

MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Meinir James and Nicola Jones.

The Chairman noted the Council's deepest sympathy to Cllr Meinir James and her family following the recent loss of her father and mother in law.

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 5th January 2023 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- 1. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – Confirmation was received that in common with the wider Re:Fit programme, the works were on hold for the time being pending allocation of resources or grant availability from Welsh Government. This is expected to be received early part of the new financial year. Noted.
- 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. It was noted that the Fire Brigade had experienced problems getting through the village that evening.
- 4. Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – Council received an update that the matter had been passed to the highways department (who were carrying out works to alleviate the matter) at the County Council as the Highways Structures department were content that there were no issues requiring their attention due to the drainage structure being clear of blockages and running freely in their view. Noted.
- 5. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 6. Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 7. PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Reports of lights on the location were also received.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Llandyfaelog Community Hall** – An update was provided on the works being carried out at the Hall. Noted.

- 10. Code of Conduct Training** – The Clerk noted that Carmarthenshire County Council would not currently be able to facilitate training with Councils directly, though a session in County Hall was being planned for later in 2023. Noted.
- 11. Litter bin at Constant** – It was noted that a new bin had now been provided.
- 12. Possible Lighting Project at Idole** – Council awaited a response from the County Council with a proposed costed project. It was noted that the property in question was now on sale.
- 13. Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – Information was provided on options for the size of the QR Code sign for Llandyfaelog. The need to ensure that all properties affected were contacted for permissions was noted.
- 14. Ynni Sir Gar Fuel Poverty and Energy Cost Grant Scheme** – Council received confirmation that the grant application made had not been successful. Noted.
- 15. Carmarthenshire County Council – Consultation on the proposed 20mph speed limit changes** – Information was now awaited from the County Council following their consideration of the consultation responses received.
- 16. Accidents at Bancycapel** – Confirmation was received that a site review would be undertaken between the County Council, Roads Police and Go Safe with a report to follow to the Council on findings. Noted.
- 17. Flytipping of tyres at Llwynhelyg** – It was noted that the tyres were yet to be collected.
- 18. Bin for Rama Chapel** – Confirmation was received that the County Council were currently undertaking a cleansing review including the requests received for bins. Further information would follow once this was completed. Noted.

6. Correspondence

- 1. Possible Pollution in the Gwendraeth River near Rhydyronnen Bridge** – The Council received a copy of a report to Carmarthenshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales in relation to a possible pollution incident in the Gwendraeth River. This was noted.
- 2. Barclays Bank** – Statements.
- 3. Welsh Government** – Consultation on Public commemoration in Wales. Noted.
- 4. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the U2223 Llanccwm Road, Kidwelly from its junction with the B4309 for a distance of 1 kilometre in a south-westerly direction to ensure public safety whilst BT access the network for overhead and underground cabling, which will take place on Monday 20th March 2023 from 09:30 until 15:30. Noted.
- 5. Maesdolau Grit Box** – Damage to the grit box at Maesdolau had been reported to the County Council who had visited to assess the box and were content with its condition. Noted.
- 6. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Latest news. Noted.
- 7. One Voice Wales** – January – March training events. Noted.
- 8. One Voice Wales** – Carmarthen area committee held on the 30th January. A report of the meeting was provided by the Chairman.
- 9. Carmarthen Town Council** – Invitation to join the St David's Day parade on the 4th March 2023. The Chairman will look to attend.
- 10. Hedgerows at Penymaes** – Contact had been received in relation to the possible removal of hedgerows in Penymaes which may have been undertaken without planning permission. This was noted.

11. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner – Information on the Police and Crime Commissioner's St David's Day conference to be held on the 3rd March. Noted.

12. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog – Letter from the Eisteddfod noting concern about the future of the Eisteddfod and asking for support for a public meeting to discuss the issue at Llandyfaelog Hall on the 21st February. It was agreed that the Council fully supported the future of the Eisteddfod and while not appropriate to arrange the meeting directly, would support arrangements for the evening in any way possible.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. Council awaited a further update on the excess insurance claim for the vehicle damage to the field fence.

2. Council received tenders for the grass cutting contract for 2023 as follows:

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| • Mark's Gardening Services | £3,200.00 |
| • Michael Leefe Handyman | £2,100.00 |
| • Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes | £3,520.00 |
| • ASJ Maintenance | £12,000.00 |
| • Carmarthenshire County Council | £11,734.70 (with collection) |
| • Carmarthenshire County Council | £7,024.18 (without collection) |

The price from Michael Leefe Handyman was approved.

8. Council Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed a total of 28 hours worked in December with a charge of £504.00 approved.

9. Community Events 2023

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2023 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
- Scarecrow Competition;
- His Majesty the King's Coronation.

The Clerk will make enquiries to see if any grants were available for events marking the Coronation.

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/05311** - Single story side extension - Gellideg, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2NB. No objections.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1. Carmarthenshire County Council	£1,292.70	Footway lighting LED improvements payment 2022-23 (£1,077.25 plus VAT)
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2. Michael Leefe £504.00 December payment (see item 8)

3.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	January Salary and costs	£679.08	£26.00 £11.70 £7.00 £12.08	£735.86	£274.40	£0.00	£461.46

13. Any other business

1. Problems with lorries looking to cross Pont Rhydyronnen were noted.
2. A tree hanging across the highway at Cilgadan will be reported for checking by the County Council.
3. Flytipping of a cupboard was noted at Garthowen.
4. It was noted that food waste was being left at the Heol y Lan / Lan Farm junction, this will be reported to the Environmental Enforcement Team.
5. It was noted that dog mess in bags were being left adjacent to the grit box at Lon yr Ysgol, this will be reported to the Environmental Enforcement Team.
The Clerk will also raise the need to refresh the dog mess signs.

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