

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Carys Thomas and Viv Davies.

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 November 2024 were confirmed and signed.

5. Presentation by the Carmarthenshire County Council Toy Box Scheme

The Chairman welcome Nia Thomas of the Carmarthenshire County Council Toy Box Scheme, who provided a presentation on the Scheme's Services. Following the presentation Nia was thanked for her presentation and the services being provided by the Scheme in the Community. A donation of £150.00 was agreed and presented on behalf of the Council.

6. Matters Arising

- 1. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 2. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 3. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 4. Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 5. National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 6. Road safety issues at Bancycapel – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 7. Council Chairman's Chain – The Clerk continued to seek prices for new name badges for the Chain.**
- 8. Tree cutting in Croesyceiliog - FP 29 4/1 and 4/2 – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 9. Waiting restrictions proposals for Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin – Cllr Meinir James noted her interest. Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**
- 10. PL/04973 - 1-4 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ - Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.**

11. **Llangunnor sign in Bolahaul Road** – It was noted that the sign had been relocated.
12. **Daffodil Planting Project** – A date for the Cwmffrwd planting was discussed with a planting day to take place on the 14th December from 10.30am. An offer of trees was also made by Cllr Tyssul Evans, these were gratefully received and consideration of planting will be made in January.
13. **Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
14. **Actif Sports Awards** – Confirmation was received that the nomination made for Eddie James had not been shortlisted.
15. **Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – Council awaited a response from the County Council on the matter. Noted.
16. **Donations made in November Council meeting** – Letters of thanks were received from Llandyfaelog Community Hall, Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog and Urdd Gobaith Cymru.
17. **Footway lighting at Llandyfaelog** – It was noted that the light at the top of Llandyfaelog Hill continued to be out of operation.

7. Correspondence

1. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – Consultation: Draft Annual Report 2025-2026. Noted.
2. **Welsh Government** – Consultation: Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee - UK-Covid Inquiry Module 1 Report. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales** – Annual Conference report. Noted.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure - along the C2074 Cwm Burry Road, Croesyceiliog (SA17 5RA) from its junction with the C2074 for a distance of 140 metres in a Northerly direction on Monday 6th January 2025 for a period of two days between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30. Noted.
5. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Introductory letter from the County Council new Tenancy Engagement Officer. Noted.
6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance under the Local Development Plan. Noted.
7. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for evidence regarding dog fouling on playing fields across the county to help assess the extent of the issue and improve Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), which could include restrictions on marked playing fields. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales** – November and December training dates. Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales** – News Bulletin. Noted.
10. **One Voice Wales** - Guidelines about Email and Procurement. Noted.
11. **Welsh Government** – Dementia Action Plan survey. Noted.
12. **One Voice Wales** – Top 10 things to do for Councils. Noted.
13. **One Voice Wales** – Copy response to the Senedd Enquiry into the Role and Responsibilities of Town and Community Councils. Noted.
14. **One Voice Wales** – Training events November 2024 – March 2025. Noted.
15. **One Voice Wales** - Digital Guidance - Cloud Storage. Noted.

16. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Council Update. Noted.
17. **The House of Commons' Women and Equalities Committee** – Consultation of the Committee inquiry on community cohesion. Noted.
18. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.

8. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. **Bancycapel Bus Shelter**

The Shelter guttering was again noted to have been damaged.

2. **Defibrillators**

The Clerk noted that he had needed to purchase a battery for the Idole Defibrillator. Payment of £135.00 plus £27.00 VAT to Defib Warehouse was approved.

9. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in November with a cost of £616.00 approved.

10. 2023-24 Annual Return

Council received the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 following audit by Wales Audit with a positive 'unqualified' opinion. This information had been advertised in the Community as required.

11. Financial Regulations

Council considered the draft updated Financial Regulations. These were adopted as Council policy.

12. Community Events

1. **Remembrance Sunday**

The Chair noted the successful arrangements made for Remembrance Sunday and thanked all those involved. The Clerk noted a payment of £20.00 made to the bugler which was approved to be refunded.

13. Planning

1. **Cllr Meinir James noted that she had made comments on the application as a County Councillor. PL/08472** - Proposed extension to car showroom and associated works - Pengwyn Court, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LX. No objections.
2. **Cllr Meinir James noted that she had made comments on the application as a County Councillor.**
Cllr Jenny Jones noted her interest in the matter and left the meeting for consideration of the item. PL/08469 - Proposed less-abled affordable dwelling - Pontmorlais, Kidwelly, SA17 5AN. No objections.
3. **PL/08401** - Proposed rear 2 storey extension with conversion of part garage into office accommodation - Brynawel, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2NB. It was noted that this was a resubmission of the application considered at the October Council meeting. It was agreed to again respond to the Planning

Authority asking that prior to the matter being determined that further information be sought on the nature of the proposed office accommodation, whether it was in keeping with the residential area surrounding the property along with any issues that would arise with highway use.

4. **Cllr Eifion Jones noted his interest in the matter and left the meeting for consideration of the item. PL/08598** - Erection of a concrete nutrient store - Cifeithy Uchaf, Kidwelly, SA17 5AR. No objections.
5. **PL/08582** - A steel clad shed on the land which will provide storage for my digger and classic cars - Land at Eiryth Ann, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DH. Noted pending any comments from the Community on the matter.

14. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	November salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £17.10 £7.00 £28.30 £20.00	£849.89	£310.20		£539.69

2. **Michael Leefe** £616.00 Handyperson November (see item 9)
3. **Defib Warehouse** £162.00 Defib at Idole (see item 8.2), £135.00 plus VAT £27.00
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council Toy Box Scheme** £150.00 Donation (see item 5 above)

15. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk noted that he had reported the following to the County Council
 - a. Flytipping at Llandyfaelog.
 - b. Water pooling between Bryngors and Garthowen.
2. The Clerk noted flytipping at Glanmorlais (which had been removed by the Handyperson) and a bicycle left at Tir Gof (which had since been removed).
3. The Clerk will report tree cuttings left in front of Tir Gof.
4. Stray dogs were again noted in the Idole area.
5. Water pooling between the A484 junction (Idole) and Croesyceiliog will be reported to the County Council.
6. The 40mph sign on the A484 at Cherry Trees was noted to be obstructing view of the sign noting a bend ahead. This will be reported to the County Council.
7. It was noted that the road markings in Llandyfaelog continued to denote a 30mph limit, while the signage noted 20mph. This will be reported to the County Council.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 9th January 2025.