

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Cllrs Janet Knott (Chairman), Elfyn Williams, Philip Davies, Eifion Jones, Jenny Jones, Meinir James, Viv Davies, Rheinallt Jones and Arfon Davies (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Nicola Jones, Shan Rees and Carys Thomas.

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 March 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 awaited further updates on the matter.
- 3. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 4. Water running into Llandyfaelog from the highway and consequent flooding** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 5. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 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 planning application. It was noted that the Public Protection department was looking into the concerns relating to the lighting at the site. Concern was again expressed in relation to possible environmental pollution into the nearby stream.
- 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. Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 10. Carmarthenshire County Council – Consultation on the proposed 20mph speed limit changes** – Council received updates on its Consultation responses as follows:
 - **Decrease in the speed limit from Upland Arms passed Llandyfaelog to Glanmorlais (A484)** - The planned 40mph for this area was noted to be proposed to be limited to cover the Llandyfaelog staggered junction. The Community Council would be consulted further on the matter in due course.
 - **Decrease in the speed limit at Bancycapel and Cloigyn (B4309)** - It was noted that there would be an assessment of this location with County Council and Police officers from GoSafe.

- **Decrease in the speed limit at Idole (A484)** – It was noted that following a review of the comments received, it was proposed to maintain a short length of 20mph outside Cywion Bach and Idole Field with short lengths of 30mph to remain on the approaches as buffer speed limits.
- **Speed limit at Pentrepoeth** - The extents of the speed limit in Pentrepoeth had been extended to include the last property, Maeshyfryd.

These updates were noted.

- 11. Accidents at Bancycapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. A further accident was noted to have occurred the previous day at Danybanc, the Clerk will report this to the County Council and request copies of the police reports on the recent accidents at this location.
- 12. Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 13. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog** – It was noted that a further meeting including the Eisteddfod AGM would be held on the 17th April. The Eisteddfod was intended to be arranged for the 2nd December. Noted.
- 14. Food waste and dog mess in the Heol y Lan and Lon yr Ysgol areas** – Council received information that the County Council Environment Team had visited the area and renewed dog mess signs, it was also confirmed that further information would be required on who was suspected of leaving food in the area for action to be taken. Noted.
- 15. Hywel Dda University Health Board – Consultation on possible sites for a new hospital** - Reports of the Consultation event held on the 7th March were received from Cllrs Janet Knott and Shan Rees. Noted.
- 16. One Voice Wales / Planning Aid Wales** – Cllr Meinir James gave a report of the training event. This was noted. Council approved payment of the attendance fee being £40.00.
- 17. Defibrillator Training Event** – The Clerk provided information from One Voice Wales on the process to provide a training event via St John's Ambulance. The Clerk will raise the issue with the Community Hall Committee.
- 18. Donations to Cruse and CISS** – Council received notes of thanks for the donations made in the March Council meeting. Noted.
- 19. Bute Energy consultation events** – Reports were received on the consultation event held at the Hall. The Clerk will respond to the consultation to note that the Council would encourage residents to make their own comments on the matter. Concern will be raised in relation to the visual impact of the proposed substation if this was to be located within the Community along with the likely disruption that would be caused by the development works in the Community. Confirmation will also be requested on any possible Community Benefit that could come from the project works.

The Chair experienced technical issues and Cllr Elfyn Williams was elected Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- 20. Roadside litter** – Cllr Meinir James provided information on County Council activity in relation to roadside litter. It was noted that the County Council was aware of the problem, however traffic management arrangements were required to ensure staff safety during activities. A team was being trained for litter picking activities on A class roads, more rural roads were noted as being

a difficulty. Additional staff were also being recruited. This was in addition to the annual litter picking planned on all roads. Noted.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – Training Events. Noted.
2. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Latest News. Noted.
3. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Newsletter. Noted.
4. **Welsh Government** – Consultation on new registration rules for all bird keepers in Great Britain. Noted.
5. **Welsh Government** - Written Statement: Digital Health of Community and Town Councils. Noted.
6. **Welsh Government** – Consultation on the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle (Wales) Bill. Noted.
7. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Correspondence on the road surfacing works undertaken outside Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin. Noted.
8. **Welsh Government** - Consultation on the Penn Review response (Local Authority Ethical Standards Framework and Code of Conduct). Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales** – 2023-24 Subscription renewal. This was approved at a cost of £239.00.
10. **Barclays Bank** – The bank reconciliation was countersigned by Cllr Viv Davies.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. Council received a request for the Clerk to sign Court papers in order to proceed with the claim on the excess insurance claim for the vehicle damage to the field fence. The Clerk was approved to sign the document.
2. The Clerk noted that the bench at Bolahaul road had been removed with installation of the new item awaited.
3. Council received information on a sealant product for possible use on the History Panels. A price for the product was now awaited.
4. Council received prices for the annual play area inspection as follows:
 - Play Inspection Company - £87.50
 - ROSPA - £85.50

It was agreed to retain the contract with the Play Inspection Company due to the quality of the report provided.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in March with additional material costs for repairs and maintenance undertaken to a total cost of £705.59 approved.

9. 2nd deposit revised Local Development Plan 2018-2033

Cllr Philip Davies noted his interest in relation to proposals for the Llandyfaelog area and left the meeting for discussion on those plans. Members considered the consultation on the 2nd deposit revised Local Development plan. The information was noted.

10. 2022-23 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 4th quarter budget report for the 2022-23 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

The Clerk was thanked for his work with the Council Financial records.

11. 2023-24 Risk Analysis

Council considered the draft 2023-24 Risk Analysis which was presented by the Clerk. The draft document was agreed.

12. 2023-24 Staff Salary and Contracts report

Council agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting for this item due to the nature of the information to be discussed.

The Clerk presented the information report and the following items were agreed.

a) Bus Shelter Cleaners

Following discussion, it was agreed to set the payment for the Croesyceiliog Bus Shelter at £100 for the year.

b) Handyperson

Handyperson was noted as Michael Leefe with a payment of £20.00 per hour agreed for the year.

c) Council Clerk

It was agreed to retain the current pay point at the top of the relevant scale at point 23, currently £8,148.92. Council confirmed payment of a £26.00 allowance per month for home working. This encompassed the HMRC home working allowance (currently £26.00 per month).

Council further confirmed payment of necessary mileage claims paid on the HMRC mileage allowance rate (currently 45p per mile)

13. Community Events 2023

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2023 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
 - Vegetable Gardens – June
 - Flower Gardens – August
 - Container Garden;
 - Small Garden;
 - Large Garden.
- Scarecrow Competition;
 - It was agreed to look into the possibility of creating a perpetual shield for the competition in memory of Cllr Mair

Stephens. This was agreed in principle with a discussion to be held with Mair's family on the matter.

14. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Carmarthenshire County Council | £161.66 | 2022 Election costs |
| 2. Planning Aid Wales | £40.00 | Training fee (see item 5.16) |
| 3. One Voice Wales | £17.50 | Training fee |
| 4. Carmarthenshire County Council | £2,073.07 | Footway lighting costs
2022-23 (£1,727.56 plus VAT) |

5.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	March Salary and costs	£679.06	£26.00 £14.40 £7.00 £18.64	£745.10	£274.40	£0.00	£470.70

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| 6. Michael Leefe | £705.59 | March payment (see item 8) |
| 7. One Voice Wales | £239.00 | 2023-24 Subscription (see item 6.9) |

b) The Clerk confirmed receipt of the 2022-23 VAT reclaim in the sum of £919.69.

15. Any other business

- It was noted that Jamie Stiles had recently been successful with his team in winning the World Championship threes in Short Mat Bowls for the Welsh National Team. A letter of congratulations will be sent to him.
- Confirmation will be requested as to when the Community Bus Shelters would be cleaned by the County Council.
- Pot holes will be reported for repair between Cilgadan and Bryncochbach
- The condition of road surfaces generally in anti skid areas will be raised with the County Council.
- The condition of the road surface at the Llwynyreos turning in Cwmffrwd will be reported to the County Council.
- Water pooling between Capel Farm and Fforest will be reported to the County Council.
- It was noted that works would be carried out to improve the road surface between Croesyceiliog and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin.
- A water leak was reported at Maesglasnant in Cwmffrwd.

The next meeting and Annual Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 4th May 2023.