

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE HALL ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllr Rheinallt Jones and Viv Davies.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Meeting with Council Handyperson

The Chairman welcomed the Council Handyperson, Michael Leefe to the meeting and thanked him for his attendance. Members discussed the work being carried out and noted the high standard of maintenance being provided in the Community.

Mr. Leefe updated members on the planting of borders at Bancycapel, Cwmffrwd and Idole. He will also provide a price to Council for the supply of additional wood to carry out necessary repairs to the Community planters. Woodstain treatment across amenities was confirmed as planned to be carried out in the next month or so.

4. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 1st July 2021 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

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

- It was noted that works were well underway with the improvements at the junction. Thanks were noted to the County Council and the local landowner who had enabled the work to go ahead. Concern was expressed in relation to the proposed location of dropped kerbs as being too close to the junction itself. The Clerk will urgently raise this with the County Council for their relocation further down the hill to be considered.

2. Cwmale Speed Limit - It was noted that the matter would have to be part of a Traffic Regulation Order and that this was unlikely to be taken forward until March 2022. Noted.

3. Highway safety concerns, Bolahaul Road Junction of the A484 in Cwmffrwd - A road safety report was provided on the matter by the County Council which recommended:

- moving the bend and junction signs
- changing the triangular warning sign to provide a yellow backing to add emphasis
- installing Slow / Araf road markings adjacent to the junction.

These works would be carried out in the coming months. Noted.

4. Concern regarding traffic speeds along Heol y Lan - The County Council noted that enforcement in this area could only be undertaken by the Police or Go Safe. It was also suggested that the Community Council may wish to consider taking part in a community speedwatch initiative. This was noted. The Clerk to

renew the Council's request for a speed capture exercise to be undertaken at the location.

5. Highway safety concerns, Cloigyn - A road safety report was provided on the matter by the County Council which recommended:

- providing triangular warning sign on a yellow backing on the eastbound approach, which would replicate the signage on the westbound side.
- installing Slow / Araf road markings on the westbound approach prior to the start of the red central surfacing as was currently in place on the eastbound approach.
- installing Slow / Araf road markings on the eastbound approach in advance of the dip in the road.

It was noted that some of these works had already been completed. It was further noted that the visibility of the signage in the Pontantwn – Carmarthen direction may be poor. This will be raised with the County Council. It was also noted that during a recent maintenance visit, openreach staff had expressed their concern about traffic speeds at this location.

6. Road safety concerns at Sgwar Bryncochbach - The County Council had visited the site and noted the need to maintain the hedge growth. Some work had been carried out by the County Council and contact would be made with the landowner. Noted.

7. Cats eyes on the A484 between Llandyfaelog and Idole - The County Council noted that replacements would be assessed through a prioritisation model according to the resources available. Currently it was confirmed that there was no funding allocated to the matter. This will continue to be reviewed.

8. Recent accidents at Glanmorlais – The County Council had noted one personal injury accident in 16 years and the area would be kept under review. Members expressed their concern in relation to this statement based on knowledge of far more accidents having taken place than suggested. This will be raised with the County Council.

9. Anti skid surfacing - The County Council noted that works would be assessed through a prioritisation model according to the resources available. Currently it was confirmed that there was no funding allocated to the matter. This will continue to be reviewed. Members expressed their concern in relation to this response and will request a review of anti-skid surfacing in the area, especially at Upland Arms.

10. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin – Confirmation was received that funding was yet to be allocated for the project, further information would be provided in due course. Noted.

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

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

13. Footpath 29/1/1 Cwmffrwd towards Cincoed – The County Council had visited the location and noted that there was a large amount of overgrowth obstructing the path. A letter would therefore be sent to the landowner to clear the matter. Noted.

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

15. Planning Enforcement in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth – A planning application had now been received on the matter.

- 16. Concern regarding a caravan located near Gelligaeros, Idole** – Council received confirmation that the caravan had been moved near the bungalow at the property to be used as ancillary temporary accommodation whilst the dwelling is being renovated. Noted.
- 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. Possible Community Payback litter picking on roads in the Community** – The Clerk awaited a response on this proposal from the Community Payback Team. Noted.
- 19. Rama Chapel – Bus Shelter repainting** – The Council received confirmation that the County Council were making enquiries on the paint for shelters and their cost and would report back to Council in due course. Noted.
- 20. Possible Waste Amnesty - Llandyfaelog** – The Council awaited an update on the matter. Noted.
- 21. Footpath 29/12 – Cilmarch Farm** – Further issues of concern were noted with the location and the Clerk had raised this with the County Council and Coastal Path teams who would look to install further waymarking signs. They had also suggested that the landowner should provide ‘private land no right of way’ signs. The Clerk noted that he had suggested these should be provided by the County Council as walkers may not take private signage to be accurate. Noted
- 22. Safe Routes in Communities Application by Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – The Clerk confirmed that a decision on the application was awaited. Noted.
- 23. Community Scarecrow Competition** – The Chairman noted the success of the competition and thanked those who had taken part. Prizes were agreed as:
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| 1 st | £25 | Capel, Bancycapel |
| 2 nd | £20 | Keamore, Pentrepoeth |
| 3 rd | £10 | Star Forge, Upland Arms |
| 3 rd | Prize not accepted | Preswylfa, Llandyfaelog |
- 24. 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 noted that the outline planning application had been refused.
- 25. Road surfacing works on Heol Hir (Llandyfaelog to Llansaint)** – It was confirmed that a stretch of road from Penrheol to Mynydd Uchaf had recently been resurfaced with further works apparently to be commenced soon. Noted.
- 26. Concern regarding road surface at Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further information on the matter.
- 27. Carmarthenshire County Liaison Forum** – Cllr Richard John gave a report of the meeting. Noted.
- 28. One Voice Wales Carmarthen Area Committee meeting** – The Chairman gave a report of the meeting.
- 29. Highway visibility at Croesyceiliog junction with the A484 (Llandyfaelog direction)** – It was noted that the hedge and verge growth had been cut back to aid visibility at the junction.
- 30. Problem of people utilising Bancycapel Bus Shelter as a toilet** – The Clerk noted that he had contacted the police and County Council and been advised that incidents should be reported directly to the 101 police service. This was noted with disappointment.

6. Correspondence

1. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation that the revised Local Development Plan 2018-2033 is currently delayed with an updated timetable not available. Noted.
2. **Hywel Dda Community Health Council** – July and August Newsletters. Noted.
3. **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales** – Final report of their review of the County Council Boundaries for Carmarthenshire. This confirmed the creation of a 2 member ward including the Communities of Llandyfaelog and Llangyndeyrn to be called Llangyndeyrn. It was agreed to write to the Commission noting the Council's disappointment that its request to retain the current St Ishmaels Ward had not been supported and to ask that the name of Llandyfaelog now be included in the new ward name.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Engagement exercise on the Carmarthenshire Assessment of Local Well-being including a link to the questionnaire. The Clerk to request whether questionnaire response information could be provided for the Llandyfaelog Community area.
5. **One Voice Wales** – Copy of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales updated guidance in support of the 2016 Model Code of Conduct. Noted.
6. **Welsh Government** – Consultation on the draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and draft Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021 – Noted.
7. **Welsh Government** – Request for honours nominations – Queen's Birthday 2022. Noted.
8. **Welsh Government** – Electoral Reform Newsletter July and August 2021. Noted.
9. **Welsh Government** – Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self catering accommodation. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for nomination of a minor authority representative for the Governing Body of Ysgol y Fro. Concern was expressed that this may relate to Cllr Richard John who had been unable to attend meetings of the Governing Body due to difficulties experienced with the required remote IT portal. Both Cllr John and the Clerk had been in contact with the County Council in relation to this matter previously but without success. The Clerk will clarify the matter. Noted.
11. **Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society** – Update on the Carmarthenshire Enlightenment project (Griffith Jones Legacy Project bid). Noted.
12. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2021-22 precept being £7,833.33. Noted.
13. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Presentation papers from the Code of Conduct Training held on the 21st and 22nd July. Noted.
14. **Welsh Government** – Briefing for Community and Town Councils, Multi-location meetings and meeting notices. Noted.
15. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
16. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
17. **One Voice Wales** – Information on the Innovative Practice Conference to be held on the 22nd September. Noted.

7. 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 following an inspection of the Ash Trees between Idole Field and the A484 highway, he had requested a visit by Lampeter Tree Services for their advice. The company was of the view that a number of the Ash Trees along with others should be removed. The Clerk had attempted to clarify if the land in question was part of the village green or under County Council ownership, however conclusive information was not available. Cllr Mair Stephens was therefore making enquiries on the matter.
3. The Chairman confirmed that on the 30th July a pollinator garden had been created at Tir Gof through the Welsh Government funded, Keep Wales Tidy, Local Places for Nature Scheme. A group of local volunteers helped Jemma Davies from Keep Wales Tidy create the garden. The Chairman noted the Council's thanks to the volunteer group for their efforts with the garden.

8. Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in both July and August with a total payment of £840.00 agreed.

9. Co-option of member to Council

The Clerk confirmed that following placing notices in the Community and website, that an election had not been called to fill the vacancy and that no expressions of interest had been received. It was therefore agreed to re-advertise for expressions of interest in readiness for the next Council meeting.

10. Actions to be taken by the Council on the passing of HM The Queen

The Clerk presented members with a guidance document received from One Voice Wales on 'Operation London Bridge' which dealt with the actions that could be undertaken by Councils on the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. This was noted and actions to be taken agreed.

11. Planning

- a) PL/02147** - Community Woodland with Community Garden and Orchard - A: 2x [2.4m x 4.8m] Car parking spaces. B: Visitor area and tool store. C: Biochar, wood, willow, and bamboo dry store. D: Polytunnel for Community growing and rural economy products. E: Caravan for storage and manufacture of rural economy, sustainably grown body products. F: Compost toilet. - Community Woodland, West Wales Woods, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DH. No objections
- b) PL/02381** - Proposed detached dwelling - Plot adjacent to Maeshyfyrd, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DH. It was noted that a neighbouring property had noted their objections to the application based on that it was not in accordance with the original outline permission for the site. Council agreed to support this objection and request that any approval was for a property in accordance with this original planning approval.
- c) PL/02529** – Full planning permission for the conversion of a former coach house into a leisure and home-working facility for use in association with the existing dwelling house - Cwmbwri, Ferryside, SA17 5TW. No objections.

12. 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	£624.78	£26.00 £7.00	£657.78	£126.20	£0.00	£531.58

2. Michael Leefe **£840.00** Handyperson July and August
(see item 8 above)

3.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	August Salary and costs	£624.78	£26.00 £7.00 £70.12 £27.00	£754.90	£126.20	£0.00	£628.70

4. Vision ICT **£300.00** Website maintenance 2021-22
(£250.00 plus £50.00 VAT)

13. Any other business

1. It was noted that some notices on the Council noticeboards provided by other organisations or individuals were in English only. Council discussed possible ways to encourage the provision of bilingual notices. It was agreed that the Clerk will provide a poster promoting the use of free translation apps onto the notice boards.
2. It was noted that a review of Public Protection Orders was to be carried out that could include dog issues.
3. It was noted that an issue with sewerage in a culvert in Llandyfaelog was causing concern. The Clerk will raise this with the County Council Environmental Health Team.
4. Concerns were expressed in relation to parking issues in Llandyfaelog. The Clerk will raise with the police and County Council.
5. The Clerk will request updated statistics on speed monitoring activities undertaken by the police within the Community.
6. The Chairman noted that the Council Christmas dinner would be held in the Red Lion on the 5th December.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 7th October 2021.