

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE HALL ON 3 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Apologies:** None.

**The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr Mair Stephens who had recently passed away and expressed the Council's deepest sympathy to the family. Members stood for a moments silence in memory of Mair.**

**The Chairman also noted the Council's congratulations to Sian Elin Knott of Bancycapel who was Chief Physiotherapist to the GB Winter Olympics Team in Beijing.**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations.

**3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were confirmed and signed.**

**4. Matters Arising**

- 1. Road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484 –** Council awaited provision of a date for a site visit with the Public Lighting Department from Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss an improvement project for the junction. Noted.
- 2. Concern regarding traffic speeds along Heol y Lan –** Council awaited provision of the speed monitoring results for the location. Noted.
- 3. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin –** Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 4. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth –** The Clerk noted that the application had not yet been decided. It was noted that works were being undertaken at the application site over the previous days and the Clerk will raise this with the County Council. Noted.
- 5. Planning Application PL/02381, Maeshyfyrd, Pentrepoeth –** The Clerk noted that the application had been approved. The Clerk will raise the issue of the need to relocate the 30mph limit sign located at the entrance of the development site again with the County Council. Noted.
- 6. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog –** Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 7. Audit of the Council Financial Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 –** Concern was expressed that the Council had still not received the audited accounts from Audit Wales.
- 8. Road surface at Pwll y Baw –** The Clerk noted that further works had been undertaken in the area which had alleviated residents' concerns to a great extent in relation to the road condition. Noted.
- 9. Vehicles not stopping on the give way at Pibwr Bridge on Bolahaul Road –** Confirmation was received that a site visit had been undertaken by the County Council Highways team who agreed that visibility was not ideal at the location, however no tree branches were noted as below 5m overhanging the public

highway. Some hedge cutting was identified and had been carried out and the existing edge lines were to be refreshed. Noted.

10. **Traffic issues in Croesyceiliog** – Council awaited further information on the matter.
11. **Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – An email was received noting that it was believed that the culvert adjacent to Brynhawddgar did in fact run into the village watercourse. Council noted that this information re-iterated the importance of concluding the matter of water drainage at the bottom of the village and the Clerk will request an update.
12. **Croesyceiliog village sign** – Council awaited an update on the matter. The Clerk will request an update on a possible litter picking project in this area by the Community Payback team.
13. **Signage improvements at Cloigyn** – The Council awaited a response on the matter.
14. **Code of Conduct Training** – An invoice was received for £15.00 from One Voice Wales for 50% of the training fee (decreased due to bursary application). This was approved.
15. **Planning Enforcement Field at Idole** – Confirmation was received from the Planning Enforcement Team that following contact with the new landowner notification was received that the works had been undertaken in order to support the keeping of bees and planting of flowers at the field. A request was therefore made by the Planning Department for a retrospective planning application for the hardstanding, though it was felt that should this not be forthcoming, the suggested use would not justify chasing the matter. This was noted, it was also noted that a post box had now been erected at site. The matter will be monitored.
16. **PL/02474** - Variation of Condition No. 4 of PL/00750 - Nantyogetre Isaf, Ferryside, SA17 5YA. It was noted that the application had been approved with a new condition of provision of the outstanding information within 2 months of the approval date of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Noted.
17. **Pothole, Sgwar Bryncochbach** – It was confirmed that the pothole had been repaired. Noted.

## 5. Correspondence

1. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Latest news. Noted.
2. **One Voice Wales** – Training sessions January – March. Noted.
3. **Hywel Dda Community Health Council** – January Newsletter. Noted.
4. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
5. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Engagement survey relating to additional dog controls. Noted.
7. **Older Peoples' Commissioner** – Information on engagement sessions on 'reconnecting with our Communities'. Noted.
8. **Family History information request** – Family history request in relation to the Lloyd Family who may have been stone masons in the Llandyfaelog area during the period 1740 – 1850. It was agreed to place the request on the Community Newsletter.
9. **One Voice Wales** – Information on the 2022 Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for information on Code of Conduct compliance in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The Clerk confirmed that he had provided the requested details. Noted.

- 11. Carmarthen Town Council** – Invitation from the Mayor of Carmarthen for the Chairman to attend the annual St David's Parade on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The Chairman will attend if possible.
- 12. St Ishmaels YFC** – Letter of thanks for the Council's recent donation. Noted.
- 13. Carmarthenshire County Council Toybox Scheme** – Email thanking the Council for its donation to the scheme. Noted.
- 14. Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services** – Information on the online WEBruary campaign. Noted.
- 15. Audit Wales** – Information on the estimated audit charges for 2021-22. Noted.

## **6. Idole Field and Community Amenities**

1. Council awaited a further update on the insurance claim relating to the damage to the front fence. It was noted that the third party was locally known with the name freely available if required.
2. The Chairman and Clerk had met with the County Council Tree Management officer at the Idole Field on the 12<sup>th</sup> January. Following inspection, the County Council had agreed to arrange removal of the trees during their next tree work in the area, this was likely to be carried out in March. Council will consider possible purchase of additional trees once these had been removed.
3. Following receipt of a request from a prospective tenderer, it was agreed to allow an extension of the period for provision of prices of a further 14 days. Delegated authority was given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to approve a contractor if felt appropriate when received.
4. The Clerk noted that he had reminded the Council Handyperson of the need to woodstain the Council benches and work had then been started.

## **7. Vacancy for a member of the Council**

The Clerk noted the vacancy for a member of the Council following the passing of Cllr Mair Stephens. It was noted that due to the proximity to the Council Elections due to be held in May 2022 that it was for Council to decide whether to move forward with the co-option process or to await the elections. It was agreed in tribute to Cllr Stephens to retain the vacancy until the elections were held.

It was further agreed to make contributions of £50.00 each in memory of Mair to the nominated charities, Peony Breast Care unit and Marie Curie.

## **8. Community Handyperson**

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

A further invoice for £170.31 for materials used was received. This was also approved.

## **9. Community Events 2022**

Council considered possible Community Events that could be arranged by the Council during 2022, it was agreed that competitions would be held as follows:

- Garden Competition:
  - Vegetables to be judged in June;
  - Flowers to be judged in July
- Scarecrow Competition to be judged at the same time as the Flower Gardens

It was further agreed to discuss a possible event to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June with the Llandyfaelog Community Hall Committee. The Clerk will explore the possibility of a grant application to the National Lottery Scheme for costs relating to any event.

## 10. Welsh Language Scheme Report

The Clerk presented the draft annual report to the Welsh Language Commissioner on the Council compliance with its Welsh Language Scheme. The report was approved and signed by the Chairman for return.

## 11. Planning

1. **PL/03427** - Construct an equestrian barn and an all-weather riding arena, turnout and parking. Change of use to equestrian - Gwen Yr Haul, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DH. No objections. The Clerk will request an update on the problems relating to the footpath in this area.

## 12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

### 1. One Voice Wales **£15.00** Training session cost (see item 4.14)

2.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	January Salary and costs	£624.78	£26.00 £7.00 £16.20	£673.98	£126.20	£0.00	£547.78

3. **Michael Leefe** **£420.00** Handyperson January – see item 8
4. **Michael Leefe** **£170.31** Materials – see item 8
5. **Marie Curie** **£50.00** Contribution – see item 7
6. **Peony Breast Care** **£50.00** Contribution – see item 7

## 13. Any other business

1. The Clerk will ask the Council Handyperson to cut back the ivy growth on the Llandyfaelog pump house.
2. It was noted that the footpath style at Nantllan was damaged. The Clerk will report to the County Council.
3. A pot hole was reported at the junction of the A484 and the lane passing Bryncoch towards y Lan. The Clerk will report to the County Council.
4. The Clerk will report that the light opposite St Anne's Church on the lane towards Penygraig was not working.
5. The Vice Chairman gave a report of the Town and Community Council Liaison Forum he had attended.
6. It was agreed to hold the Council Annual Dinner on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.