

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Eifion Jones and Hugh Anderson

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 3rd December 2020 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

1. Highway Safety concerns on the B4309 at Bancycapel – Council received details of the two ‘reduce speed now’ signs that would be erected on the B4309 approaches to the crossroad in Bancycapel. Additionally new Araf / Slow road markings would be provided in the vicinity of the signs. Completion of this work was planned for the current financial year. Noted.

2. Concerns regarding road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484 – Council awaited consultation on the proposed junction improvement works.

3. Speed Monitoring Data – A report was received from the Police Data Analyst on visits as follows:

- 1 visit to Kingswood in November with 7 offences noted
- 8 visits to Cwmffrwd in November and December with 29 offences noted.

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

5. Footway lighting LED lamp upgrade project – Council received confirmation that contractors continued to be chased to complete these works. Noted.

6. Footway lighting repairs – Completion of the repairs to the solar panel light in Idole continued to be awaited. An update was received in relation to the lighting in Ysgol Bro Myrddin in that fitting of new LED units onto the columns was awaited. Noted.

7. Footpath 29/3 – Between Croesyceiliog and Pentrepoeth – The County Council had been unable to progress the matter as of yet. Noted.

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

9. Planning Application W/40717, Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd – The Clerk confirmed that the application continued to be reviewed by the County Council.

10. Footpath 29/1/1 Cwmffrwd towards Cincoed – The County Council had been unable to progress the matter as of yet. Noted.

11. Cwmale Speed Limit – Council received an update from the County Council that the extension of the 30mph area will be considered at a future Speed Limit Working Group meeting. Noted.

12. Proposal to relocate lighting column at housing development site in Croesyceiliog – Further developments with the proposal were awaited.

13. Cats Eyes – A484 Llandyfaelog to Carmarthen – Further information on the matter was awaited.

14. Flytipping on private land at Llandyfaelog – The Clerk confirmed that he continued to chase the matter with the County Council. Noted.

15. Planning Application PL/00750 - Nantyoetre Isaf, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly- The Clerk confirmed that both the Carmarthenshire County Council Environmental Department and Natural Resources Wales had commented on the application with no objections raised. Noted.

16. Planning Application PL/00881 - Land adjacent to Cywion Bach, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DG – The Clerk confirmed that the County Council Highways Department had provided a consultation response requesting that a suitable visibility splay be provided and maintained for any approved development. Noted.

17. Donations / grants made in December meeting – Thank you letters were received from Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs, Carmarthenshire County Council Toybox Scheme and Llandyfaelog Community Hall. Noted.

18. Damaged and faded road signs in the Community – The Clerk confirmed that he had reported these to the County Council who were now in the process of carrying out remedial works. Noted.

5. Correspondence

1. One Voice Wales – December Newsletter. Noted.

2. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner – 2021-22 budget priorities survey. Noted.

3. Wales Audit Office – Confirmation of the 3 year audit cycle with a full audit of Llandyfaelog Community Council due for the 2020-21 year and 2 lighter touch audits for the next two years. Noted.

4. Hywel Dda Community Health Council – What's News December Newsletter. Noted.

5. Welsh Government – Consultation on the Strategy for an Ageing Society. Noted.

6. Carmarthenshire County Council – Request for information on Community Sports Facilities. The Clerk confirmed that he had provided the information requested. Noted.

7. Office for National Statistics – Introduction by the Census Engagement Manager for Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire who is responsible for engagement in the area in the lead up to the 2021 census. Noted.

8. Carmarthenshire County Council – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2020-21 precept being £7,666.67. Noted.

9. Barclays Bank – Statements. Noted.

10. One Voice Wales – Information on NHS, Social Care and Frontline workers day scheduled for the 5th July. This will be considered further at the next Council meeting.

11. Carmarthenshire County Council – The Clerk confirmed that he had requested the re-filling of the Idole and Llandyfaelog grit boxes. Noted.

6. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. An update was awaited in relation to the insurance claim for the damaged fence at Idole Field

2. The Clerk confirmed that prices had been provided as follows for replacement of the middle gate fence post and other rotten posts on the wooden inner fence:

- **David Rees Fencing** **£835.00**
- **Eurig Davies** **£754.00**
- **Mark Lewis** **£500.00**

It was agreed to accept the price from Eurig Davies as the price from Mark Lewis did not include removal of the in situ fence posts.

3. The Clerk circulated a draft tender document for the grass cutting contract at Idole Field and Glanmorlais for 2021. Council approved the tender and will seek prices in readiness for the next meeting.

4. The Clerk will request the Council Handyperson to carry out edging of the growth onto the path at Glanmorlais.

7. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in November with a cost of £420.00 approved.

8. 2020-21 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 3rd quarter budget report for the 2020-21 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

9. 2021-22 Precept, Priorities and Budget Report

The Clerk presented the report and noted that there was uncertainty in relation to the likely financial position for the end of the 2020-21 Financial Year due to a lack of clarity from the County Council on public lighting costs for the year. As a result it was estimated that the end year reserves figure would be in a range from £22,000 - £23,000. Additionally provision of estimated figure for public lighting charges in 2021-22 were also outstanding.

Council considered the report and agreed in principle to request a precept of £24,000 for 2021-22 (£23,000 in 2020-21). Should the public lighting charges be widely at variance of current budget, Council reserved the right to re-visit the Precept request to be submitted. The in-principle sum would lead to a Band D Council Tax of £37.51 (£36.02 in 2020-21). The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to complete and sign the necessary paperwork to be returned to Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Clerk confirmed that it was good practice for Council to hold between 3 months and one year's precept in general reserves and that any further funds held should be allocated in specific reserves.

Council further considered its priorities for Council reserves. Specific reserves were agreed to be allocated as follows:

