

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE HALL ON 3 JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Philip Davies, Shan Rees and Hugh Anderson.

It was noted that Hugh Anderson had been unable to attend meetings and since these were now held again in Llandyfaelog Community Hall he will be asked to make every effort to attend the next meeting. It will be made clear that if this was not possible Council may be required to declare a vacancy.

The Chairman noted the recent deaths of two former Councillors, Trevor Lloyd and OA Morgan, both of Cwmffrwd. Member stood for a moment's silence in their memory.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes of the meetings of Council held on the 13th and 20th May 2021 and the Annual Meeting held on the 20th May 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. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin - A date continued to be awaited for works at Ysgol Bro Myrddin. Noted.

3. Footpath 29/3 – Between Croesyceiliog and Pentrepoeth – The Clerk had reported the incident with the dog to the police and County Council. Further updates were awaited on the matter. Noted.

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.

8. County Council Head of Transport attendance at Council meeting - The Clerk confirmed that the County Council Head of Transport would attend the July Council meeting. Cllr Mair Stephens noted that she had raised the lack of responses on matters of concern with the Director of Services. Noted.

9. Proposal to relocate lighting column at housing development site in Croesyceiliog – Further developments with the proposal were awaited. The landowner had been in contact with the Clerk to raise concern at a lack of progress from the County Council. Noted.

10. Cats Eyes and road surface works – A484 Llandyfaelog to Carmarthen – A date was awaited for works on the resurfacing of the highway in places between

Carmarthen and Llandyfaelog. It was noted that the damaged area near Cywion Bach had been repaired. Noted.

11. NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day – The Clerk noted that One Voice Wales were not aware of any arranged events to mark this day. The Clerk circulated a notice for approval to 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 notice was approved and was signed by the Chairman. The possibility of having a memorial tree for Tir Gof will be explored.

12. Gutter / drain at top of Llandyfaelog Hill – The matter continued to be monitored.

13. Planning Enforcement in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth – It was noted that the County Council enforcement team had visited the area and been told that the individuals were not living in the caravan. A further visit would be undertaken with a report to the Council. Noted.

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

15. Concern regarding a caravan located near Gelligaeros, Idole – Council awaited the planning application relating to this issue.

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

17. 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.

18. Faded sign at Heol y Lan – It was noted that the sign had been replaced. A note of thanks was received from Wyn Davies of Hazelmere, Idole. The Clerk will pass the Council's thanks on to the relevant County Council Officers.

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

20. Rama Chapel – Bus Shelter repainting – The County Council had noted that while they did not have any budget for works to be carried out on the shelters, that they had made enquiries with the manufacturer in relation to shelters that were in a particularly poor conditions, such as the one at Rama Chapel.

21. Highway safety concerns, Cloigyn – The Council awaited a response on the matter. Noted.

22. Possible Waste Amnesty - Llandyfaelog – The Council awaited an update on the matter. Noted.

23. Footpath 29/12 – Cilmarch Farm – Confirmation was received from the County Council that the originally planned activities had not been possible due to the COVID pandemic, however they had been in contact with the residents of Cilmarch and were looking at possible works to undertake to alleviate the problems being experienced by walkers getting lost on the path, these were intended to be undertaken after the half term holidays. Noted.

24. Safe Routes in Communities Application by Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin – The Clerk confirmed that he was seeking mutually convenient dates for a meeting to discuss the project. Noted.

25. St Anne's Church Hall – The Clerk confirmed that he was in discussion with the Community Bureau in relation to possible funding and would be providing information to the Church Hall authorities in due course. Noted.

26. Community Scarecrow Competition – The Clerk confirmed that advertising of the competition had commenced. Noted.

27. Visibility at Llandyfaelog junction - The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the issue to the County Council. Noted.

28. Road safety concerns at Sgwar Bryncochbach - The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the issue to the County Council. Noted.

29. Peter Williams Heritage Trail – The Chairman informed members of the site visit undertaken with the Campaign Group on the 27th May to look at possible locations for a QR code post directing visitors to history on Peter Williams. The possible placing of the sign near the pump and historical information panel in Llandyfaelog was discussed. Further information will be awaited on the matter.

30. PL/01633 - Proposed erection of 5 glamping pods and associated works, Land at Capel Farm, Bancycapel, Carmarthen, SA32 8EB. The Clerk noted that two applications for planning permission for residential developments at the location had been refused due to highway concerns during the 1990's. Following further consideration, it was agreed that no objections would be raised in relation to the application, however the Clerk will again stress the Council's view that improvements were required for road safety in Bancycapel to include a reduced speed limit.

5. Correspondence

- 1. Social Care Wales** – Learning lessons from the Community led response to COVID19 in Wales – Survey. Noted.
- 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Building a healthier future after COVID19 – Survey. Noted.
- 3. Hywel George** – Request for photos of the grave of Rev. Peter Williams. This information will be shared with the Heritage Trail campaign group.
- 4. CETMA** – May Newsletter. Noted.
- 5. Carmarthenshire County Council** - Wildlife in your Ward profile. The Clerk had placed this detail on the Council website and circulated it as part of the Community Newsletter. Noted.
- 6. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the local places for nature scheme and possibility of obtaining a further nature starter pack like the one installed at Idole field in 2020. It was agreed to request a starter pack for Tir Gof.

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.

7. Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed a total of 28 hours worked during May along with £225.00 in costs for plants purchased for the heather beds making a payment of £645.00 which was agreed.

8. 2020-21 Annual Return

The Clerk presented the annual return that had been internally audited by Mr. Mark Gower. The Internal auditors' annual report was received and noted. The Clerk confirmed that he had certified and signed the annual return. It was noted that Council balances at the end of the year stood at £23,065.

Council approved the Annual Return and completed the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the return.

Council approved payment of the Audit fee being £60.00. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Gower. The Clerk was thanked for his work on the Annual Return and Council financial records.

9. 2021-22 Internal Auditor

Council agreed to appoint Mr. Mark Gower as the Internal Auditor for the 2021-22 financial year.

10. Planning

1. PL/01879 - Outline application for up to 27 residential dwellings with all matters reserved - Vacant land off St Annes Lane, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LZ.

It was agreed that while no objections would be raised to the application that the following matters would be raised with the County Council:

Pre-application Consultation

The Council noted that a pre-application consultation was claimed to have been carried out on the application. The Council was very disappointed to note that the Community Council and local residents did not appear to have been consulted. A query will therefore be raised as to why the Council as a statutory consultee were not approached.

S106 agreement

The Council believed that it was vital at the very earliest stage to agree the Community benefit that would flow from any approval. The Council agreed to request that contributions are provided at early stages throughout any development programme.

Issues to be considered included:

- Improvements to the junction at St Anne's Church
- Pavement improvements to the St Anne's junction from the Ffrwdwen area.
- Pavement improvements along Cwmffrwd and completion of the works from Oaklands to Idole.
- Amenity improvements including the tarmacing of St Anne's Church car park.
- Consideration of utilising one of the housing units area to provide for a play area.

SUDS

Concern was noted in relation to drainage at this proposed location and consequent impact on nearby properties. A request will be raised for confirmation of drainage plans at this early stage in the process.

Affordable dwellings

A request to be raised for clarity at this early stage of the number of affordable dwellings to be included in the development and that these were to be included in the agreement for provision at an early stage in the development rather than at the end with possible consequent delays caused.

11. Accounts

The following payments were approved.

1. **Mark Gower** £60.00 Internal Audit 2020-21 (see item 8)
2. **Cllr Meinir James** £350.00 2020-21 Chairman's Allowance

3.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	May Salary and costs	£624.78 £26.00	£7.00 £13.50	£671.28	£126.20	£0.00	£545.08

4. **Michael Leefe** £645.00 Handyperson May (see item 7)

12. Any other business – exchange of information only

1. It was noted that Anne Stephens, Coedybrain farm who had carried out the role of Bus Shelter cleaner in Glanmorlais for many years was unwell in the hospital. A card will be sent from the Council, wishing her a rapid recovery.
2. The Clerk will clarify the extent of the resurfacing works intended for Heol Hir (Llandyfaelog to Llansaint), it appeared that limited works had recently been carried out.
3. Concern was noted in relation to the completion of road surfacing works for the new housing development in Mesglasnant with consequent delays in its adoption by the County Council along with arrangement of kerbside collection of refuse, The Clerk will request an update from the County Council and clarification of the impact of the rumoured 'plan 38, phase 2' for the area.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 1st July 2021 at Llandyfaelog Community Hall.