

## **MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Viv Davies and Eifion Jones.

The ongoing apologies of Cllrs Viv Davies and Eifion Jones were accepted due to recent and upcoming operations.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were confirmed and signed.**

### **5. Matters Arising**

- 1. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – It was noted that the County Council contractor were now working on a number of Primary School heating improvements. Once completed the scoping of the Bro Myrddin Project would be looked at. Cllr Meinir James noted a possible declaration of interest as a Governor at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin.
- 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** – Confirmation was received that the issue continued to be considered as expedient for formal action and was awaiting prosecution by the County Council legal team. Noted.
- 6. PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – An update was provided on provision of a new planning application for the site. Noted.
- 7. Accidents at Bancycapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 8. Community Speed Watch** – 2 residents and Cllrs Jenny Jones and Nicola Jones were confirmed as wishing to take part and this will be discussed with the Police to be moved forward. The Council will consider any relevant costs.
- 9. Bin for Rama Chapel** – Confirmation was received that the County Council would not consider any additional provision until completion of the review requiring a decrease of 20% in the facilities available (some 460 units). 50% of this work was to be completed by April 2024. Noted.
- 10. Possible visit to Carwe Water Treatment plant** – A date for a visit was awaited. Noted.
- 11. Donation to Cerebral Palsy Cymru** – An email thanking the Council for its recent donation was received. Noted.

- 12. Cows travelling through Llandyfaelog** – The Clerk noted that he had raised the matter with the County Council who were aware of the issue and were monitoring the matter as appropriate. Further contact had also been received by the Clerk on the matter.
- 13. Visit to mark Dilys Rees' 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – The Chairman noted that the visit had gone well with the purchase of flowers at a cost of £30.00 approved.
- 14. Water pooling between Garthowen and Bryngors** – The problem was noted to be ongoing.

## **6. Correspondence**

- 1. One Voice Wales** – Training events October and November. Noted.
- 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Notification that the second Phase of Wales Air Ambulance Service Engagement would take place in October. Noted.
- 3. One Voice Wales** – Papers for the Carmarthen Area Committee meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Noted.
- 4. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Invitation to attend the Dyfed Powys Police Headquarters Open Day Events. Noted.
- 5. Carmarthenshire County Council** - Review of Polling District and Polling Places 2023. There were no changes proposed in the Llandyfaelog Community Area. This was noted.
- 6. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** - Consultation on the Draft Annual Report 2024 to 2025. The Clerk also noted confirmation received that the payments for costs and expenses were not to be treated as taxable. Noted.
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** - Temporary road closure of the C2073 Croesyceiliog, Llandyfaelog, from 09:30 hours Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 to 15:30 hours Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. Noted.
- 8. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for nominations - Actif Sports Awards. The Clerk will look to make nominations for Jamie Stiles, the Wales Ladies Team and Luke Davies in relation to Short Mat Bowls. Noted.
- 9. Llanelli Standard** – Edition 54 and 55 of the newspaper. Noted.
- 10. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
- 11. Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Survey on their Strategic Equality Plan 2024 – 2028. Noted.
- 12. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Calon Tan Magazine. Noted.
- 13. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** - Consultation Draft Service 2040 plan. Noted.
- 14. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Latest news. Noted.
- 15. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
- 16. One Voice Wales** – Information on the need for Councils to provide a Training Plan. The Clerk confirmed that this was in place and approved in October 2022. Noted.
- 17. Carmarthenshire Enlightenment** – Information on the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society Conference on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Noted.

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

- a) The Clerk noted that the invoice of £28.35 received in relation to VAT against a total of £141.75 of the solicitors expenses in dealing with the claim for the insurance excess due to the accident at Idole Field was payable by the Council as it was able to reclaim this sum. Payment was therefore approved.

- b) The Clerk noted that the defibrillators at Idole and Cwmffrwd required new batteries. A series of prices had been sought as follows:

- Defib Store £129.00 each
- Defib Warehouse £128.00 each
- Jack's Appeal (via One Voice Wales and the Wales Ambulance Trust) £109.00 each with £30 delivery total

It was agreed to purchase via Jack's Appeal.

The Clerk will also make enquiries on having replacements available for the defibrillator pads which would need replacing in 2024.

- c) The Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Elfyn Williams had visited Idole Field to consider whether additional trees were required to replace those lost by ash die back. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries on obtaining 2 trees to be planted at the location.

## 8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in October with a total cost of £560.00 approved. Payment was also approved of £280.00 for October 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. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. Cllrs Shan Rees, Meinir James, Carys Thomas, Rheinallt Jones and Janet Knott noted their interest in the matter. Cllr Nicola Jones took the Chair for the item.

**Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog** – A donation of £75.00 was approved.

## 11. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	October Salary and costs	£679.06	£26.00 £7.00 £30.00 £12.75 £11.70	£729.76	£281.40		£485.11

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| 2. Crawford and Co                   | £28.35  | VAT on legal fees (see item 7.a)            |
| 3. Michael Leefe                     | £280.00 | Grass cutting contract October (see item 8) |
| 4. Michael Leefe                     | £560.00 | Handyperson October (see item 8)            |
| 5. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog | £75.00  | Donation (see item 10.1)                    |
| 6. Jack's Appeal                     | £248.00 | Defibrillator batteries (see item 7.b)      |

## **12. Any other business**

1. The Clerk noted contact from residents in Cwmffrwd concerned about advertising boards at the junction of Bolahaul Road along with the condition of the pavement in the vicinity. This had been raised with the local County Councillors.
2. Up coming Community events were discussed:
  - Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog - 2<sup>nd</sup> December
  - Llandyfaelog Show Quiz – 17<sup>th</sup> November
  - Llandyfaelog Christmas Fayre – 4<sup>th</sup> December
3. The Clerk will make enquiries as to whether there had been a change in relation to drop off policy for school buses following concern expressed of children walking long distances on the highway from bus stops.

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