

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

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

Apologies: Viv Davies.

The Chairman noted that the Council's thoughts were with the people of Ukraine during the current conflict in that country.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 3rd February 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. The Clerk would contact the County Council Officer responsible for the contact between Community Councils and the County Council to ask that she escalate the issue.
- 2. Concern regarding traffic speeds along Heol y Lan** – Council awaited provision of the speed monitoring results for the location. The Clerk would contact the County Council Officer responsible for the contact between Community Councils and the County Council to ask that she escalate the issue.
- 3. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – The County Council confirmed that the project was part of a wider project currently being developed, however there was no date for these works to be carried out. Noted.
- 4. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – The Clerk noted that the application had been refused and the matter was now to be considered by the Planning Enforcement Team. Noted.
- 5. 30mph speed limit at Pentrepoeth** – The Council awaited an update on the matter. The Clerk would contact the County Council Officer responsible for the contact between Community Councils and the County Council to ask that she escalate the issue.
- 6. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – It was confirmed that further visits had been undertaken with no issues noted. This was noted, however it was felt that the visits had been undertaken again at the wrong time of day.
- 7. Audit of the Council Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021** – Council received the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2021 following completion of the annual audit by Audit Wales. An unqualified audit was received and will now be advertised on the Council website and

notice boards. The Clerk was thanked for his work with the Council financial arrangements.

8. **Traffic issues in Croesyceiliog** – Council awaited further information on the matter. The Clerk would contact the County Council Officer responsible for the contact between Community Councils and the County Council to ask that she escalate the issue.
9. **Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
10. **Signage improvements at Cloigyn** – The County Council had confirmed that all works were complete. Noted.
11. **PL/02474** – Provision of the required report by the applicant was awaited.
12. **FP29/24 – Nantllan** – The Public Rights of Way department had confirmed that the repair had been logged on the system. Noted.
13. **FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further information on the matter.
14. **Solar Powered light at Idole** – Council awaited an update on the matter. The Clerk would contact the County Council Officer responsible for the contact between Community Councils and the County Council to ask that she escalate the issue.
15. **Council Annual Dinner** – It was agreed that the Annual Dinner would be held on the 29th April at Carmarthen Golf Club with a carvery meal to be provided.

5. Correspondence

1. **Dŵr Cymru** - Pre-Consultation for the draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024. Noted.
2. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for information on the Council's priority public footpaths for maintenance. It was noted that the priorities were limited to 5% of the network within the Community (1.17km) and that those paths included in the Wales Coastal Path were already included. It was therefore agreed to request inclusion of FP 29/4 from Pentrepoeth to Croesyceiliog.
3. **Will Lister, Preswylfa, Llandyfaelog** – Llandyfaelog Community Hall Car Park access request, asking for consideration of allowing a designated parking space for the premises holiday let facility and allowing for an access to be created in the car park wall. The Hall Committee had forwarded the request to the Community Council for consideration as custodian trustee. Following discussion and consideration of the issues arising it was agreed to recommend to the Hall Committee that the request be turned down.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the WLGA Fair and Respectful Election Pledge for the May Local Council elections. Noted.
5. **Hywel Dda Community Health Council** – February Newsletter. Noted.
6. **One Voice Wales** – Information for landowners on the new Countryside Code. Noted.
7. **One Voice Wales** – Report on the consultation undertaken on arrangement under Section 47 for Multi Location Meetings. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales** – February training events. Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales** – Information on swifts. The Clerk had placed the detail on the Council website. Noted.
10. **Welsh Government** - Welsh Government's Consultation on how to measure the inclusion of migrants in Wales. Noted.

11. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report 2022-23. This will be considered in the Council meeting in May following the Council elections.

12. One Voice Wales – February newsletter. 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.
2. The County Council removal of the diseased ash trees at the Idole Field was noted as having been completed.
3. It was noted that works continued with the woodstaining of the Community benches. Cllr Richard John was approved to carry out work to improve the area around the Pentrepoeth bench by clearing mud and placing chippings in place.
4. Tenders for the 2022 grass cutting contract were received as follow:
 - Mark Lewis (Mark's Gardening Services) - £2,560
 - Wrenvale Landscapes and Nurseries - £3,520
 - Carmarthenshire County Council - £6,119

As agreed at the last meeting of Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had considered the tenders and approved the lowest cost received.

7. Community Handyperson

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

8. 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 (Container, Small, Large)
 - Prizes of £25.00 for each category and £50.00 for overall winner was approved.
- Scarecrow Competition to be judged at the same time as the Flower Gardens – Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd agreed as £25, £20 and £10

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been carried out that evening with the Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Hall Committee. It was agreed that an event to mark the Platinum Jubilee should be held on Saturday 4th June with a street party at the Hall Car Park with entertainment during the day and evening.

A token will be provided to each child under the age of 11 to remember the event. The Clerk to make enquiries with the Royal Mint. It was agreed to make a grant application for the likely costs, but the Council agreed to make £1,500 available for the event from reserves if this proved necessary.

9. Planning

1. **PL/03507** - Proposed attic conversion with 4 new dormer windows to provide 2 bedrooms / bathroom & walk in wardrobe with minor alteration to existing layout to provide stairwell to loft conversion - Brodawel, Llaingotten, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LY. No objections.
2. **PL/03516** - Installation of a Shepherd Hut for use as Tourism Unit upon land at Ystrad Fach Farm. Change of use of agricultural land to Tourism, together with all other associated works - Ystradfach Farm, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly, SA17 5NY. No objections.

10. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Wales Air Ambulance** – A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.
2. **Foothold Cymru** – No contribution.
3. **Marie Curie** - A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.
4. **Cancer Information and Support Services** - A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.
5. **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod** – No contribution.

11. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	February Salary and costs	£624.78	£26.00 £7.00 £11.70 £22.69	£692.17	£126.20	£0.00	£565.97

3. **M Gibbard** £100.00 Croesyceiliog bus shelter
4. **Michael Leefe** £420.00 Handyperson February – see item 7
5. **Wales Air Ambulance** £50.00 Donation – see item 10.1
6. **Marie Curie** £50.00 Donation – see item 10.3
7. **Cancer Information and Support Service** £50.00 Donation – see item 10.4

12. Any other business

1. The Clerk had reported water pooling along Cwmale to the County Council.
2. The Clerk had reported water pooling between Bryngors Isaf and Garthowen to the County Council.
3. The Clerk had received concerns about the dropped kerb at Tir Gof side of the Llandyfaelog junction in relation to it being difficult to see in the dark. He had reported this to the County Council for their consideration.
4. Flytipping was noted near Sgwar Bryncochbach.
5. The Clerk to report the poor condition of the road surface in Croesyceiliog and at Ysgol Bro Myrddin to the County Council.
6. It was noted that the bin at Tir Gof had recently been filled with sharps boxes including needles.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 7th April 2022.