

## MINUTES OF DUHONW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 11TH JULY 2019

APOLOGIES - CLLR LI. Samuel.

PRESENT - CLLRS P. Jones (chair) T. Evans, D.Price, R.Powell, A. Powell

Minutes of meeting 16th May were signed as a true record.

Matters arising -

a/. Mr D. Ronicle had sent his apologies re - speaking about the defibs. But mentioned that Aimee Powell has info re - supply, fit and maintain the defibs. CARIAD is charity that supplies these.

b/. Cllr T.Evans felt that the hedges hadn't been trimmed at Liliwen and mentioned also needed work on hedges at Tynygraig, Nantyrarian and Tumble (both sides).

Cllr D. Price reported that Highways would be willing to put up warning signs for horses on Maesmynis road and would mention hedge issues again.

Councillors which hadn't previously signed 'Register of Members Interest Forms' at AGM did so. Clerk had received a letter from Kirsty Williams and 1 Voice Wales re 3 years of errors re External audit.(Grant Thornton). AM agreed that mistakes didn't encourage confidence and felt that there is a need to be charged proportionate to scale. OVW said they would make our concerns known. They also mentioned that future external audit would be done by Wales Audit officers not external companies.

Llanwrthwl C.Council were taking a motion forward that councils with less than £5,000 precept should have substantially less charges.

Clerk had spoken to other clerks re - number of signatories per C.C. Llanafan and Llanwrthwl have 3 and Cilmeri use internet banking. Bank still maintain 3 are sufficient.

Model Standing Orders - 20 pages were circulated and agreed to adopt by the councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE - emails sent previously-

A/. OVW Conference 10th July Llanellwedd. - no interest.

B/. List of online training modules - code of conduct, health and safety etc.

C/. Carers survey results online

D/. Paying data protection fee if processing personal data.

E/. Older people's commissioners newsletter - 3 year Strategy

F/. OVW Area Committee 19th July - Llanwrtyd.

G/. Independent Review Panel on Town and C. Council findings included -

Review of boundaries to ensure areas fit the needs of the community.

Town and C.C should have a stronger voice to shape areas.

Recommend all clerks have a CILCA qualification and be appointed from an approved list.

Lack of diversity amongst current councillors.

Many other findings and recommendations.

FINANCE -£1,394.09 on account.

Budget monitoring was carried out.

Clerks half annual salary was sanctioned for £450 plus £25 expenses.

Moved by Cllrs R.P and 2nd by P.J. Cheque no 000239 was signed.

External Audit - un-presented cheque of £20 was causing problems.

Clerk mentioned that External Audit now required Financial Regulations which needed to be read and agreed by councillors. Had been emailed out. Clerk passed around the 22 pages to be adopted. Cllr A.P moved to adopt them and 2nd by Cllr R.P.

PLANNING - Newfoundwell, Newry road,

Conversion of outbuilding to a holiday let unit. Clerk to email details around.

A.O.B - Clerk gave the chair her letter of resignation. It was suggested by Cllr A.P to ask Mrs Gail Powell if she would be willing to take it on.

Date next meeting 12th September.

