

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANSTADWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
NEWTON HALL, WATERSTON ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.000PM**

PRESENT: Cllr R Diggle (Chair)
Cllr H Dyer
Cllr P Roberts
Cllr M Reynolds
Cllr J Lloyd
Cllr G Wilson
Cllr Liz Pugh

APOLOGIES Cllr B Evans
Cllr S Thomas

164/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

165/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Diggle advised that he had attended a 'Working Together' on-line meeting hosted by PCC which included information on an asset transfer by Angle CC and the PCC draft budget for 2025-26. PCC have a £34m deficit and they have a legal obligation to have a balanced budget which means there will be a reduction in services and an increase in council tax. It was suggested we send a letter to Chief Executive Officer advising of our disappointment in the cutbacks to essential services and for services that provide support to the community that are planned. If staff reductions are planned, then senior executive posts should be reduced in proportion".

Cllr H Dyer and Cllr M Reynolds attended the RWE quarterly meeting and advised that they are proceeding with the battery park and condenser. Cllr Dyer has forwarded the report to the Clerk which should be circulated to all members.

166/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting on 12th November were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

167/24 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) **Minute 151/24 a)** no meeting regarding grit box has been arranged yet.
- b) **Minute 151/24b)** the new website is live, but no member pics have been received as yet.
- c) **Minute 151/24 c)** The toilets are closed, and a claim has been sent to Zurich to which we are awaiting a response. A list of companies to approach regarding the leak will be send to the clerk by Cllr H Dyer.

168/24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

169/24 **UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £985.59 in the Current Acct, £12,924.19 in the Saver Acct and £10,894.92 in the United Trust Bank acct.

b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £13,292.63 (gross) and expenditure of £17,397.70 (gross).

c) The Financial Budget Comparison showing the Budget set, the actual income and expenditure figures and the balance remaining under each heading.

It was agreed that £5000 be taken off the Elections reserve heading and placed in general reserves to balance the general reserves and earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED: That the above financial information be accepted

170/24 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark-Davies December salary	£299.60
b) PAYE for December	£72.40
c) Cleaner's wages for December (4 weeks)	£305.20
d) J Clark-Davies – printer ink, paper, envelopes	£12.49
e) Cllr P Roberts reimb for purchase of Christmas trees x 4	£240.00
f) Hazelbeach Hall – hire fees for 2024	£60.00
g) Octopus Energy – November electricity at toilets	£19.98

171/24 **DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2025-26**

The Council Tax Base had not been received from PCC so draft budgets were set by Council for approval in January. The estimated income was £20,841.65 and expenditure at £27,435.00. There will be a full discussion in January on whether to increase the precept once the Council Tax base figure is received from PCC.

**RESOLVED: That the draft budget be confirmed in January
once the Council Tax figure is received from PCC.**

172/24 **PLAY AREA NOVEMBER INSPECTIONS**

The November reports had been received and circulated. Cllr Hywel Dyer had checked through and nothing high risk was listed for Waterston. Hazelbank for mostly low/ medium risk items and Jordanston the same

although the climbing frame top bar may be rotten. This will be checked out. Cllr Dyer will do some repair work over the Christmas holiday.

173/24 **UPDATE ON BURIAL BOARD MATTERS**

The chairman, Cllr R Diggle updated Members, advising that no meeting had been held last month and the BB is currently solvent. There were no burials in the past month and the investigation is progressing, albeit slowly. Cllr Diggle was interviewed online last Friday, with four more to be interviewed before we get a report.

174/24 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

a) **24/0743/PA: Demolition of existing structures and erection of Gas Fermentation facility, supporting infrastructure and associated development on land at Waterston refinery, Milford Haven, SA73 1DR** – Cllr Diggle advised that he had circulated a letter to the residents of Alban Crescent regarding the application and little interest had been shown. It was agreed this application be supported in principle, but reference should be made to the letter sent to LanzaTech following our presentation on their proposals.

b) **24/0805/PA: Construction of two detached properties at The Paddock, Main Road, Waterston.** – support for two properties only.

175/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) PCC – Pembs Music 2023-2024 Review – noted.
- b) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Fund for All Appeal – discuss in March.
- c) PCC – response regarding drainage issues in Church Road – noted.
- d) PCC Property – reply regarding lease on public conveniences – noted.
- e) OVW – Training dates for December – March – noted.
- f) Paul Davies MS Newsletter – noted.
- g) Zurich – response to claim for water leak at toilets – awaiting full response.

176/24 **ANY OTHER INFORMATION.**

The following matter was raised:

- a) The damaged bench in Jordanston needs to be repaired – clerk to get quote for January meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th January 2025 at Hazelbeach Community Mission Hall at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk