Llanpumsaint Community Council Meeting Minutes: 02.12.2020 Memorial Hall 8.00 pm

Present: The Councillors, Arwel Nicholas, Pamela Jones, Dylan Jones, Gethin Edwards, Danny Davies, Derick Lock Elfed Davies. Apologies : County Councillor Irfon Jones

Agenda Item	Notes/Decisions	Actioned by
Declaration of Interest	None	
Minutes	Not relevant under the circumstances.	
Matters Arising	English was the language of the meeting as a Translator wasn't available. AN had spoken with Deryck Evans; Audit Wales Manager who stated that Grant Thornton would no longer be External Auditors and that Audit Wales would be the Council's auditors from now on. When asked about the Clerk's use of his farm accountant to complete the form, Deryck Evans replied that it would be permissible to do so but that a second accountant would have to act as an internal auditor. Deryck Evans also said that he had received the outstanding audit forms but that the additional information requested had not been provided. AN read out the list of the Clerk's failings, which included that the Council website prevented Minutes from being accessed. Deryck Evans was critical of the Council for not holding meetings and was surprised that there hadn't been a change of Chairman. AN replied that the Councillors were following Carmarthenshire County Council's procedures which stated that meetings of numbers greater than 6 were prohibited. Mr Evans had no answer to this statement. ED - Can the Clerk submit the outstanding information requested? DL - There is no choice other than to comply and possibly increase the Precept to pay the Audit Wales fine. PJ - The situation needs to be resolved immediately. GE - The situation needs to be resolved immediately. DJ - The situation needs to be resolved immediately. DJ - The situation needs to be resolved immediately. AN - There is no other choice. PJ - Clerk to request help with finances if required. ED - Is the fine of £3,456 a threat or will it have to be paid? Would it be possible to request a reduction? AN - Better to comply than have a Section 22 Document published. Clerk stated that there were no missing monies as the	

	 Accounts Book balanced. AN - A letter to be sent to AW stating that the Clerk had been instructed to comply with their instructions. Clerk to submit the 9 items of information requested immediately as well as an explanatory letter and Response to the Consideration Document. ED - As the Council is a member of One Voice Wales, can they intervene on our behalf? The Council has insurance with Zurich; does the policy include the payment of legal fees? 	
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AOB	Lyn Thomas, Brynmeillion has expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor.	

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