

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Nicola Jones, Viv Davies, Carys Thomas and Rheinallt 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 6th July 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 matter.
- 7. Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – The QR code signs were received. It was agreed for these to be located in the village pump / history panel area in Llandyfaelog as felt appropriate.
- 8. Implementation of 20mph speed limits** – An email was received from the Police confirming the process moving forward for enforcement of the new speed limits. Noted.
- 9. Accidents at Bancycapel** – Council awaited a response to the freedom of information act request from the Police, which was delayed by resource issues. Further information continued to be awaited from the County Council on proposals for speed limits at Bancycapel.
- 10. Community Speed Watch** - The Clerk confirmed that the possibility of creating a Community Speed Watch was being advertised in the Community. Noted.
- 11. Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 12. Defibrillator Training Event** – The Defibrillator Training event was noted to have been a successful evening. Thanks were noted to the St John's Ambulance for providing the trainer.
- 13. Bute Energy project** – Minutes of meetings held were received as follows:
 - Bute Energy on the 19th July in relation to the Community Benefit Scheme

- National Grid on the 29th August in relation to the location plans for the substation. It was noted that Community Consultation would commence in January or February and submission of the planning application was planned for Spring 2024.

It was agreed to await further information prior to carrying out any further actions on the matter.

- 14. St Anne's Church** – The Chair noted the success of the afternoon tea fundraiser for the Church held on the 29th July. Noted.
- 15. Latch** – The Chair noted the success of the garden party fund raiser for the Charity held on the 8th July. Noted.
- 16. One Voice Wales Carmarthen Area Committee meeting** – Cllr Meinir James gave a report of the meeting held on the 12th July. Noted.
- 17. Donation to St Ishmael's YFC** – A letter of thanks was received from the club. Noted
- 18. Possible visit to Carwe Water Treatment plant** – Confirmation was received from Llangyndeyrn Community Council who were keen to join the visit. A mutually suitable date will be sought.
- 19. Cwmffrwd burst water pipe under the road at Bolahaul** – It was noted that this appeared to be a problem once again, the Clerk to make enquiries.

6. Correspondence

- 1. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
- 2. West Wales Woods** – Newsletter. Noted.
- 3. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.
- 4. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Calon Tan Newsletter. Noted.
- 5. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of a Review of Polling Districts and Polling places to take place from October. The Council will provide a comment when the formal consultation is received.
- 6. Dyfed Powys Police** - Police and Crime Panel Annual Report 2022-23. Noted.
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of payment of 1/3rd of the 2023-24 precept being £8,460.00. Noted.
- 8. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Council Forum meeting 14th September 2023. Cllr Meinir James will attend on behalf of the Council.
- 9. One Voice Wales** – Annual Meeting and Conference on the 30th September. Noted.
- 10. One Voice Wales** – Training Courses August and September. Noted.
- 11. Clerks and Council's Direct Magazine** – Noted.
- 12. Audit Wales** - Consultation on Fee Scales 2024-25. Noted.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

The Clerk noted that an invoice in the sum of £28.35 had been received in relation to VAT against a total of £141.75 from the solicitors dealing with the claim for the insurance excess due to the accident at Idole Field. The Clerk was seeking confirmation as to what this represented.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in July and August with a total cost of £560.00 per month, this was approved. Payment was also approved of £280.00 each for July and August 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 and Scarecrow Competitions;
 - The Chair noted the success of the 2023 event and celebration evening at Llandyfaelog Community Hall, the Council's thanks were noted to the Competition Judge and those who assisted in making the event a success;
 - The following costs were approved to be repaid to the Clerk:
 - Prizes £185.00
 - Trophies £151.50
 - Buffet £219.65
- Remembrance Sunday – The Clerk noted that he had contacted the Vicar who was pleased to provide a Service from 2pm on the 12th November. Contact had also been made to the Kidwelly RBL Branch to ask for confirmation of what support they could provide for the Commemoration.

10. Planning

1. PL/06505 - New portico and door surround - Plas Glanrhydwr, Pontantwn, Kidwelly, Carmarthen, SA17 5NB. No objections.

11. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. Cllr Philip Davies noted his interest in this matter.
West Wales Dahlia Society – A donation of £25.00 was agreed.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1 / 2	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	July Salary and costs	£679.06	£26.00 £7.00	£712.06	£281.40		£430.66
Arfon Davies	July and August Salary and costs (see item 9)	£679.06	£26.00 £7.00 £23.40 £18.80 £556.15	£1,310.41	£281.40		£1,029.01

The costs borne by the Clerk in relation to the costs of the Community events were noted and possible solutions will be sought to the matter.

3. Michael Leefe	£560.00	Grass cutting contract July – August
4. Michael Leefe	£1,120.00	Handyman July - August (see item 8)

5.Vision ICT	£300.00	£250.00 plus VAT (website fees)
6. West Wales Dahlia Society	£25.00	Donation (see item 11)

13. Any other business

1. It was noted that Dilys Rees of Glanmorlais was reaching the age of 100 in October, arrangements were being made for a visit with the Council Chair, County Chair and County Councillors to mark Mrs. Rees' birthday.
2. It was noted that Community Events in September included:
 - a. Llandyfaelog Show – 9th September;
 - b. Hall Treasure Hunt and BBQ – 15th September;
 - c. Quiz Night in aid of the Church Tower Appeal – 29th September.
3. It was noted that bins in the Community appeared to have been missed for collection recently.
4. Fly tipping was noted around Pont Rhydyronnen. Cllr Meinir James was looking into the matter due to disagreement between agencies in relation to responsibilities.
5. Congratulations were expressed to 5 members of Llandyfaelog Short Mat Bowls Club who had been chosen to represent the Wales Ladies team on the 7th October. Letters will be sent to the members, Shan Rees, Andrea Bennett, Janet Davies, Llinos Jones and Caroline Stiles.
6. Missed black bag collections were noted along the Cilfeithy Uchaf – Glanmorlais road.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 5th October 2023.