

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 1 JUNE 2023 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Eifion Jones, Rheinallt Jones and County Councillor Tyssul Evans

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 annual meeting and meeting of Council held on the 4th May 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. **FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
5. **Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
6. **PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the planning application.
7. **Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – Confirmation was received that the interpretation QR code panel was nearing completion, with the launch of the tour anticipated for the 23rd / 24th September. A suggestion was received from the project that an event could be held in the area over that weekend to mark and celebrate the project. It was confirmed that the Church intended to hold an event. Contact had also been made by 'Dechrau Canu, Derchrau Canmol' who were considering a programme and were looking for possible contacts. Information will be provided to the Clerk to forward on.
8. **Carmarthenshire County Council – Consultation on the proposed 20mph speed limit changes** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
9. **Accidents at Bancycapel** – Council awaited a response to the freedom of information act request along with proposals from the County Council. A further near miss was noted at the location. Possible Community Speed Watch activity will be raised with the Police.
10. **Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
11. **Defibrillator Training Event** – The Clerk confirmed that a defibrillator training event with St John's Ambulance had been booked in for the 11th July, 7.30pm. This will be advertised in the Community.

12. Bute Energy consultation events – A response was received to the Council's comments as follows:

- **Visual Impact of the Sub-station** – Consideration would be given to reducing the visual impact with screening via tree planting to be looked at. This would be consulted on further.
- **Disruption** – Further consideration was being given to these aspects with further consultation to be carried out.
- **Community Benefit** – A Community Benefit fund was to be put in place. The company would look to work with local residents and organisations on the best way the fund could be used. The Clerk will request that the Community Council is considered for inclusion in the process for distributing possible funds.

An email was also received from the Carmarthenshire County Council Head of Administration and Law reminding members of the requirements in relation to declarations of interest in areas relating to this issue.

13. Carmarthenshire County Council Bus shelter cleaning – It was noted that the work had been carried out.

14. Celebration Service for the Coronation at St David's Cathedral – The Chair provided a report of the event. Noted.

15. One Voice Wales – Training events. Approval was given to the Vice-Chair's attendance at the Chaining Skills Module held on the 25th May.

16. Carmarthenshire YFCs Annual Rally – A report of the event was provided by the Vice-Chair. A letter of congratulations will be sent to the members of St Ishmael's YFC who had competed in the Rally.

17. Unfulfilled Bus Journey Data – The County Council noted no record of any unfulfilled journeys in the Community for the current calendar year on their services. Confirmation was received from First Bus that as they were not covered by the Freedom of Information act, that they would not provide any information. This was noted.

6. Correspondence

1. Dyfed Powys Police – Information on speed enforcement visit details for Cwmffrwd and Idole as follows:

- **Cwmffrwd** – 19 visits from January to April 2023 with 120 vehicles exceeding the threshold.
- **Idole** – 2 visits in March and April with 25 vehicles exceeding the threshold.

2. One Voice Wales – Model standing orders following amendment. The Clerk will provide an updated draft to the next Council meeting.

3. Carmarthenshire County Council – Temporary road closure carried out on Monday 15th May of the U2231 at Kidwelly. Noted.

4. Carmarthenshire County Council – Information request in relation to the Code of Conduct. The Clerk confirmed that the detail had been provided. Noted.

5. One Voice Wales – Good Councillors Guide to employment. Noted.

6. Carmarthenshire County Council – Notification of an enforcement investigation in relation to the slurry lagoon at Nanytgoetre Isaf. Noted.

7. Future Generations Commissioner for Wales – Our Future Focus Survey. Noted.

8. One Voice Wales – Training events. Noted.

- 9. Carmarthenshire County Council – Latest News.** Noted.
- 10. Hywel Dda University Health Board – Invitation to a meeting on the 13th June** in relation to urgent and Emergency Children and Young People's (Paediatric) Services at Withybush and Glangwili Hospitals. Noted.
- 11. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Newsletter.** Noted.
- 12. Welsh Government – Climate Change Bulletin.** Noted.
- 13. One Voice Wales – Information on the Innovative Practice Conference** to be held on the 5th July. Noted.
- 14. Carmarthenshire County Council – Request for nominations for the Carmarthenshire Admissions Forum.** 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.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in May with a total cost of £560.00, this was approved. Payment was also approved of £280.00 for works carried out under the grass cutting contract at Idole and Glanmorlais for the 2023 year.

9. Community Events 2023

Council discussed Community Events in 2023 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
 - The Clerk noted a need for nominee information to be provided as soon as possible for the Vegetable Garden section.
- Scarecrow Competition;
 - Options for a Community Effort Shield in the name of Mair Stephens were considered and will be discussed with Ralph Stephens.

10. 2022-23 Annual Report

The Clerk presented the annual return that had been internally audited by Mr. Mark Gower. The Internal auditors' annual report was received and noted. The Clerk confirmed that he had certified and signed the annual return. It was noted that Council balances at the end of the year stood at £22,731 (£25,518 202-22).

Council approved the Annual Return and completed the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the return.

Council approved payment of the Audit fee being £70.00. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Gower.

The Clerk also presented the draft Council Annual Report for the 2022-23 year. The document was approved and will be published on the website along with the accounts notice.

The Clerk was thanked for his work on the Annual Report and Council financial records.

11. 2023-24 Internal Auditor

Council agreed to appoint Mr. Mark Gower as the Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 financial year.

12. Planning

1. **PL/04989** - Earth banked nutrient store (Resubmission of PL/04491 Refused on 26/09/2022) - Tirwaun Farm, Croesyceiliog, Carmarthen, SA32 8DP. No objections.

13. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Llangollen 2023** – No contribution.
2. **Macmillan Cancer Support** – A donation of £50.00 was agreed.
3. **SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity** – A donation of £50.00 was agreed.

14. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1. Mark Gower		£70.00		Internal audit (see item 10)			
2.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	May Salary and costs	£679.06	£26.00 £11.55 £11.70 £7.00 £22.00	£757.31	£274.40		£475.91
3. Safe Products			£23.55	£19.62 plus £3.93 VAT Sealant for Historical Panels			
4. Janet Knott			£384.00	2022-23 Chair's expenditure			
5. Michael Leefe			£280.00	Grass cutting (see item 8)			
6. Michael Leefe			£560.00	May payment (see item 8)			
7. Macmillan Cancer Support			£50.00	Donation (see item 13.2)			
8. SSAFA			£50.00	Donation (see item 13.3)			

15. Any other business

1. The Clerk noted that he had reported the following issues to the County Council:
 - a. Hole in pavement between Bryn Hardd and Emerald View on Heol y Lan.
 - b. Erosion of the road between Lan Farm and Lan Cottage. It was noted that this work had been completed very quickly, the Clerk will send a note of thanks to the team involved.
 - c. Speed feedback signs at Idole (both directions) not working
 - d. Speed feedback sign near Little Bambinos in Cwmffrwd, obscured by hedge growth
2. The Clerk noted that he had reported the phone kiosk at Idole as not being in operation.
3. Areas where hedge cutting was needed in the Community were noted as follows:

- a. Corner opposite the housing site adjacent Penllain, Croesyceiliog.
 - b. Right hand side of Ferryside junction towards Llandyfaelog, looking towards Kidwelly.
 - c. Glanant Idole, for viewing towards Kidwelly.
 - d. Lon yr Ysgol, Idole for viewing towards Carmarthen.
- 4. The Clerk will report the need for renewing the give way markings at Bolahaul Bridge along with a need to cut the overhanging trees at the location.
 - 5. The bin at Llandyfaelog was noted as being full. The Clerk will report the matter.
 - 6. The 30mph feedback sign at Bolahaul will be reported as not working and requiring cleaning. The Clerk will report the matter.

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