

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Carys Thomas 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were confirmed and signed.**

**5. Matters Arising**

- 1. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 2. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 3. Loose dogs reported in Pentrepoeth / Idole area** – Confirmation was received from the County Council that visits had been undertaken, but no issues spotted. The matter will be monitored and further instances reported to the County Council. A red van was also noted to have been parked on the roadside in the area, leading to a notice being placed by the County Council. This will also be monitored.
- 4. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 5. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 6. Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 7. Public Litter Bins in the Community** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 8. National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – Council received notes of meetings held with the local MP Dame Nia Griffith on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August and the National Grid on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. The National Grid had confirmed that the consultation would be delayed. Council will await further updates. The Clerk will request updates from the National Grid along with permission to publish the notes of both meetings. An invitation will also be given to the Community Members of the Senedd to meet with the Council to discuss these matters. Confirmation was received from the County Council of a dispensation being granted to all Councillors of Llandyfaelog Community Council to Speak and Vote on matters relating to the Substation and two connection projects. Noted.

9. **Wales Audit** – Council received confirmation of a credit note for £280.00 towards the cost of the 2021-22 Audit. The chargeable fee was therefore £515.00. Payment of this sum was approved.
10. **Road safety issues at Bancycapel** – Plans were received of proposed changes in Bancycapel to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. It was hoped to bring this into operation for the end of September. Concern was expressed that the proposals did not include a no overtaking zone, this will be raised with the County Council and support requested from the Community Members of the Senedd and Parliament.
11. **Speed feedback sign at Cwmffrwd** – Council received confirmation that 2 signs were to be replaced in Cwmffrwd and had been ordered by the County Council. Noted.
12. **Footway lights at Frondeg** – The County Council had confirmed a cost for disconnecting the lights at £100. This was noted and confirmation will be sought as to whether there was a Health and Safety imperative for the lights to remain.
13. **Council Chairman's Chain** – The Clerk continued to seek prices for new name badges for the Chain.
14. **Tree cutting in Croesyceiliog - FP 29 4/1 and 4/2** – It was noted that the County Council was hoping to carry out a site visit on the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> August. A report of the visit was awaited.
15. **Waiting restrictions proposals for Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin** - Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
16. **PL/04973 - 1-4 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** - Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
17. **Llangunnor sign in Bolahaul Road** – The County Council had confirmed that the sign had been located where sufficient verge was available. Possible relocation would be looked considered. Noted.

## 6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – Innovative Practice Conference report. Noted.
2. **One Voice Wales** – Presentation by Audit Wales to the Carmarthen Area Committee. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales** – July, August and September Training dates. Noted.
4. **One Voice Wales** – National conference, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Noted.
5. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Newsletter. Noted.
6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the process for inspecting the Carmarthenshire LDP 2018-2033. Noted.
7. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales** – Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales** – News bulletin. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the U2211 Ferryside, from its junction adjacent to Trelymsi for a distance of 646 metres in a general easterly direction from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Noted.

11. **One Voice Wales** – Briefing note on Councillor meeting attendance and the 6 month rule. Noted.
12. **One Voice Wales** – VE Day 80 guide. The matter to be considered further for a 2025 Community Event.
13. **Hywel Dda University Health Board** – ‘My Health, My Choice’ Primary Care and Community Services Engagement events. Noted.
14. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Payment confirmation of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of 2024-25 Precept, being £9,106.67. Noted.
15. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
16. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the C2074 Near Plasgwyn Farm, Croesyceiliog from its junction with the A484 for a distance of 150 metres in an Easterly direction (SA32 8DU) from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 between the hours of 18:00 and 06-00 hours overnight. Noted.
17. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Invitation for nominations for a Community Council Member of the Standards Committee. Noted.
18. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the U2231 Llansaint (SA17 5JB) from its junction with the C2119 for a distance of 300 metres in a South Westerly direction on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30. Noted.
19. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
20. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Information on Engagement Events in September. Noted.

## 7. Idole Field and Council Amenities

### 1. Defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed purchase of pads for the Contant Farm Defibrillator from Defib Warehouse with a cost of (£47.95 plus £9.59 VAT). This was approved.

### 2. Bancycapel Bus Shelter

The Shelter guttering was noted to have been damaged again. This had been reported to the Handyperson for repair.

## 8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in July and August with a cost of £616.00 per month approved. Purchase of timber to repair the Llandyfaelog Pump and Tir Gof Planters with a cost of £78.00 was also approved. Finally, grass cutting charges for July and August at a cost of £308.00 per month was also approved.

## 9. Community Events

### 1. Garden and Scarecrow Competition

The Chair noted the success of the competitions. Thanks were noted to the competition judge Elin Forsyth and photographer Karen Armitage.

Costs were noted and approved as follows:

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| • Trophies | £69.00  |
| • Prizes   | £125.00 |

- Buffet and other expenses £146.00 and £40.18

## 2. Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> November were discussed. The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Church, Royal British Legion, Kidwelly Branch and the Bugler. Confirmation of arrangements were awaited.

## 10. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Cerebral Palsy Cymru** – A donation of £25.00 was agreed.
2. **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli** – A donation of £50.00 was agreed.

## 11. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	July Salary and costs	£722.43	£26.00 £7.00	£755.43	£298.60		£456.83

2. **Defib Warehouse** £57.54 Defib pad (£47.95 and £9.59 VAT) (see item 7.1)
3. **Audit Wales** £515.00 Audit Fee 2021-22 (see item 5.9)
4. **Michael Leefe** £616.00 Grass cutting July – Aug (see item 8)
5. **Michael Leefe** £1,310.00 Handyperson July - Aug (see item 8)
6. **Cllr Nicola Jones** £146.00 Garden Competition Buffet
7. **Rob Ashcroft** £25.00 Large Garden Competition Prize
8. **Ray Amner** £25.00 Container Garden Competition Prize
9. **JM Williams** £25.00 Small Garden Competition Prize
10. **Helen Gravelle** £50.00 Overall Garden Competition Prize

11.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	August Salary and costs	£722.43	£26.00 £7.00 £28.80 £55.55 £69.00 £40.18 £14.99	£963.95	£298.60		£665.35

12. **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli** £50.00 Donation (see item 10.2)
13. **Cerebral Palsy Cymru** £25.00 Donation (see item 10.1)

## 12. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk noted the following issues reported to the County Council:
  - a. Loose manholes at Idole.
  - b. Flytipping at Maescyneiddion, Bancycapel.
2. Cllr Tyssul Evans noted that he had obtained a grant via the UK Government SPF Fund for daffodil bulb planting in the Community. These were to be

planted at identified locations in the area. Cllr Evans was thanked for this grant provision. The Clerk will seek voluntary support for planting at locations such as Tir Gof, Idole Field and Community amenities along with other areas.

3. Further changes were noted to the X11 bus route, with a lack of consultation noted as a concern.
4. The Clerk will seek an update on matter relating to the adoption of the Maesglasnant Estate by the County Council
5. Community events were noted as follows:
  - a. Llandyfaelog Show – 14<sup>th</sup> September.
  - b. Eisteddfod Bingo – 6<sup>th</sup> September.
  - c. Harvest Thanksgiving – 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.**