

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE HALL ON 12 MAY 2022 AT 7.45PM**

1. Present: Cllrs Janet Knott (Chairman), Elfyn Williams, Philip Davies, Eifion Jones, Rheinallt Jones, Meinir James, County Councillor Tyssul Evans and Arfon Davies (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Nicola Jones, Viv Davies and Shan Rees.

The Chairman noted the Council congratulations to Cllrs Meinir James and Tyssul Evans on their election as ward members for the Llangyndeyrn Ward.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Public Participation

The Clerk noted that under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 there was now a requirement to provide an opportunity for any members of the public in attendance to address Council or ask questions on any matters of concern in relation to agenda items (other than those items proposed to be considered in private).

It was noted that no Members of the public were in attendance on this occasion.

4. Result of Council Elections and arrangements to fill vacancies for members of the Council

The Clerk presented members with the results of the uncontested election of members for Llandyfaelog Community Council. It was noted that there were 2 vacancies on the Council. The Clerk confirmed that arrangements would be made to advertise the opportunity for co-option which would be displayed in the Community for return of expressions of interest in readiness for the June meeting.

5. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 7th April 2022 were confirmed and signed.

6. Matters Arising

- 1. Road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484 –** Cllr Elfyn Williams and Shan Rees had met with County Council Engineers at site to look at possible improvements that could be made on the 27th April. Notes of the meeting were circulated to members. A proposal was received for the provision of two new lighting columns at the junction with a cost of £7,787.94. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a detailed breakdown of the costs.
- 2. Concern regarding traffic speeds along Heol y Lan –** It was noted that the speed monitoring equipment had been put in place in the previous days.
- 3. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin –** Council awaited an update on the matter. Noted.
- 4. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth –** Council awaited an update on the matter. Noted.

5. **30mph speed limit at Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited the consultation on the proposals outlined.
6. **Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited an update on the matter. Noted.
7. **Traffic issues in Croesyceiliog** – Council awaited the consultation on the proposals for speed limits outlined along with installation of the ‘people walking’ signs.
8. **Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
9. **PL/02474** – A planning application on the matter had been received for consideration.
10. **FP29/24 – Nantllan** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
11. **FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Confirmation was received that a visit would be undertaken to the footpath in the coming weeks to assess accessibility and any works required. Noted.
12. **Solar Powered light at Idole** – The matter had been raised with the Public Lighting engineer at the meeting held on the 27th April. Council awaited further updates on the matter.
13. **Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – Confirmation was received that a 2 month period had been given to the occupant to remove the caravan sited in the field on the 13th April. Noted.
14. **Tir Gof Dropped Kerb** – It was confirmed that a decision had been made to re-grade the footway to reduce the steep gradient and provide buff coloured tactile paving slabs each side of the road at this location to provide a visual contrast to help highlight the change in level. This work was to be completed in the coming weeks. Noted.
15. **Council Annual Dinner 29th April** – The Chairman noted her thanks to Cllr Elfyn Williams for arranging an excellent Council Annual Dinner at Carmarthen Golf Club. Cllr Williams thanked members for their attendance. Noted.
16. **Completion of development works at Maesglasnant Estate** – The Council awaited an update on the matter.

7. Correspondence

1. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information request in relation to declarations made by members under the Code of Conduct along with training attendance. The Clerk confirmed that the information had been provided. Noted.
2. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2022-23 precept being £7,900.00. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales** – May training events. Noted.
4. **Enforcement issue – Gelligaeros, Idole** – The Clerk confirmed contact from residents concerned in relation to possible scrap processing activities that were planned for the former GD Harries site at this location. The matter had been raised with the Planning Enforcement Team who were considering the matter. Noted.
5. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
6. **Hywel Dda Community Health Council** – April Newsletter. Noted.
7. **One Voice Wales** – Papers for the Carmarthen Area Committee held on the 20th April, Cllr Elfyn Williams gave a report of the meeting. Noted.

8. **Audit Wales** – Community and Town Council survey on Community Resilience. Noted.
9. **Keep Wales Tidy** – Confirmation that the Local Places for Nature Scheme was open for 2022 applications. It was agreed to seek opportunities to develop the facilities at Idole Field.
10. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
11. **St Anne's Church** – The Clerk confirmed a request for weed spraying on the road adjacent the Church walls. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been referred to the County Council. Noted.
12. **Welsh Government** – Climate Change Newsletter. Noted.
13. **Carmarthenshire Federation of YFC** – Tickets to attend the Young Farmers Rally on the 14th May. The Chairman will attend on behalf of the Council.

8. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. The insurers confirmed that they had now found the 3rd party and had written to them inviting them to admit liability.

9. Community Handyperson

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

10. General Power of Competence

The Clerk noted that Llandyfaelog Community Council currently met the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to become an eligible Council able to exercise the general power of competence.

Council considered the issues and unanimously agreed a resolution confirming that Llandyfaelog Community Council meets the conditions in accordance with Schedule 4, Part 1 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and therefore wished to become an eligible community council able to exercise the general power of competence.

11. Members Payments and Allowances 2022-23

The Clerk provided detail of the Annual Report and determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. It was noted that under the current Bandings, Llandyfaelog Community Council was a Band C / Group 4 Council.

Council noted that it was required to make a sum of £150 available for members in relation to expenses costs. This to be paid in February 2023 via the HMRC Payroll Tools application. Members were to make the Clerk aware in writing if they did not wish to receive the payment.

Council further agreed not to make available the £500 sum for members with specific responsibilities or the £1,500 for Civic Head. Council also agreed not to implement an attendance allowance for Members. Council noted that the Chairman's Allowance for the year was agreed at the Annual Meeting.

12. 2022-23 Insurance Agreement

The Clerk presented the quotations received for the Council Insurance policy as follows:

- Zurich Municipal £623.21 (1 year)
- Zurich Municipal £599.74 (3 year)
- Zurich Municipal £576.28 (5 year)
- Hiscox £1,312.50

It was agreed to renew the policy with Zurich Municipal on a 5 year basis.

13. Community Events 2022

a) HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Clerk noted that a further planning meeting had not been possible and will take forward confirmation of the arrangements to take place for the event. The event would however take place on Saturday 4th June at 2pm in Llandyfaelog Community Hall with the Council Chairman to present the mugs to children of primary school age or younger.

The Clerk presented an example of the commemorative mugs received from Printed 4 You. These were noted with pleasure.

The Clerk distributed letters for circulation in the Community where children were thought to be living in order to ensure that the opportunity was provided to all. Council also awaited information from the County Council that may be able to assist with this process.

Payment of £428.00 plus VAT was approved to Printed 4 You.

b) Community Garden Competition and Scarecrow Competition

Arrangements for the Garden Competition were discussed.

Mr Nigel Sheldon had agreed to be the competition judge for the year. Nominations were to be provided to the Clerk and arrangements would be made to carry out the judging in June for vegetable gardens and August for flower gardens.

14. Planning

1. **PL/03803** - Removal of Condition 4 (Retention of an extension to an existing slurry lagoon for welfare purposes) on PL/00750 - Nantyogetre Isaf, Ferryside, SA17 5YA. It was agreed that Council did not feel there was a justification for removal of the condition and would request that it be retained.
2. **Asbri Planning** – Consultation before making a planning application, proposed outline planning application for up to 23 dwellings and associated works including off-site highway improvements, land off St Anne's Lane,

Cwmffrwd. The consultation period ended on the 9th June and it was agreed to therefore consider the matter at the next meeting of Council.

15. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1. Printed 4 You **£513.60** Jubilee Mugs (£428.00 plus £85.60 VAT
See item 13 a above

2.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	April Salary and costs	£635.73	£26.00 £7.00 £11.70	£680.43	£256.80	£0.00	£423.63

3. Information Commissioner Office **£40.00** Data Protection registration 2022-23
4. Cllr Elfyn Williams **£350.00** Chairman's Allowance 2021-22
5. Michael Leefe **£420.00** April (see item 9)
6. Zurich Insurance **£576.28** 2022-23 Insurance premium (see item 12)

16. Any other business

- Members noted their best wishes to former Chairman Glenn Jones who had been unwell recently.
- Members noted with sadness the disbanding of Côr Dyffryn Tywi and expressed gratitude for their work in the Community over a number of years.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 9th June 2022.