

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Cllrs Meinir James (Chairman), Viv Davies, Janet Knott, Elfyn Williams, Shan Rees, Mair Stephens, Richard John and Arfon Davies (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Eifion Jones, Rheinallt Jones and Philip Davies.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 2nd July 2020 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

1. Vacancy for member of Council – The Clerk noted that no expressions of interest had been received in co-option onto the Council. It was therefore agreed to invite Mr Hugh Anderson to be co-opted as a member of Llandyfaelog Community Council.

2. Pavement damage due to residential development – Rose and Crown, Llandyfaelog – This matter continued to be monitored.

3. Concerns regarding road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484 – No further progress with the audit of proposals for the junction was received. The County Council had again noted that a long backlog was now in place following the COVID-19 outbreak restrictions. Noted.

4. Footway lighting LED lamp upgrade project – It was noted that a date was still awaited for the contractor to return and complete the works with the outstanding lights. Noted.

5. Footway lighting repairs – Completion of the installation of the new lamp at the GD Harries junction in Idole was confirmed. It was further confirmed that the solar panel for the light at Idole had been received with work on the bracketry now awaited. A contractor survey had also been carried out in relation to the lighting at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin with the report awaited. Noted.

6. Highway Safety concerns on the B4309 at Bancycapel – Confirmation was received that the speed management working group had decided that the Bancycapel area did not meet the criteria for a reduced speed limit. This was noted with disappointment as issues with speed continued to be experienced. It was however confirmed that improvements would be carried out to the area road markings and signage and that the Police would retain the area on the speed monitoring schedule. This was noted.

It was agreed to invite a Police Speed Monitoring Team representative to attend a future meeting of the Council.

7. Litter bin for Kidwelly direction bus shelter at Llandyfaelog – The Clerk continued to chase the matter with the County Council.

8. Public Lighting at Llandyfaelog Junction – The Clerk confirmed that dates for a site visit were awaited. Noted.

9. Keep Wales Tidy – Local Places for Nature Starter Pack – The Clerk noted that deliveries had commenced of the items included in the pack with installation at Idole Field anticipated for the week commencing 14th September. Noted.

10. Footpath 29/3 – Between Croesyceiliog and Pentrepoeth – The Clerk confirmed that the County Council had not yet been able to make any progress on this matter. Noted.

11. 2019-20 Annual Return – The Clerk confirmed that the Auditor hoped to carry out the Council audit in the next couple of weeks. Noted.

12. Penygraig Chapel Bin – The Clerk confirmed that the bin would be changed however due to COVID-19 there may be a delay in this being carried out. Noted.

13. Governing Body of Ysgol y Fro – The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Richard John had been appointed to the position. Noted.

14. COVID-19 – Members discussed the on-going COVID-19 outbreak and the impact upon the Community.

15. Planning Application W/40717, Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd – The Clerk confirmed that the application included the removal of the requirement to provide 4 affordable units which were originally allocated for the application site. This was noted with a decision on the application awaited.

16. Footpath 29/1/1 Cwmffrwd towards Cincoed – The County Council had confirmed that they were aware of a blockage along this path and apologised that they had been unable to progress the matter as of yet. Noted.

17. Footpath Map – The Clerk had provided a link to the County Council online footpath map. The Clerk will make enquiries to see if a printed version was available.

18. Litter bin stickers – The Clerk to make further enquiries to see if stickers were available.

19. Dog mess signs – The Clerk had provided localised signs in Llandyfaelog and Bancycafel with further signs to be provided in Idole.

20. Bin for Cwmale Bench Area - The Clerk confirmed that the bin was to be provided however due to COVID-19 there may be a delay in this being carried out. Noted.

5. Correspondence

1. Wales Air Ambulance – Thank you letter for the Council's donation made in the May meeting. Noted.

2. Hywel Dda Community Health Council – June and July Newsletter. Noted.

3. Welsh Government Minister for Housing and Local Government – Invitation for thoughts on how to support the post COVID recovery and reconstruction of Wales. Noted.

4. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine – Noted.

5. Carmarthenshire County Council – Connect to kindness campaign. Noted.

6. Age Cymru Dyfed – Befriending Life Links project information. Noted.

7. Carmarthenshire County Council – Notification of an emergency road closure at Gellideg, Kidwelly undertaken on the 17th July. Noted.

8. Carmarthenshire County Council – Consultation on the proposal by BT to remove the telephone kiosks at Idole and Cwmffrwd. The closing date was on the 14th August and the Clerk confirmed that having consulted with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, that the Council had as in previous consultations, objected to the proposal to remove these kiosks. This was approved.

9. One Voice Wales – July Newsletter. Noted.

- 10. Welsh Government** – Notification of the laying in the Senedd of the National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales. Noted.
- 11. Housing development in Croesyceiliog** – The Clerk confirmed that during the Summer recess, a request had been made by a property developer in Croesyceiliog for the Community Council footway lighting column located on one of the building plots to be relocated away from the plot. The Clerk had consulted with members and confirmed to the County Council that the Council had no objection to the proposal as long as there was no cost implication to Llandyfaelog Community Council. The matter was noted to now to be under discussion between Western Power Distribution and the Landowner / Developer. Noted.
- 12. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel** - Annual Report 2019-20. Noted.
- 13. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
- 14. Welsh Government** – Information on the Wales Transport Strategy that was due to receive consultation during the Autumn. Noted.
- 15. Dyfed Powys Police** – Confirmation that during a speed monitoring exercise undertaken on the 22nd July in Idole that 15 vehicles had been noted as travelling above the speed limit in the hour of the exercise. It was agreed to request confirmation as to whether these individuals had been prosecuted and to request results of future exercises when these were carried out.
- 16. Older People's Commissioner** – Information circular. Noted.
- 17. Welsh Government** – Information request on loss of income experienced by Town and Community Councils as a result of the COVID outbreak. Noted.
- 18. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service** – July Newsletter. Noted.
- 19. One Voice Wales** – Best Practice Guide on Community Consultation. Noted.
- 20. Carmarthenshire County Council** – During the Summer recess the Clerk had reported an overflowing bin near Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin. Noted.
- 21. Carmarthenshire County Council** – A planning enforcement issue had arisen in relation to a slurry lagoon at Nanytgoetre Isaf, Ferryside. It was confirmed that enforcement visits had been undertaken along with the RSPCA and a request had been made for a planning application to be made. Noted.
- 22. South West Wales Regional Contractors Framework** - Newsletter. Noted.
- 23. Care and Repair Carmarthenshire** – Information on the help to move scheme. Noted.
- 24. Carmarthenshire County Council** - Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2020-21 precept, being £7,666.67. Noted.
- 25. Carmarthenshire County Council** - Code of Conduct Training presentation that would have been given if a training event had been carried out, however due to COVID restrictions this had not been possible. Noted.
- 26. Carmarthenshire County Council** - Monument consultation. It was agreed that members should respond individually should they wish to do so.
- 27. Welsh Government** - Decarbonisation Programme August Newsletter. Noted.
- 28. One Voice Wales** - Guidance for Councils on holding meetings on a physical basis. Noted.

6. Idole Field and Community Amenities

- 1.** The Clerk noted that the Idole Field outer fence had been damaged by a car accident on the 11th July, it appeared the driver was over the drink drive limit at the time of the accident and no other vehicles had been involved.. The matter had been reported to the police and Council insurers. Quotes had been sought from local companies and the original County Council Contractor with a price only being

received from David Rees Fencing in the sum of £945.00 plus VAT. This quote had been approved for progression by the insurer. Council noted the £250.00 policy excess and approved completion of the works by David Rees Fencing. The Clerk noted that a claim had been made to the police for compensation as part of the pending Court Case.

2. The Clerk noted that the painting works at Llandyfaelog Pump and shelter had been completed with a total cost by the Council Handyperson of £298.00. This was approved for payment.

7. Accessible Website

The Clerk noted that further work had been carried out with the 2nd draft of the website to be circulated soon for Member consideration. The company were fully aware of the deadline for publishing the website online being the 23rd September.

8. Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk noted that work had been carried out as follows:

July - 32 hours plus £2.40 expenses	- Total £482.40
August - 32 hours	- Total £480.00

These payments were approved.

9. Planning

1. **PL/00282** – Detached private garage with home office, fitness studio and WC above (retrospective) – Glannant, Cwmffrwd, SA32 8DB. Mrs Catrin Safadi. No objections.

10. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. Marie Curie Cancer Care
2. Tenovus

It was agreed to approach both charities to request confirmation of whether any residents of the Llandyfaelog Community area had benefitted from their services recently.

11. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	July salary and costs	£615.04 £18.00	£7.00	£640.64	£124.40	£0.00	£515.64

2. Michael Leefe £298.00 Llandyfaelog Pump (see item 6.2)

3. Michael Leefe £482.40 July Payment (see item 8)

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5.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	August salary and costs	£615.04 £18.00	£7.00 £24.80 £18.90	£683.74	£124.40	£0.00	£559.34

The Clerk noted receipt of the Annual Pay award from the National Association of Local Councils. The Clerk salary based on point 23 of the scale was confirmed as £7,497.57 (with additional £25.00 per month allowance for home working).

12. Any other business

1. Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were discussed. The Clerk will make enquiries on the matter and discuss with Llandyfaelog Church and the Kidwelly Branch of the Royal British Legion.
2. The Clerk will raise the need for hedge cutting to be carried out in the Bolahaul Road / Cwmffrwd area with the County Council.
3. The Rural Policing Seminar attended by Cllr Richard John will be placed on the next Council agenda.
4. Concern was raised that the change in speed limit from 30mph to national speed limit along Cwmale, Pentrepoeth occurred between two properties, there were therefore safety concerns in relation to this. The Clerk will raise the matter with the County Council for consideration to be given to moving the speed limit change to the end of the village.
5. Members discussed their wish to have meetings conducted face to face in the Llandyfaelog Community Hall as soon as possible. The Clerk noted that current advice from the County Council was that Community Halls could not be opened for the purposes of meetings. The Clerk will request that this is reconsidered to enable the October meeting to take place under socially distanced arrangements in the Hall.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 1st October 2020.