

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Present (P): Apologies (A): Did Not Attend (X)

Ioan Rees	P	John Barnes	P	Bruce MacInnes	P
Lucy Campbell Rogers	A	Jurgen Kronig	x	Doug Price	P
Rob Hislop	x	John Armstrong	x	Philippa Todd	P

74/24/ SPC Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Campbell Rogers

It was unanimously resolved to accept the apologies and reason for absence.

75/24/SPC Public participation/ Correspondence

- a. Public participation
Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.
- b. Correspondence
For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There were no MOP in attendance other than grant applicants.

76/24/SPC Declarations of Interest

Declarations from Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Orders 13b) or other interest (Standing Orders 13c) in respect of matters being considered by the Council.

There were no declarations made.

77/24/SPC Chairman Announcements

The chairman made no announcements.

78/24/SPC Large Grant Application – Lansdowne Hall

To consider the [large grant request](#) for £7000 and [additional information](#) from Lansdowne Village Hall Committee.

**Budget; Environment and Aesthetics/ Community Improvements
Power; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19(3)**

Two representatives from the Lansdowne Hall attended to present the application and answer questions from the committee.

To summarise the application; *financial assistance is being sought to increase the number of solar panels in use and adding battery storage. By adding the storage capacity they plan to take advantage of a electricity tariff where they can sell electricity to the grid at periods of high use.*

The plan is to use a local company to install the panels as they have a good working relationship with the company who installed the original panels on site.

£14000 capital costs for installation,

Maintenance costs are minimal. Looking for 50% of the capital, looking to make hall green, and keep increases to the rate low.

Want to keep community groups to able to afford to use the hall.

There is a second phase of this project planned as the boiler starting to come to the end of its serviceable life, conscious about maybe needing to remove a gas boiler. Unsure exactly when this second phase might be implemented.

Need to look at insulation, improving doors where energy leaks are, committee is committed to making these improvements themselves.

Could have a lead time of 2-3 months from selected company.

After listening to the representatives the councillors asked questions these are summarised below;

What is gas used for in the hall?

Answer; underfloor heating.

What is electricity used for?

Answer lights and everything else.

How many panels would there be in total?

Ans; 38 in total with the addition,

Would we get money back for our investment? Would we benefit from the 'money making' scheme?

Answer; existing panels are 6 years old so not as effective as the panels proposed for installation.

Wouldn't it be better to talk to an energy consultant before investing in improving infrastructure?

Answer; ground source heating would be prohibitively expensive, looked at infrared heating.

Will the existing panels will they be joined onto the same system?

Answer; two independent systems in parallel.

With the existing panels are you on an export tariff?

Answer; Yes we do, get some money back, but we don't have a battery so can't use an advantageous tariff. Have taken advice about payback periods.

CLlr MacInnes joined the meeting at 19.52

How fixed are the tariffs that you are looking at?

Ans; fixed as much as any energy company is able to.

Is the quotation indicative or are you looking for more?

Ans; no didn't search for additional quotes, because got a good working relationship with the existing company.

what is the limiting power? Is there a limit as to how many panels can be installed? Is there room on the roof for more?

Ans; Could consider east facing but limitations on what you can put back into the network.

Would the system be limited by what can be exported? There is a risk that the hall might be restricted in what they can export before they are considered a power station.

Answer; need to check.

CLlr Rees – commented that groups can look at the area board for additional funding for projects like this.

If funding wasn't available would you go ahead with it with a bank loan?

How utilised is the hall?

Ans; Bounced back pretty well after covid, brought new groups and societies in.

CLlr MacInnes- left meeting at 20.09 family emergency.

Following the questions the councillors discussed the application.

It was noted that there was a preference for a energy consultant to visit the site before investment in a project as big as this. To ensure if money would get better return spent in other places (insulation etc..)

It was noted that this would improve the carbon footprint of the hall and benefit the community.

There was concern that alternative funding methods hadn't been sought and not enough quotes obtained as the Parish Council would be required to do prior to spending such a sum of money.

More research needs to be done to discover how much electric can actually be exported and if the hall would be limited on how much they can export.

Following the discussions as per the large grant procedure the application was graded using the matrix system.

CII – Ref number -	Scoring (1-5) – Criteria given below	Weighting – Importance to Community/Council	Total Score
Alignment with Neighbourhood Plan	4	5	20
Community Benefits	5	5	25
Environmental Benefit Impacts	4	3	12
Measuring Benefits	4	3	12
Legacy Potential and Impact / Sustainability	4	3	12
Funding / Costs	2	3	6
Legislative requirements to be satisfied	2	3	6
Project Management and Risk	4	4	16
Total			109

As two of the categories scored 2 the application has failed at this point and the strategic plan cannot make recommendations to full council.

It was acknowledged that the reasons that the grant request failed are easily rectified;

Engage consultant; get further quotes, get roof checked ensure can put amount of power into the grid.

Approach other sources of funding. Are there other sources that have been approached and are they happy to support you?

It was noted that the committee felt keen to support but at a lower financial level with other groups helping to support.

It was noted that the next meeting of area board is 12th November 2024.

79/24/SPC Updated Project List

To consider the updated project list against the CIL and Sun Edison funds held.

The committee discussed the updated project list and made notes and amendments where required.

It was proposed to remove the £400 reserve for the kissing gate in Quemerford.

It was unanimously resolved to recommend full council to release the reserve.

80/24/SPC Chilvester Hill Bus Stop Proposal

To give further consideration the attached [report](#).

Recommendation that the Council considers -

a) the provision of two bus shelters at the existing bus stops on the A4 at Chilvester Hill at a cost of up to £11,000 (ex Vat) to cover installation and any additional traffic management costs.

And.

b) the submission of the Highway Improvement Form to LHFIG to seek Wiltshire Council part funding towards the provision of the shelters.

Budget; Infrastructure

Power; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4

Cllr Rees is still pursuing Bewley homes, keep stressing good publicity if put in a couple of bus shelters they are still thinking about it. He will continue to pursue, both Bremhill and Calne have taken the idea to their council/committee meeting and they are happy to maintain if it get put in. Bremhill slightly worried about maintenance costs.

DP- Noticed no streetlight on one of the proposed locations. The shelter would need to be lit. is providing a power supply part of the quote.

Risk of an overspend- traffic management could be an issue and a possible power supply. Money has been identified as available.

To be taken to the Full Council meeting in October.

It was noted that we could propose a higher contribution from ourselves if we take the proposal to LHFIG. Suggested we ask them for a 30-50% contribution.

81/24/SPC Update on drafting of new strategic plan for Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council.

To receive an update.

Cllr Barnes reported the new plan is underway, the budget side, which we have a draft budget, which is well in progress, the text of the plan has had a good start, need to do a second iteration of it, progressing well. Done the bulk of it. Will aim to circulate for the next strategic plan meeting.

**82/24/SPC Agree date of next Strategic plan committee meeting.
The next meeting was agreed for Monday 25th November 7.30**

The meeting closed at 21.29