

MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Carys Thomas, Rheinallt Jones, Meinir James, Jenny Jones and Eifion 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 7th September 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** – An update was provided on provision of a new planning application for the site. Noted.
- 7. Implementation of 20mph speed limits** – An email was received from residents in Idole, Cwmffrwd and Llandyfaelog expressing concerns in relation to traffic speeds and the location of the 20mph outside their properties. This information will be raised with the County Council to be considered when they review the speed limits. Noted.
- 8. Accidents at Bancycapel** – Council received a response that the Police had refused provision of the information requested under the Freedom of Information Act under exceptions for Law Enforcement and Personal Information. This was noted. Further information continued to be awaited from the County Council on proposals for speed limits at Bancycapel.
- 9. Community Speed Watch** - The Clerk confirmed that two members of the public had come forward to take part in a Community Speed Watch. Further volunteers will be sought prior to making contact with the police on the matter.
- 10. Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 11. Bute Energy project** – Further information was received from the National Grid in relation to the proposals for the substation in relation to size, noise reduction and concerns regarding property values. Noted.
- 12. Possible visit to Carwe Water Treatment plant** – A date for a visit was awaited. Noted.

- 13. Dilys Rees – 100th Birthday** – A visit was to be undertaken on the 6th October by the Community Council Chair and Local Ward Members. Purchase of a flower bouquet was noted and approved.

6. Correspondence

- 1. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Update to Community and Town Councils on the implementation of the 20mph legislation. Noted.
- 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Consultation report findings on the options for the proposed new urgent and planned care hospital in the area of Whitland or St Clears. Noted.
- 3. One Voice Wales** – September and October training sessions. Noted.
- 4. One Voice Wales** – Notification of the Public Ombudsman consultation on their Equality Policy 2023-2026. Noted
- 5. One Voice Wales** – Confirmation of the cancellation of the Annual Meeting due to have been held on the 30th September. Noted.
- 6. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Council Liaison Forum held on the 14th September. Noted
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.
- 8. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Survey on the Local Toilet Strategy. Noted.
- 9. Audit Wales** – The Clerk noted that the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2023 had been returned following audit with a positive ‘unqualified’ opinion. This information had been advertised in the Community as required.
- 10. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – News bulletin. Noted.
- 11. Play for Wales Magazine** – Noted.
- 12. One Voice Wales** – News bulletin. Noted.
- 13. Llanelli Standard** – Edition 53 of the newspaper. Noted.
- 14. Carmarthenshire County Council** - temporary road closure of the U2231 Llansaint, from a point 143 metres north-east direction of its junction with the C2119 Portway for a distance of 680 metres in a north-easterly direction from Monday 6th November to Wednesday 8th November. Noted.
- 15. One Voice Wales** – Bevan Foundation engagement sessions inviting members of the public to have their say about Health and Social Care Services in Wales. Noted.
- 16. Barclays Bank** – Statements, the bank reconciliation was countersigned by Councillor Elfyn Williams.

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 continued to seek confirmation as to what this represented.

A visit will be arranged to Idole Field to consider possible tree planting to replace the trees lost due to Ash Die Back disease.

8. Community Handyperson

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

9. Community Events 2023

Council discussed the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

10. 2023-24 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 2nd quarter budget report for the 2023-24 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

11. Planning

- 1. Appeal Notification** - Vacant land off St Annes Lane, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LZ - Outline planning permission for up to 23 dwellings and associated works including off-site highway improvements (resubmission of PL/01879). Noted.

12. Applications for Financial Assistance

- 1. Cllrs Shan Rees and Janet Knott noted their interest in the matter.**
Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog – Deferred to the next Council meeting.
- 2. Cerebral Palsy Cymru** – A donation of £25.00 was agreed.
- 3. Urdd Gobaith Cymru in West Carmarthenshire** – A donation of £50.00 was agreed.

13. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	September Salary and costs	£679.06	£26.00 £7.00 £6.00 £11.70	£729.76	£281.40		£448.36

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| 2. HMRC | £844.20 | July – September deductions |
| 3. Michael Leefe | £560.00 | Handyperson September (see item 8) |
| 4. Michael Leefe | £280.00 | Grass cutting contract September (see item 8) |
| 5. Cerebral Palsy Cymru | £25.00 | Donation, see item 12.2 |
| 6. Urdd Gobaith Cymru | £50.00 | Donation, see item 12.3 |

14. Any other business

- The Clerk noted contact from residents in Llandyfaelog raising concerns about cows travelling along the road into the village, causing mess on the road and damage to the verge. The Clerk will make the County Council aware of the matter.

2. The Clerk noted that water pooling had again been an issue between Bryngors and Garthowen.
3. The Chairman note that the Council Christmas Lunch would be held at the Red Lion on the 17th December.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 2nd November 2023.