

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE HALL ON 1 JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

It was noted that Hugh Anderson had again been unable to attend the Council meeting and it was agreed therefore that a vacancy be declared. The Clerk will contact the County Council to make the necessary arrangements.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Visit by Carmarthenshire County Council Head of Transport and Engineering

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Stephen Pilliner to the meeting and thanked him for his attendance. The following matters were discussed:

1. Concerns regarding road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484

Mr Pilliner presented a draft improvement project plan for the junction. This will now be discussed with the relevant landowner in relation to a possible land dedication to enable works to progress. Should this be provided it was confirmed that works could commence shortly thereafter.

2. Cwmale Speed Limit

Mr Pilliner noted that any changes to the sign location would require an amended traffic order. Contact had been made with Speed Limit Working Group members who did not appear to have any in principle objections to the proposal. The proposal was likely to be included in the next traffic order, however no timescale was available for this to be progressed.

3. Highway safety concerns, Bolahaul Road Junction of the A484 in Cwmffrwd

Mr Pilliner had asked that his team consider the junction and carry out a review with a report to the Community Council promised by the end of July.

4. Concern regarding traffic speeds along Heol y Lan

Mr Pilliner had asked that his team consider the road markings and signage at the location and carry out a review with a report to the Community Council promised by the end of July.

5. Highway safety concerns, Cloigyn

Mr Pilliner had asked that his team consider the road markings and signage at the location and carry out a review with a report to the Community Council promised by the end of July.

6. Road safety concerns at Sgwar Bryncochbach

Mr Pilliner noted that he would have the location reviewed and report back to the Community Council.

7. Cats eyes on the A484 between Llandyfaelog and Idole

Mr Pilliner agreed to discuss the road surfacing works with the highways team and report back to the Community Council.

8. It was noted that there had been recent accidents in the Glanmorlais to Llandyfaelog area. Mr Pilliner agreed to have the matter looked at with a report to follow to the Community Council.

9. Road resurfacing works and safety surfacing relaying in areas was discussed. Mr Pilliner noted that road resurfacing was approved on a priority basis with A and B roads given higher priority than minor roads. Alternatives were also being sought to replacing anti skid surfacing. Mr Pilliner did however agree to look into the condition of the anti-skid surfacing in Upland Arms.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pilliner for his advice and attendance.

4. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 3rd June 2021 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

1. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin – Confirmation was received that works were intended to now be carried out during the summer holidays period. Noted.

2. Footpath 29/3 – Between Croesyceiliog and Pentrepoeth – Council awaited further updates on the matter.

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

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

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

6. Proposal to relocate lighting column at housing development site in Croesyceiliog – Council awaited further updates on the matter.

7. Cats Eyes and road surface works – A484 Llandyfaelog to Carmarthen – Confirmation was received that the County Council were currently finalising the work programme with the intention of completing the project before the end of the summer. Noted.

8. NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day – The Clerk confirmed that the posters noting the Council's support of the day were ready to be placed on display that weekend on the notice boards and website. Noted.

9. Planning Enforcement in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth – Confirmation was received that the County Council Enforcement Unit had issued an Enforcement Warning Notice on the 10th June, requiring the caravan to be removed within 28 days or for a planning application to be submitted. Noted.

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

11. 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.

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

13. Rama Chapel – Bus Shelter repainting – Council awaited further updates on the matter.

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

15. Footpath 29/12 – Cilmarch Farm – Confirmation was received from the County Council that the necessary works had now been carried out, the waymarking on the route had been improved and also some light trashing was done around the furniture. It had also been noticed that there was a Highway Signpost near to the farm was slightly pointing in the wrong direction, it was felt that this could have been sending walkers off in the wrong direction. Noted.

16. Safe Routes in Communities Application by Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin – The Clerk confirmed that following a meeting held on the 11th June, the application was complete and following signature by the Council Chairman would be submitted in readiness for the 2nd July deadline. The application included improvements at Cwmffrwd, Idole, Bro Myrddin, Heol Login (Llangunor) and the underpass at Morrisons. Members noted their appreciation with regard to the Clerk's role with the development and submission of the application.

17. St Anne's Church Hall – The Clerk confirmed that he had discussed the options with the Church Hall authorities and a meeting with the Community Bureau to discuss further was being sought. Noted.

18. Community Scarecrow Competition – The Clerk confirmed that applicants were beginning to put their names forward for the competition. A possible event to mark the competition will be considered once COVID restrictions were clarified. Noted.

19. Visibility at Llandyfaelog junction - The Clerk confirmed that work had been carried out to cut back the growth at the location. Noted.

20. Peter Williams Heritage Trail – Council awaited further updates on the matter.

21. PL/01633 - Proposed erection of 5 glamping pods and associated works, Land at Capel Farm, Bancycapel, Carmarthen, SA32 8EB – It was noted that the application had been approved. Noted.

22. PL/01879 - Outline application for up to 27 residential dwellings with all matters reserved - Vacant land off St Annes Lane, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LZ - Council awaited further updates on the matter.

23. Road surfacing works on Heol Hir (Llandyfaelog to Llansaint) – The Clerk had checked the matter and it appeared that patching work only was being undertaken. Noted.

24. Concern re road surface at Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd – The Clerk confirmed that the County Council had informed him that unfortunately the issue was subject to legal action which is currently ongoing and therefore they cannot provide further comment due to the pending legal matters. Noted.

6. Correspondence

1. Welsh Government – E-PIMS Update. Noted.

2. Carmarthenshire County Council – Information on the Town and Community Council Liaison Forum to be held on the 2nd July. Cllr Richard John will attend.

3. Welsh Government – Information on the programme for government. Noted.

4. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue – Service Magazine. Noted.

5. One Voice Wales – June News Bulletin. Noted.

6. Hywel Dda Community Health Council – June update. Noted.

7. Dyfed Powys Police – Your Police Service, Your Choice survey. Noted.

8. Carmarthenshire County Council – Review of future household waste collection. Noted.

- 9. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Housing and regeneration masterplan consultation. Noted.
- 10. **Focus on Play Newsletter** – Noted.
- 11. **One Voice Wales** – Response to the Welsh Government Power to Trade Consultation. Noted.
- 12. **Older Peoples' Commissioner** – June Newsletter. Noted.
- 13. **One Voice Wales** – Papers for the Carmarthen Area Committee to be held on the 7th July. The Chairman to attend. Noted.
- 14. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Invitation to a code of conduct training sessions be held on the 21st and 22nd July. Cllr Viv Davies will attend the session on the 21st July.
- 15. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. The bank reconciliation was counter signed by Cllr Meinir James.
- 16. **Welsh Government** – Climate Change Newsletter. Noted.
- 17. **Welsh Government** – Electoral Reform Newsletter. Noted.

7. 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 updated members that a starter pack had been approved by the Local Places for Nature Scheme for provision at Tir Gof. Council agreed to request the pack for the summer holiday period and to invite volunteers to take part in the installation work. The Clerk noted that there was not a tree as such provided as part of the pack. A suitably worded plaque in memory of those who had passed away during the pandemic will be drafted for the next Council meeting.

8. Handyperson Agreement

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

9. 2021-22 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 1st quarter budget report for the 2021-22 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

Concern was noted that the County Council invoice for LED Public Lighting improvements had still not come to hand.

The Chairman undertook an audit of the Council financial records for the year.

10. Accounts

The following payments were approved.

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	June Salary and costs	£624.78 £26.00	£7.00 £7.92 £13.50	£679.20	£126.20	£0.00	£553.00

2. HMRC **£386.00** April to June income tax.

3. Michael Leefe **£420.00** Handyperson June (see item 8)

11. Any other business – exchange of information only

1. It was noted that the visibility of the Croesyceiliog junction with the A484 was poor, especially in the Idole direction. The Clerk will report to the County Council.
2. It was noted that incidents were being experienced of people using the Bancycafel bus shelter as a toilet. The Clerk will report to the County Council.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at Llandyfaelog Community Hall.