

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Cllrs Janet Knott (Chairman), Nicola Jones, Philip Davies, Shan Rees, Eifion Jones, Meinir James, Jenny Jones, Carys Thomas, Elfyn Williams, County Councillor Tyssul Evans and Arfon Davies (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies and Rheinallt Jones.

The Chairman wished all members a Happy New Year and thanked them for attending the annual Christmas Dinner at the Red Lion.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 1st December 2022 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- 1. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 2. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 3. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 4. Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 5. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 6. Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Information Sessions** – The Clerk noted that a further session would be held on the 11th January at 2.30pm.
- 7. Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 8. PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 9. Audit of the Council accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022** – The Clerk noted that the Council's accounts continued to receive consideration by Audit Wales. Noted.
- 10. Llandyfaelog Community Hall** – An update was provided on the works being carried out at the Hall. Noted.
- 11. Code of Conduct Training** – The Clerk noted that One Voice Wales could provide an in-person training sessions through the medium of Welsh or English at a cost of £420.00, however a bilingual session would not be possible. The Clerk will make enquiries with the County Council on the matter.
- 12. Signage and Untidy Land at Llandyfaelog** – **Cllr Philip Davies declared his interest.** It was noted that the Clerk had been asked to provide a statement confirming the Community Council's knowledge on the matter in

relation to the possibility of a Community Order being raised in relation to the issue by the Police. Noted.

- 13. Litter bin at Constant** – The Clerk confirmed that he was chasing a replacement of the steel container bin. Noted.
- 14. Possible Lighting Project at Idole** – Council awaited a response from the County Council with a proposed costed project.
- 15. Flytipping of tyres near Gelliddu Bungalow** – It was noted that these items had been collected.
- 16. Flytipping of tyres near Llwynhelyg** – Flytipping was noted of 2 tyres at Llwynhelyg, Croesyceiliog. This will be reported to the County Council.
- 17. Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – A further draft of the QR Code sign for Llandyfaelog was received. The draft was considered and was noted. The Clerk will request confirmation of provision of a Welsh language version along with confirmation that any photos proposed for use had been approved by relevant homeowners.
- 18. Ynni Sir Gar Fuel Poverty and Energy Cost Grant Scheme** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 19. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation on the proposed 20mph speed limit changes – It was agreed in addition to request consideration of a decreased speed limit for the Cloigyn area.
- 20. Donations made to Llandyfaelog Community Hall, Carmarthen and District Youth Opera, Cerebral Palsy Cymru, Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs, Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog and Carmarthenshire Toy Box Appeal** – Thank you letters were received for the Council's donations. Cllr Shan Rees noted that she had attended the Carmarthenshire Toy Box Scheme offices with the Chair of the Llandyfaelog Community Hall Committee and informed the Council of how impressive the arrangements had been. It was agreed to write to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the matter to note the Council's thanks to the County Council staff involved.
- 21. Llandyfaelog Community Christmas Fayre** – The Chair noted the Council's thanks to the Hall Committee for the arrangements put in place for the Christmas Fayre held on the 5th December.
- 22. Accidents at Bancycapel** - Council awaited further updates on the matter.

6. Correspondence

- 1. Barclays Bank** – Statements. The bank reconciliation was counter signed by Cllr Philip Davies.
- 2. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for information on bus shelter ownership and maintenance. The Clerk confirmed that he had provided the requested detail. Noted.
- 3. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Budget consultation for the 2023-24 Precept. Noted.
- 4. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – News bulletin. Noted
- 5. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Nature Notes. Noted.
- 6. One Voice Wales** – January – March training events. Noted.
- 7. One Voice Wales** – News bulletin. Noted.
- 8. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd 2022-23 precept being £7,900.00. Noted.
- 9. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. Council received an update that a possible staged payment plan was being considered for the repayment to the Community Council of the £250.00 excess insurance claim for the vehicle damage to the field fence.
2. The Clerk circulated a draft tender document for the grass cutting contract at Idole Field and Glanmorlais for 2023. Council approved the tender and will seek prices in readiness for the next meeting.
3. Council received the annual play area inspection for the Idole Field from the Play Inspection Company and noted that there were no items raised above a low risk level. Payment of the charge from the Play Inspection Company was agreed at £72.95 plus VAT £14.59.

8. 2022-23 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 3rd quarter budget report for the 2022-23 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

The Chairman carried out an audit of the 2022-23 financial records.

9. 2023-24 Precept, Priorities and Budget Report

The Clerk presented the report and noted the likely financial position for the end of the 2022-23 Financial Year.

Council considered the report and agreed to request a precept of £25,380 for 2023-24 (£23,700 in 2022-23). The sum would lead to a Band D Council Tax of £39.13 (£37.11 in 2022-23). The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to complete and sign the necessary paperwork to be returned to Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Clerk confirmed that it was good practice for Council to hold between 3 months and one year's precept in general reserves and that any further funds held should be allocated in specific reserves.

Council further considered its priorities for Council reserves. Specific reserves were agreed to be allocated as follows:

Public Lighting Improvements (including the annual £1,077.25 cost of the LED Lighting upgrade)	£4,000
Amenity Improvements	£3,000
Idole Play and Amenity Area	£7,000

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

10. 2023-24 Investment Strategy

The Clerk presented the draft Investment Strategy. The Strategy was approved as Council Policy for the 2023-24 Financial Year.

11. Planning

1. **PL/05048** -. Proposed change of use from existing outbuilding/barn to new dwelling material change of use - Llechwedd Dderi, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly, SA17 5NY. No objection.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	December Salary and costs	£679.08	£26.00 £11.70 £7.00	£723.78	£274.40	£0.00	£449.38

2. HMRC	£926.80	Income Tax deductions (October – December)
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3. The Play Inspection	£87.54	Annual Play Area Inspection – see item 7.3 (£72.95 plus VAT £14.59)
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12.4 The Clerk noted receipt of a further £10.00 for sale of 2 Jubilee mugs.

13. Any other business

1. Cllr Meinir James noted a damaged solar panel powered sign on the road to Croesyceiliog from the Kidwelly direction. This had been reported to the County Council for repair.
2. The Chair and Vice-Chair noted that they had attended the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference and gave a report of the meeting.
3. Cllr Meinir James noted that 2 accidents had happened in Croesyceiliog during the recent very icy weather.
4. Cllr Meinir James noted that the County Council were currently consulting on their budget for 2023-24.
5. The Clerk will request a waste bin for the Rama bus shelter.
6. The Clerk will report that the give way sign at Brynhawddgar, Llandyfaelog was obscured by growth.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2023.