

St Harmon Community Council

Minutes of a Remote Meeting of St Harmon held on Thursday 5th September, 2024 in St Harmon Community Hall

- Present:** Cllr S Lewis, M Williams, L McPhee, D Poulton, N Schmidt
- Apologies:** Cllr A Mills, Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood
- SH 95/24** The Chair welcomed Cllr David Poulton to his first meeting.
- SH 96/24** **Declaration:**
SH 101/24c Cllr D Poulton
- SH 97/24** **Minutes**
a) Minutes of Meeting held on 4th July 2024
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- SH 98/24** **Information from Minutes**
None
- SH 99/24** **Public Speaking**
None.
- SH 100/24** **Correspondence**
a) PCC – LDP
Notification of the opening of the consultation period for the new Draft LDP. This closes on 7th October 2024.
<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12866/Replacement-Local-Development-Plan-2022---2037>
- b) PCC – LDP Candidate Sites**
Notification of candidate sites within Powys -
<https://ldp.powys.gov.uk/docfiles/36/Findings%20of%20the%20Candidate%20Site%20Initial%20Site%20Filter%20Assessment.pdf>
- There are no sites within this council's parish.
- Members agreed that the community has insufficient affordable housing and a lack of infrastructure to support this.
Resolved: to feed this back to the consultation.
- c) Nadara – Wind Farms**
Ventient Energy and Renantis have merged under the new brand of Nadara. This will have no impact of the community council and its funding.
- Call for projects Impact, Care Connection in support of sustainable projects in communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are on offer.

Members felt that solar panels would be a good idea for the Community Hall.

Resolved: Clerk to forward this email to The Community Hall for its consideration and possible application.

d) Scribe – Demonstration

The Clerk requested that the Council have a demonstration on the Scribe accounting package. She feels this would be an ideal package for this council, particularly as it manages funds for the Bryn Titli Fund.

Resolved: to arrange a Zoom presentation

e) Resident – Speed Limit

Concern was expressed about the speed of traffic going through St Harmon which has been excessive for many years, with particular concern about Lingen corner.

Resolved: to seek permission to forward this email to Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood and PCC Highways.

f) PCC – Road Closure – C1220

This will be from 9am – 4pm on 9th September. This was noted.

g) Powys County Council – Local Bus Service Engagement

Resolved: to publish this link on social media, pass to John Senior and email all contacts.

SH 101/24

Planning Applications

a) 24/1080/VAR

Grid Reference: **E:**298148 **N:** 275179

Proposal: Discharge of S106 agreement attached to permission P/2011/0489 to remove occupancy restrictions - Site Address: Hafan, Pant-y-Dwr.

Resolved: No objection.

b) 24/1157/VAR

Grid Reference: **E:**299061 **N:** 272253

Proposal: Discharge of entire Section 106 Agreement attached to planning permission P/2015/0205 (occupancy) - Site Address: Golwg Pentref, St Harmon, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5LU.

Resolved: No objection.

c) 24/1130/FUL

Grid Reference: **E:**299607 **N:** 274407

Proposal: Erection of rural enterprise welling, garage, access, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works - Site Address: Land Near Glan Marteg, St Harmon, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5LY.

Cllr D Poulton declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Resolved: No objection were made providing that the currently sited mobile homes are removed on project completion

SH 102/24

Finance

- a) Cllr S Lewis – Allowance - £208.00 - approved
- b) Cllr M Williams – Allowance - £208.00 - approved
- c) A Mills – Summer Party Sundries - £77.56 - approved
- d) Notice Board Magnets - £22.56 - approved
- e) R Williams – Hog Roast - £1560.00 - approved
- f) Noticemeboards - £1259.88 - approved
- g) Inky Sparkles - £150.00 – approved
- h) A Mills – Cake Ingredients - £19.44 - approved

SH 103/24

Bryn Titli Grant Applications

- a) **Nantgwyn Baptist Chapel - £1500**
Application for flooring repairs and carpet for Vestry
Resolved: to award a grant of £500

- b) **Pant y Dwr Coffee Morning - £400**
Application for the weekly supply of tea, coffee and cakes
Resolved: to award a grant of £400 to be paid to the Hall Committee to be ring fenced for hall rental.

- c) **Pant y Dwr Show Committee - £1770**
Application for printing costs & portable toilets for 2024 show (retrospective.)
Resolved: to award a grant of £1500

- d) **St Harmon & District Community Hall - £704.98**
Application for the purchase of new stage lights and bulbs
Resolved: to award a grant of £705.

SH 104/24

Llanidloes Memorial Hospital

The Chair asked for this to be placed on the agenda. Members discussed the issue of the hospital being down grade.
Resolved: to write into object to this.

SH 105/24

Rhayader Motor Club

The Chair asked for this to be placed on the agenda.

Members agreed to write a letter of congratulations and thanks to the Motor Club hosting and organizing the wonderful GP Enduro of Wales for 2024 which organisers have stated will be a “hard act to follow.”

Resolved: to write to the Club

SH 106/24

20 Mph Speed Limit

Cllr Poulton had asked for this matter to be put on the agenda. There is concern over the speed vehicles are travelling. The Clerk explained the mechanism for making observations. There is a link on the Council’s website to this

http://www.stharmoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/?page_id=1167

Resolved: Clerk to share this link with Cllr Poulton

- SH 107/24 St Harmon Play Area**
This matter was discussed and was cost prohibitive for the Council. It was agreed to park this matter.
- SH 108/24 Council Vacancy – Co-option Notice**
Two vacancies are now being advertised for co-option. Members were asked to circulate this information which is on the Facebook page, website and noticeboards.
- SH 109/24 Community Events**
- a) Community Show – Feedback**
It was agreed that the stall was in a particularly bad position this year and had little footfall. It was suggested to host a table in the Hall Foyer for next year.
 - b) Over 60's Lunch**
This will be held on Thursday 5th December 2023, Cllr Lewis will contact Ty Morgans to obtain a quote. The Clerk will amend the registration slip and prepare a draft for members to look at.
- SH 110/24 County Councillors Report**
Unfortunately, Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood was unable to attend as she was unwell.
- SH 111/24 Other Matters**
- a) Gas Supply**
Members asked the Clerk to contact British Gas to see if there are any plans to have a gas supply in this community.
Resolved: Clerk to contact British Gas
 - b) Speed Issues – Rhayader to Llangurig**
Following reports of continual accidents often resulting in fatalities the Clerk was asked to contact Go Safe about operating speed cameras.
Resolved: Clerk to contact Go Safe
 - c) 120th Anniversary of Rhayader War Memorial**
The Chair had been approached about this anniversary. The Clerk will contact the Clerk from Rhayader.
Resolved: Clerk to contact Rhayader Town Council
 - d) Speed Matrix Signs**
The possibility of purchasing flashing speed matrix signs was discussed. The Clerks suggested these could be purchased from the Bryn Titli Fund.
Resolved: Clerk to look into this matter and contact PCC Highways