

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Elfyn Williams, Carys Thomas and Nicola 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 2nd November 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 received confirmation that the County Council had not been able to make contact with the remaining landowner to obtain permission for the works on their property. The County Council were therefore looking at options for the matter. Noted.
- 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. Accidents at Bancycafel** – Information was provided on a further accident at the location, this will be passed on to the County Council. Council received an update that the County Council hoped to publish an order including the 40mph proposals for Bancycafel in January. The Council's view that overtaking needed to be restricted will be re-iterated to the County Council. Noted.
- 8. Community Speed Watch** – The Clerk noted that he awaited provision of paperwork from the prospective members of the Speed Watch. It was noted that the Council would need to purchase the speed camera and yellow jackets for the members. The speed camera suggested by the police was noted as costing around £200.00. The Clerk will request information from the Police on:
 - How often the speed watch are expected to be carrying out activities;
 - How many need to be 'on shift' together
 - What happens to the findings / are any transgressors written to etc

9. **Bin for Rama Chapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
10. **Possible visit to Carwe Water Treatment plant** – A date for the visit was noted to be provided for some point in the new year.
11. **Water pooling between Garthowen and Bryngors** – The Clerk reported an email response confirming a lack of options in relation to the water pooling due to there being no water course in the area and only a small outlet into a nearby field available. Noted.
12. **Dyfed Powys Police Open Dayes** – The open day events were noted to have been very interesting visits.
13. **Donation to Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog and Urdd Gobaith Cymru** – Notes of thanks were received for the Council's donation. Noted.
14. **Advertising boards at Bolahaul Junction** - Notification of an enforcement investigation in relation to unauthorised advertising at the junction of Bolahaul Road, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LW was received from the County Council. Noted.
15. **School Transport along B4309 around Bancycapel and Pontantwn** – The Clerk reported an email response confirming that the drop off policy had not been changed, however it was not always possible to arrange the routes of vehicles to pass close to the homes of all pupils. Parents were therefore noted to be responsible for making arrangements to get children to and from designated pick up and set down points. Noted.
16. **Speed Indicator Signs** – An advert from Westcotec Ltd in the previous months Clerks and Councils Direct was noted for speed indicator signs. The Clerk will request information on the prices of these pieces of equipment.
17. **Community Events** – The Chair noted the success of the recent Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog and Llandyfaelog Christmas Fair and lights switch on.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – Clerk's Salary agreement 2023-24. It was noted that the Clerk's Salary on point 23 was £8,669.19. This was noted and approved.
2. **Carmarthenshire News Online** – Request for information on minutes, news and events. Noted.
3. **Welsh Local Government Association** – Consultation: Road Safety Strategy. Noted
4. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Consultation – Policing Budget 2024-25. Noted.
5. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority** – Consultation: Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2040. Noted.
6. **One Voice Wales** – November and December Training events. Noted.
7. **Llanelli Standard** – Edition 56 and 57. Noted.
8. **Barclays Bank** – Statement. Noted.
9. **Welsh Government** – Confirmation of the Appropriate Sum under S137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 as £10.81 for 2024-25. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** - Emergency road closure of the C2057 between Llandyfaelog and Ferryside on the 7th November. Noted.
11. **Carmarthenshire County Council** - Emergency road closure of the C2073 at Croesyceiliog from Wednesday 22nd November 2023 for a period of 3 days. Noted.
12. **One Voice Wales** – National Awards Conference to be held on the 27th March 2024. Noted
13. **One Voice Wales** – News Bulletin. Noted.

14. Dyfed Powys Police – Bulletin. Noted.

15. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue – Calon Tan Magazine. Noted.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. Defibrillator Pads

The Clerk confirmed that defibrillator pads had expiry dates as follows:

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| • Zol AED Plus 28/3/24 | Llandyfaelog |
| • Zol AED 3 2/5/24 | Cwmffrwd |
| • Zol AED Plus 9/8/24 | Glanmorlais |
| • Zol AED Plus 23/8/24 | Croesyceiliog |
| • Zol AED Plus 4/8/24 | Constant |
| • Zol AED Plus 16/5/24 | Bancycapel |
| • Zol AED 3 2/5/24 | Idole |

The Clerk will make enquiries with the Ambulance Service in relation to replacement of the pads.

2. Play Area Inspection

The Clerk reported receipt of the Annual Play Area Inspection from the Play Inspection Company. No items above a low risk were received. Repairs where necessary had been discussed with the Community Handyperson and a quote for parts provided by the supplier Kompan £57.92 plus VAT was received and approved.

3. Amenity Inspection

The Clerk provided a report of an amenity inspection with the Community Handyperson with repairs discussed for completion.

4. Trees for Idole Field

The Clerk noted possible tree costs for various species. It was agreed to seek to purchase 2 silver birch and wild cherry trees to be planted at Idole Field.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in November with a total cost of £560.00 approved.

9. Community Events 2023

Council discussed the arrangements put in place for Remembrance Sunday.

Approval was given for a payment of £20 for the expenses of the Bugler and £30 for the Wreath to the Royal British Legion.

10. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. Cllr Rheinallt Jones noted his interest in this matter and left the meeting for consideration of the application.

Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs – A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.

2. **Carmarthenshire County Council Toy Box Appeal** - A contribution of £100.00 was agreed.

3. **Cllrs Janet Knott, Philip Davies and Rheinallt Jones** noted their interest in this matter and left the meeting for consideration of the application. Cllr Shan Rees noted that while she had an interest in the matter, she represented the Community Council on the Committee.

Llandyfaelog Community Hall – Christmas Tree - A contribution of £100.00 was agreed.

4. **Cancer Information and Support Service** – Consideration was deferred on this application.

5. **Carmarthen and District Youth Opera** – A contribution of £50.00 was agreed.

6. **Urdd National Eisteddfod Maldwyn 2024** – No contribution.

11. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1. Royal British Legion £30.00 Wreath (see item 9)

2.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	November Salary, backpay and costs	£722.43 £303.59	£26.00 £7.00 £9.90 £6.00 £20.00	£1,094.92	£420.20		£674.72

3. **Michael Leefe** £560.00 Handyperson November (see item 8)

4. **Carmarthen and District Youth Opera** £50.00 Donation (see item 10.5)

5. **Carmarthenshire County Council (Toy Box Appeal)** £100.00 Donation (see item 10.2)

6. **Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs** £50.00 Donation (see item 10.1)

7. **Llandyfaelog Community Hall** £100.00 Donation (see item 10.3)

8. **Cllrs Janet Knott, Philip Davies, Rheinallt Jones** noted their interest in this matter and left the meeting for consideration of the application. Cllr Shan Rees noted that while she had an interest in the matter, she represented the Community Council on the Committee.

Llandyfaelog Community Hall £600.00 Annual Contribution

12. Any other business

1. The Clerk noted issues with arranging road repairs in the Pwll y Baw area during the recent poor weather.
2. The Clerk noted that he had reported the bin in Bancycapel as it had not been emptied for some time.
3. The Clerk noted reports that the bin at Penygraig had been removed. Cllr Meinir James was making enquiries on the matter.
4. It was noted that a Plygain Service was to be held at Capel Penygraig on the 10th December.
5. It was noted that there was flytipping of a blue bag at Llandyfaelog bus shelter.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 4th January 2023.