

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies and Nicola Jones.

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 2nd February 2023 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 received a consultation on the planning enforcement appeal in relation to this application. Noted.
- 3. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council received information of 3 further visits to the area that had not led to any parking contravention notices being raised. Noted.
- 4. Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 5. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Further information was received in relation to possible works on the footpath. The County Council were also contacting landowners in relation to the matter. Noted.
- 6. Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – The County Council reported that further enforcement notice had been submitted to the landowner with a response awaited. Noted.
- 7. PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 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 which had now been completed at the Hall. Noted.
- 10. Possible Lighting Project at Idole** – Council received a quotation from the County Council for these works to provide 1 additional light in the sum of £2,500.00. It was agreed that the works would not go ahead and the Clerk was to make the resident aware.
- 11. Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – Further information was received on the QR code sign. Noted.
- 12. Carmarthenshire County Council – Consultation on the proposed 20mph speed limit changes** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.

13. **Accidents at Bancycapel** – The Clerk provided an update that the County Council were considering possible actions that could be undertaken in the area with further information to follow. Noted.
14. **Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
15. **Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog** – Members received a report of the meeting held on the 21st February. The next meeting was to be held on the 13th March. Noted.
16. **Food waste and dog mess in the Heol y Lan and Lon yr Ysgol areas** - Council awaited a response on the matter.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – Defibrillator Census. The Clerk confirmed that he had provided the requested information.
2. **Welsh Government** - Ministerial Review of Play Report and Background Paper. Noted.
3. **Carmarthen Town Council** – Carmarthen Bar Navigation Committee held on the 20th February 2023. Noted.
4. **Hywel Dda Community Health Council** – Newsletter. Noted.
5. **Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Information on a Community and Town Council consultation event on the 7th March in relation to possible sites for a new hospital. Members would attend if possible.
6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation that a Community Review of Community and Town Councils in Carmarthenshire would commence on the 13th March. It was agreed that the Council would respond that it was content with current arrangements for the Council.
7. **Welsh Government** – Request for nominations for the Kings New Year Honours 2024. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales / Planning Aid Wales** – Information on an online event to be held on the 22nd March, 'The Value of Planning and how it positively impacts our Welsh Communities'. Cllr Meinir James was nominated to attend with the £40.00 cost agreed.
9. **One Voice Wales** – Training Needs Survey 2023. The Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation on the 2nd deposit revised Local Development Plan. The matter would be considered by the Council at its next meeting.
11. **Road surface between Bryncoch and Lan** – The Clerk had reported concerns in relation to the road surface to the County Council and work had been carried out on the matter. Noted.
12. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for possible topics that could be considered by the Council Scrutiny Committees. Noted.
13. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
14. **Play for Wales Magazine** – Noted.
15. **Clerks and Council Direct Magazine** – Noted.

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 considered a report on the condition of Council amenities and approved proposed works to be carried out by the Handyperson.

3. The Clerk noted that the bench at Bolahaul road junction was damaged with the brackets having rusted away. A quote was received from Star Forge to replace the brackets at a cost of £240.00 or to replace the bench with a steel replacement at a cost of £380.00. The cost of a recycled plastic bench was noted to be £500.00 without installation. It was agreed to ask Star Forge to replace the bench at the cost of £380.00.
4. The Clerk will ask the Handyperson to repair the bench at Llandyfaelog Pump urgently along with completing the painting of benches in the Community.
5. The Clerk will request advice on maintenance of the History Panels which appeared to be deteriorating.
6. A possible training event for defibrillator use will be looked into by the Clerk.

8. Council Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed a total of 28 hours worked in January and February with 2 payments 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 noted a lack of grant funding schemes for the Coronation.

It was agreed to move forward with arrangements for the Garden and Scarecrow Competition. A judge for the Garden Competition was suggested as Arwyn Edwards, Rhydargaeau.

10. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Cancer Information and Support Services** – A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.
2. **Cllr Meinir James declared her interest and left the meeting for the item - YesCymru** – No contribution.
3. **The Chair declared her interest and left the meeting for the item, Cllr Shan Rees took the Chair for the item - Cruse Carmarthenshire** - A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.

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	£679.08	£26.00 £14.40 £7.00 £7.65	£734.13	£274.40	£0.00	£459.73

2. **Michael Leefe** **£504.00** January payment (see item 8)

3. **M Gibbard** **£100.00** Croesyceiliog shelter

4. **Michael Leefe** **£504.00** February payment (see item 8)

5. CISS	£50.00	Donation (see item 10.1)
6. Cruse	£50.00	Donation (see item 10.3)

12. Any other business

1. It was noted that Bute Energy were undertaking a consultation event on the 30th March in relation to a proposed new grid route through the Towy valley March in Llandyfaelog Community Hall.
2. Cyber security and use of personal email addresses for Council business was discussed.
3. Litter on the roadside across the Community was discussed. Cllr Meinir James will seek clarity on County Council litter picking arrangements.
4. It was noted that a new Parish Vicar had been installed, Father Jim Flanagan. The Clerk will write a letter of welcome from the Council.
5. The Annual Council dinner would be held on the 14th April.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 6th April 2023.