk’s Expenses - £105.00 - approved

d) Festive Lights Ltd – Pantydwr Tree - £332.90 - approved

e) Rhayader Motor Cycle/Car Club - £1500.00 - approved

This had been allocated from Bryn Titli fund in 2022 and was ringfenced until work had commenced in 2024.

f) Bank Reconciliation

Reconciliation	@		29.02.24
Balance @	25.01.24		52002.42
Plus Receipts	Xmas Lunch Deposits		204.00
	Grass Let		150.00
			354.00
Less Payments			

	Salary		378.10
	HMRC		94.40
	Festive Lights		332.90
	Rhayader Motor Car/Cycle Club		1,500.00
			2,305.40
	Total	0.00	50051.02
	Total Balance		50051.02
	Breakdown:		
	Council		23101.89
	Bryn Titli		26949.13

SH 29/24

Bryn Titli Fund Applications

a) Sychnant Chapel

Resolved: to award a grant of £1500 towards the cost of a TV Monitor for the Chapel Wall.

b) St Harmon & District Parish Hall Pant-y-Dwr

Application for folding tables and chairs

Resolved: to award a grant of £1500 towards the cost of purchasing new folding tables and chairs.

c) Nantgwyn Chapel

Application for installation of Disabled Ramp

Resolved: to award a grant of £1500 towards the cost of installing a disabled ramp subject to receipt of quotes.

d) Radnorshire Society

Application for IT Equipment

It was agreed that this Society covered the whole of Radnorshire and that the Council were prepared to donate a proportionate amount and suggest the Society seek grants throughout Radnorshire.

Resolved: to award a grant of £200 towards the cost of purchasing IT equipment.

e) The Clerk reported that 2 applications were received from Pantydwr Show Committee after the closing date. The Clerk reminded members that groups are limited to submit 1 application per funding round.

Members discussed this at length and agreed that the deadline for applications was not met. In view of the importance of this event within the community the Council would agree, on this occasion only, to accept a retrospective request for the next funding round for the printing costs, with

the proviso that the application is completed and received in line with procedures and within the application window.

Resolved: to report this back to the Show Secretary.

SH 30/24

Community Events

The Clerk circulated the updated events list which included actions which had been undertaken.

The events list was updated and duties were allocated to all members with a report back to the next meeting.

Resolved: Members to carry out actions and report back to the next meeting.

SH 31/24

Community Hall Noticeboard

Cllr Lewis reported that the Hall noticeboard has had to be removed due to disrepair.

Resolved: To fund a new noticeboard from the Bryn Titli Fund, Community element. Clerk to obtain prices for the next meeting.

SH 32/24

Annual Meeting (May 2024)

The Clerk reported that the Community Hall is not available for 2nd May 2024 due to a pre-booking.

Resolved: to hold the Annual Meeting in the Community Hall on 9th May 2024.

SH 33/24

St Harmon Play Area

Cllr Williams will contact the local landowner to try and move this project forward.

SH 34/24

County Councillors Report

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood gave her apologies for tonight's meeting but sent the following update:

a) **Tree – Shettingau, Gilfach Road**

Concern was expressed about an old and dangerous tree in this area. This could be a health and safety issue. Location – Gilfach Road, opposite Poultry Unit.

Response - The tree would come under the landowner. Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood to follow this up.

b) **Road Surface Issues**

There are issues in St Harmon where the 30mph limits on the road have been removed which have damaged the surface, this is the site where the boys went out to during the last storm. There is also an issue outside of Green Farm in Pantydwr.

Response - The road in St Harmon where the 30mph has been removed is perfectly fine no defects at all

c) **Standing Water on Road**

Concern was expressed about surface water just above Ffosmascal.

Response - Couldn't find the standing water by Ffosmascal.

In relation to the standing water, I presume this is because the officer visited the site on a dry day. I have chased this up.

d) **Regarding Paw Print Wood, on the A470 between Rhayader and Llangurig, I am in constant contact with the Enforcement Officer that is dealing with the case, and they are currently:**

"Awaiting some comments on the case from the trunk road agency about the land being accessed via the layby, as the access does makes the Layby redundant.

I understand that it is very frustrating to the members of the public in your ward, and outside looking in, it does appear that nothing is happening, but the more evidence I can gather from different service areas and agencies will help ensure the enforcement notice is watertight"

SH 35/24

Other Matters

a) **New Roundabout**

Cllr Lewis had read about a proposed new roundabout in Rhayader at the junction with St Harmon Road. The Clerk explained that this Council would not have been notified as a statutory consultee as it does not fall within the parish. The Clerk will find a link to the application and circulate to members.

b) **Flooding by Sychnant Chapel**

There is flooding on the road coming from a spring by the Chapel and water is pooling by the bridge which, if freezes would could a serious hazard. Clerk to report this to Cty Cllr Johnson Wood.

c) **Tiny Forests in Wales**

Cllr Mills informed members of the new opportunity - grants of up to £40,000 per site. Applicants may make one application to cover several sites. Each site may not exceed a cost of £40,000, and the maximum grant available per application is £250,000. Applicants may not submit more than one application. up to 100% funding <https://www.gov.wales/coetiroedd-bach-tiny-forests-guidance>

d) **Play Area**

Cllr McPhee reported an issue with the swing chains on Pant y Dwr play area.

Resolved: to purchase swing chain covers for all swings.