

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANSTADWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT NEWTON HALL, WATERSTON AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr R Diggle (Chair)
Cllr B Evans
Cllr M Reynolds
Cllr E Pugh
Cllr P Roberts
Cllr S Thomas
Cllr G Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Lloyd
Cllr H Dyer

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark-Davies)

148/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Thomas advised that he was also a member of Neyland Town Council.

149/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair, Cllr R Diggle advised that he had laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Council at the Service of Remembrance at Neyland and that he had attended a meeting at The County Archives regarding the LDP2.

150/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record apart from the following amendment:

- a) Minute 138/24 third sentence to read from 6th June 'and considered prior to the Annual Return being signed and approved on 11th June 2024.'

151/24 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) **Minute 134/24** the location of the grit box on Church Road is still undecided and a meeting will be held with local residents to decide on the best location. The Clerk will write again to PCC regarding the drainage issues on Church Road.
- b) **Minute 140/24** the new website is 'live', and Members suggested that information on the LanzaTech planning application be posted under the 'News' heading as well as the planning approval for the wind turbines at Dragon LNG. It was agreed that information on the costs of running the public conveniences at Hazelbeach should also be included. It was also

- c) agreed that Welsh Water be contacted for an update on the repairs to the water leak between the toilets and the water meter.

152/24 UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS TO 31ST OCTOBER 2024

- a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £523.57 in the Current Acct, £16, 924.19 in the Saver Acct and £10,894.92 in the United Trust Bank acct.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £13,022.63 (gross) and expenditure of £13,589.72 (gross).
- c) The Financial Budget Comparison showing the Budget set, the actual income and expenditure figures and the balance remaining under each heading.

The clerk suggested that the funds in the UTB be withdrawn at maturity at the end of March 2025 so that they were more accessible if needed.

RESOLVED: That the above financial information be accepted.

153/24 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

There were no members of the public present.

154/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark-Davies Nov salary	£289.60
b) PAYE for November	£72.40
c) Cleaner’s wages for November (4 weeks)	£305.20
d) Audit Wales Fees for Accts audit 2023-24	£200.00
e) Mastlebridge Village Hall – rent for 2024	£48.00
f) Easy Websites- website hosting/domain name etc	£39.96
g) Welsh Water – rates for toilets April to Oct 2024	£892.49
h) Simon Safety – tub urinal blocks for toilets	£38.35

155/24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AGREEMENT FOR 2024-25

Information on the Local Govt Services Pay Agreement for 2024-25 had been received from OVW. The Clerk’s current hourly rate was £18.10 and the new rate, applicable from April 2024 was £18.72. This increase of 62p per hour was agreed, to be backdated to April 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Local Govt Pay award be paid, backdated to April 2024.

156/24 **IRPW –DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26**

The above draft report has been received and Determination 7 stated that all councils must pay their members £156 per year towards the extra household expenses of working from home. Also, Councils must pay Members £52 per year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or they must enable Members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of those consumables.

RESOLVED: **That Determination 7 be accepted and Members be advised that it is their decision on whether to opt out of these payments or not.**

157/24 **PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS FOR OCTOBER**

The above reports had been received and circulated. The reports indicated that there were a few medium risk items that require attention. It was agreed that after Christmas we would visit one park at a time and make good all the minor items that have been listed for some time. The clerk had received a report about a damaged seat near Jordanston near to where the bus stop was located. It was agreed that this would be removed and costs for a replacement would be obtained.

158/24 **UPDATE ON BURIAL BOARD MATTERS**

The chair of the BB, Cllr R Diggle advised that there were sufficient funds to settle the October and November bills and there was no need for additional funding at this point. The current lawnmower is still functional as it has recently been repaired.

159/24 **UPDATE ON NEW WEBSITE**

This matter had been covered under Matters Arising.

160/24 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

- a) **24/0639/PA: Two storey side and rear extension at 21 St Mary's Park, Jordanston, SA73 1HU** – Members wished to support this application but found it inappropriate that the decision would be made by a PCC officer, when the applicant is PCC. It was considered that the decision would be best made by the planning committee.
- b) **24/0743/PA: Demolition of existing structures and erection of a Gas Fermentation facility, supporting infrastructure and associated development on land at former refinery, Waterston, SA73 1DR** – it was agreed that this be discussed at the December meeting so that Members can study the large number of online documents that accompanied the application. Members expressed concern about the pre-application

consultation and whether our response to LanzaTech following the online presentation had been published.

161/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) PCC – LDP2 consultation opens – request hard copy of document.
- b) NTC invitation to Remembrance Service for Chairman – attended.
- c) PCC Working Together online meeting 26th Nov – noted.
- d) Welsh Govt Planning Inspectorate – Dragon LNG – noted.
- e) Paul Davies AM – newsletter – noted.
- f) Marley Bennet of Turley – LanzaTech submit planning application – noted.
- g) Wales Air Ambulance – Community appeal – consider in March 2025.
- h) OVW £1.5 m funding for Warm Hubs across Wales – forward to Ferry House Inn.
- i) OVW Training dates for November/December – book two new councillors onto Code of Conduct training.

162/24 ANY OTHER INFORMATION

The following matters were raised:

- a) Cllr P Roberts asked when we wished him to put up the Christmas Trees and it was agreed for as early in December as possible.
- b) Cllr S Thomas advised that he has organised several Christmas events on behalf of Neyland Town Council that all Members are welcome to attend.

163/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 7.00pm.

Signed..... Chair.....Date

Signed.....Clerk