

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13 MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Eifion Jones, Rheinallt Jones, Viv Davies and Hugh Anderson

The Chairman noted the Councils condolences to Cllr Mair Stephens on the recent passing of her uncle.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 1st April 2021 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

1. Concerns regarding road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484 – Council awaited an update on this proposal for consultation. Noted with disappointment.

2. Footway lighting repairs – Completion of the repairs to the solar panel light in Idole was confirmed. A date was awaited for works at Ysgol Bro Myrddin. Noted.

3. Footpath 29/3 – Between Croesyceiliog and Pentrepoeth – Concern was expressed in relation to a recent incident where a dog had ripped a walkers clothing at the Pentrepoeth entrance to the path. The matter had been reported to the County Council who had advised that a call should be made to the police. The Clerk will discuss this matter with the police. The Clerk will also request that the County Council Officers visit to confirm that the path is open and accessible. Completion of the erection of the footpath sign at the location continued to be awaited.

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

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

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

7. Cwmale Speed Limit – Council awaited a meeting of the Speed Limit Working Group for the matter of the extension of the 30mph area to be considered. The Clerk will request the County Council Head of Department to attend a future meeting of the Council.

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

9. Cats Eyes – A484 Llandyfaelog to Carmarthen – Confirmation was received of planned resurfacing works on sections of the A484 between Llandyfaelog and Carmarthen during the summer that would involve cats eyes replacement in places at:

- Bolahaul Junction, Cwmffrwd
- Cywion Bach to Croesyceiliog Junction
- Rama House to Upland Arms.
- Oaklands, Cwmffrwd

This was noted. A gap where a cats eye had gone missing between Cywion Bach and Croesyceiliog will be reported to the County Council.

10. Flytipping on private land at Llandyfaelog – Further information on the matter was awaited.

11. Planning Application PL/00750 - Nantyoetre Isaf, Llandyfaelog - The Clerk confirmed that the application had now been approved. Noted.

12. NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day – The matter was discussed and a notice will be placed on the Council website and notice board to thank NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers in readiness for the event on the 5th July. The Clerk will raise the matter with One Voice Wales to see if any organised events were planned.

13. Gutter / drain at top of Llandyfaelog Hill – The matter will be monitored.

14. Water pooling along Heol y Lan – Confirmation was received that works had been carried out that week in the area. Noted.

15. Erosion of Cwmale Lane – The County Council had reviewed the area and noted a small length of collapsed drain pipe. This had now been repaired at the same time as the clearing of the adjoining ditches. Noted.

16. Planning Enforcement in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth – Further information on the matter was awaited.

17. Highway safety concerns, Bolahaul Road Junction of the A484 in Cwmffrwd – Council awaited further information on the matter.

18. Concern regarding a caravan located near Gelligaeros, Idole – Confirmation was received that a planning application was due to be submitted for alterations to the Gelligaeros dwelling with the caravan planned to be used during these works. The application was now awaited by the County Council. Noted.

19. Concern regarding traffic speeds along Heol y Lan – Council awaited further information on the matter.

20. Proposal to provide a footpath between Llandyfaelog Community Hall and the Vicarage – The Clerk continued to seek opportunities to seek funding for this proposed project.

21. Faded Signs – The Clerk confirmed that the sign was being ordered by the County Council. Noted.

22. Possible Community Payback litter picking on roads in the Community – The Clerk awaited a response on this proposal from the Community Payback Team. Noted.

23. Rama Chapel – Bus Shelter – The Clerk to request painting of the bus shelter near Rama Chapel.

24. 2020-21 Annual Return – The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return was now with the Internal Auditor for review. Noted.

25. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – The Chairman and Clerk had attended an information gathering session with the IPRW on the 10th May 2021 and provided a report of the session. Noted.

26. PL/01491 – Llswen Upland Arms – Confirmation was received that a planning condition had been included on the approval for suitable visibility splay to be provided. Noted.

27. Highway safety concerns, Cloigyn – The Clerk had reported the matter to the County Council and awaited a response.

28. Possible Waste Amnesty – The Clerk had requested consideration by the County Council to provide for a waste amnesty. Confirmation was received that this would be considered once COVID restrictions were lifted in this area of the County Council's work.

29. Caravan services sign, Bolahaul Junction – The Clerk confirmed that the County Council had visited to consider the matter and due to the sign being placed on private land, they were unable to take any action. Noted.

30. Council Annual Meeting – The Clerk confirmed that the Welsh Government COVID regulation allowed now for meetings to take place in Community Halls, the Clerk had developed a risk assessment which will be circulated. The meeting would take place on the 20th May 2021. Masks will be required to be worn. Noted.

5. Correspondence

1. Footpath 29/12 – Cilmarch Farm – Concern had again been expressed by the residents of Cilmarch Farm in relation to walkers getting lost from the path and entering the farm. The Clerk had reported this again to the County Council who would undertake a visit to walk the path and consider how this was happening. Noted.

2. One Voice Wales – Newsletter. Noted

3. Carmarthenshire County Council – Latest issue of Carmarthenshire Nature Notes. The Clerk confirmed that this had been placed on the Council website.

4. Welsh Government – Electoral Reform Newsletter. Noted.

5. Barclays Bank – Statements. Noted.

6. Carmarthenshire County Council – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2021-22 precept being £7,833.34. Noted.

7. Carmarthenshire County Council – Request for information on declarations of interest made in 2020-21 under the members code of conduct along with a request for the number of members who had received training under the code. The Clerk confirmed that he had provided the necessary detail.

8. Carmarthenshire County Council – Request for information on whether Councils would be interested in the County Council arranging a code of conduct training session. Council noted there would be interest in such a session. The Clerk will confirm.

9. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine – Noted

10. Carmarthenshire County Council – Confirmation that the Councils suggestion that the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee undertake a review on the internal processes in relation to flytipping along with the operational issues of flytipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire had been accepted and would be undertaken in September. Noted.

11. Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin – Copy of a first draft application by the school for the Safe Routes in Communities Scheme, the draft application dealt with walking and cycling routes to the school, traffic speeds in the vicinity of the school campus and training issues. Council agreed in principle to support the application and the Clerk will discuss the detail of the application with the school and other bordering Councils in order to develop the final application.

12. Carmarthenshire County Council – Notice of a request for a temporary closure of the C2071, Nantycaws to Llanddarog on Friday 25th June 2021. Noted.

13. Hywel Dda University Health Board – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Survey. The Clerk will circulate the survey to members.

14. St Anne's Church Hall – The Clerk had received contact from St Anne's Church Hall for advice on grant applications and re-opening following COVID19. He had also contacted the County Council to request consideration of a bin after reports of dog waste being thrown into the Church grounds.

15. Highway from Garthowen towards and beyond Bryngorse Isaf – Confirmation was received from the County Council following a request for information that the highway beyond Bryngorse Isaf was a private highway. Noted.

6. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. The Clerk noted that there was no further update in relation to the claim for the costs of the fence damage.
2. The Clerk confirmed prices received for the provision of the 6 litter picking bundles as follows:
 - Janitorial Supplies £151.45
 - Viking Direct £138.75 (without bin hoops)It was agreed to purchase the equipment from Janitorial Supplies.
3. The Clerk confirmed that the Council Handyperson had undertaken works to plant new plants in the Community Amenity beds at Bancycapel, Cwmffrwd and Idole. Further planting would be undertaken when stocks become available.

7. Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed a total of 28 hours worked during April making a payment of £420.00 which was agreed.

8. 2021-22 Risk Analysis

Council considered the draft 2021-22 Risk Analysis which was presented by the Clerk. The draft document was agreed.

9. Scarecrow Competition

Council considered the possibility of arranging a scarecrow competition in the Community. It was agreed that a competition would be arranged for properties to create scarecrows clearly visible from the roadside.

Notices will be placed on the Community Noticeboards and advertised to Community organisations etc. Scarecrows to be displayed by the 30th July for judging that weekend by the Council Chairman.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were agreed as £25, £20, £10 respectively.

10. 2021-22 Insurance Agreement

The Clerk confirmed provision of quotations for the Council insurance policy for the 2021-22 year as follows:

- Pen Underwriting £949.42
- Hiscox £1,127.33
- Ecclesiastical £1,133.11
- Zurich £614.08

It was agreed to accept the lowest price from Zurich.

11. Planning

1. **PL/01585** - Single storey garden room extension, Glannant, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DB. No objections.
2. **PL/01633** - Proposed erection of 5 glamping pods and associated works, Land at Capel Farm, Bancycapel, Carmarthen, SA32 8EB. The Clerk to confirm whether there have been previous planning applications rejected due to highways concerns at this location, a final response to the application will be discussed following the annual meeting.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved.

1. **Information Commissioner** £40.00 2021-22 Subscription
2. **Michael Leefe** £420.00 Handyperson April (see item 7)

3.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	April Salary and costs	£624.78 £26.00	£44.00 £5.88 £10.80	£711.46	£133.60	£0.00	£577.86

4. **Arfon Davies (Janitorial Supplies)** £151.45 Litter picking equipment
See item 6.2
5. **Zurich Insurance** £614.08 Insurance police (see item 10)

13. Any other business – exchange of information only

1. The Clerk to request that the growth at the Llandyfaelog junction for vehicles turning in the Carmarthen direction be cut back to aid visibility for vehicles.
2. The Clerk to request consideration of improvements for Sgwar Bryncochbach following concerns about road safety at the junction.
3. The Clerk to report to the County Council that the feedback sign at Bolahaul was malfunctioning.
4. The quality of work carried out by the Handyperson was noted with pleasure.
5. The Clerk noted the actions undertaken by Council when HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh passed away. This had involved updating the Council website to reflect his passing. The Clerk further confirmed that he had raised the need for a protocol to be developed for when Her Majesty the Queen passes away. Council will await further information on the matter.
6. The Chairman gave a report of the One Voice Wales Carmarthen Area Committee that she had attended.
7. The Chairman thanked members for their support to her during her year in the Chair.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at Llandyfaelog Community Hall.