

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

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Nicola Jones, Philip Davies and Rheinallt Jones.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations.

### **3. Public Participation**

Members of the public in attendance were given an opportunity to raise issues with the Council.

**4. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 were confirmed and signed.**

### **5. Matters Arising**

1. **Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – The County Council had confirmed that the Welsh Government Low Carbon Heat Grant was available with an application therefore to be made. There was no certainty though that the approved projects would include Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin. Noted.
2. **Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – Council received confirmation that the PEDW inspector had visited the site with an update on the visit awaited. Noted.
3. **Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
4. **FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Progress was noted by the County Council in obtaining permissions to replace styles with gates in order to make the route more accessible. Another landowner was to be contacted. Noted.
5. **Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – It was confirmed that the enforcement notice period ended on the 14<sup>th</sup> June, with a visit to take place to confirm if this had been followed. Following this, a decision would be needed as to whether to prosecute the matter.
6. **PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the planning application. Concern was noted in relation to vehicles leaving and entering the site with full loads but no netting to secure the items being transported. The Clerk will raise the issue with the County Council.
7. **Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – It was noted that the QR code signs were nearing completion. Contact had been made with the Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol Programme planned.
8. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation on the proposed introduction of mandatory 20 mph on restricted roads and 30mph in exemptions was received. The proposals were warmly welcomed, the Clerk will however raise the need to ensure adequate enforcement was in place to make these proposals a success.

**9. Accidents at Bancycapel** – Council awaited a response to the freedom of information act request from the Police. Confirmation was received on the process for a Community Speed Watch as follows:

- Each Volunteer would need to complete a vetting form;
- The Police would then carry out a risk assessment;
- Training would be provided.

This possibility will be advertised and the police invited to discuss the matter directly with Councillors and any volunteers who come forward.

An early draft proposal was received from the County Council which will be consulted in due course for a 40mph speed limit through Bancycapel. This proposal would be warmly welcomed, however the need to prevent overtaking in the area was noted as being vital, as a stand alone proposal could exacerbate this issue.

**10. Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.

**11. Defibrillator Training Event** – Members were reminded of the defibrillator training on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**12. Bute Energy consultation events** – A meeting with Bute Energy had been arranged on the 19<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the Community benefit scheme. The Chair, County Councillor Meinir James, the Clerk and Community Hall Committee Chair were to attend. Noted.

**13. One Voice Wales** – Payment of £38.00 for the cost of the Charing Skills Module held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May was approved.

**14. Donations to Macmillan Cancer Care and SSAFA** – Thank you letters were received for the Council's donations. Noted.

## **6. Correspondence**

**1. Barclays Bank** – Statements. The bank reconciliation was countersigned by Cllr Carys Thomas.

**2. Keep Wales Tidy** – Information on the Local Places for Nature scheme and the garden packages available. Noted.

**3. St Anne's Church** – Information on the afternoon tea fundraiser for the Church on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. Noted.

**4. Latch** – Information on a garden party fund raiser for the Charity to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. Noted.

**5. One Voice Wales** – News Bulletin. Noted.

**6. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Safe Routes in Communities Scheme. Noted.

**7. One Voice Wales** – Information on the Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. Noted.

**8. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Calon Tan Newsletter and information on recent barn fires.

**9. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation on the Community Review of all Town and Community Councils. It was noted that there were no changes proposed for the Llandyfaelog Community area. The proposals as presented were supported by Council.

**10. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the C2073 at Croesyceiliog on the 21<sup>st</sup> August for a period of 3 days. Noted.

**11. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Latest News. Noted.

- 12. Carmarthenshire County Council –** Notification of an enforcement investigation in relation to unauthorised ground works, removal of hedges, trees and altering of the watercourse at Plot 2, Bank House, Idole. Noted.
- 13. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine –** Noted.

## **7. Idole Field and Community Amenities**

1. Council noted receipt of £250.00 being the payment of the excess insurance claim for the vehicle damage to the field fence.

## **8. Community Handyperson**

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in June 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.

The Handyperson had confirmed use of the sealant product across the three historical information panels, with sufficient remaining to use for the winter period. Noted.

## **9. Community Events 2023**

Council discussed Community Events in 2023 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
  - The Chair noted that judging visits for the vegetable gardens had taken place.
  - The Clerk noted a need for nominee information to be provided as soon as possible for the Flower Garden sections.
- Scarecrow Competition;
  - The Clerk presented the Community Effort Shield to be engraved in memory of Cllr Mair Stephens and used for the Scarecrow Competition or other future Community Competitions.
- Awards Evening – An awards evening was discussed, the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk were approved to make arrangements on the matter and to report to members.

## **10. 2023-24 Budget Report**

The Clerk presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget report for the 2023-24 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

## **11. Council Standing Orders**

The Clerk presented the amended draft Standing Orders for Council consideration. The document was adopted for use by the Council.

## **12. Planning**

1. **PL/06020** – Erection of an agricultural building and associated works, Coedlline, Llandyfaelog, SA17 5NT. No objections.
2. **PL/06140** - Ground floor extension to single storey dwelling house - Ffynnon Berwyn, Croesyceiliog, Carmarthen, SA32 8DH. No objections.

### 13. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. Cllr Carys Thomas noted her interest in this matter and left the meeting for consideration of the item - **St Ishmaels YFC** – A contribution of £200 was agreed.

2. The Chair, Cllrs Carys Thomas and Eifion Jones noted their interest in this matter and left the meeting for consideration of the item. Cllr Viv Davies was elected Chair for the item - **Llandyfaelog Church – Repair to the Church Bell Tower** - The Clerk noted that unfortunately, the advice received was that the Council was not permitted in law as a result of the Local Government Act 1894 to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the Church building. This was noted and the Clerk will provide possible funding information to the Church authorities.

### 14. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	June Salary and costs	£679.06	£26.00 £11.70 £7.00 £46.10 £10.00	£779.86	£281.49		£498.46

2. HM Revenue and Customs	£562.80	May – June deductions
3. One Voice Wales	£38.00	Training fee (see item 5.13)
4. Michael Leefe	£280.00	Grass cutting contract June
5. Michael Leefe	£560.00	Handyman June (see item 8)
6. St Ishmaels YFC	£200.00	Donation (see item 13.1)

### 15. Any other business

- The Clerk noted that he had reported the following issues to the County Council:
  - Man hole at Idole** – A report was received of a loose man hole in Idole. This had been noted as the responsibility of Welsh Water. Noted.
  - Litter collections at Lan Cottage** – A report was received that black bags had not been being collected from the area since the change to collection arrangements.
  - Dog mess – Heol y Lan** – Reports had been received of dog mess issues in the area of Heol y Lan along with the need for improved warning signage.
- Cllr Janet Knott noted that she had attended the Code of Conduct Training arranged by the County Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- Cllr Elfyn Williams noted that the litter picking equipment purchased for members had recently been used on a litter picking activity in the Idole area.
- It was noted that street sweeping had been carried out regularly in the Idole area recently.
- Cllr Meinir James noted the possibility of visiting a water treatment facility at Carwe if Councillors had an interest in doing so. Members felt this was an interesting opportunity and the Clerk will make more enquiries.

6. The Clerk will make enquiries about the water leak and hole in the road at Heol Nantyglassdwr to ask if work can be moved forward.
7. The Community Council were made aware of complaints in relation to cows travelling from a local farm along the lane into Llandyfaelog and onto Ceirw Lane, leading to concerns about the mess left on the road and damage to verges. The matter was noted to have also been raised with the County Council.

**The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**