

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2025 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 5th December 2024 were confirmed and signed.

5. 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 received an update on the matter along with confirmation that consultation meetings would be held in the Spring in Llandyfaelog. 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** – Confirmation was received that the matter was due to go before the County Council Planning Committee early in the new year. Noted.
- 11. Daffodil Planting Project** – The Chair noted that a successful planting day had been completed at Cwmffrwd on the 14th December. Tree planting to be arranged with the Council Handyperson.
- 12. Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Continuing issues were noted with footway lighting at the estate. Noted.

- 13. Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – Council awaited a response from the County Council on the matter. Noted.
- 14. Donations made in December Council meeting** – A letter of thanks was received from the Carmarthenshire County Council Toybox Appeal. Noted.
- 15. Footway lighting at Llandyfaelog** – It was noted that the light at the top of Llandyfaelog Hill continued to be out of operation.
- 16. Stray dogs at Idole** – The matter continued to be monitored. Noted.
- 17. Water pooling between the A484 junction (Idole) and Croesyceiliog** – Work had been carried out by the County Council in the area, though a permanent solution was required.
- 18. 40mph sign on the A484 at Cherry Trees** – The completion of the works at this location will be checked.
- 19. 30mph road markings at Llandyfaelog** - Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.

6. Correspondence

- 1. One Voice Wales** – UK Government consultation on its proposals to reform the compulsory purchase process and compensation rules. Noted.
- 2. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Council Update. Noted.
- 3. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Emergency road closure at Heol Nantyglassdwr from Thursday 19th December 2024 to Wednesday 8th January 2025. Noted.
- 4. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2024-25 precept being £9,106.67. Noted.
- 5. Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** – Consultation on its Revised Proposals Report in relation to the review of Senedd Constituencies in Wales. Noted.
- 6. One Voice Wales** – Training events January – March 2025. Noted.
- 7. One Voice Wales** – Information on COVID-19 Day of Reflection 2025 which would take place on Sunday 9th March 2025. Noted.
- 8. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Consultation on the 2025-26 Policing Budget. Noted.
- 9. Barclays Bank** – Statements. The bank reconciliation was countersigned by Cllr Eifion Jones.

7. Idole field and Community Amenities

- 1. Play Area Inspection Report** – The Clerk confirmed receipt of the annual play area inspection report for the Idole Field from the Play Inspection Company. No issues above a low risk were noted. These had been passed to the Handyperson for action where appropriate. Payment of the charges invoice being £90.25 plus VAT was approved.
- 2. Bench at Cwmale** -The Clerk noted that the bench had been damaged and removed by the Handyperson. The individual who had donated the bench had been in touch with an offer to purchase a new one. It was agreed that the bench would be replaced by the bench at Llandyfaelog Hall, which could then be replaced by a bench to be donated by Alan Jones, Star Forge.

- 3. 2025 Grass Cutting Contract** - The Clerk circulated a draft tender document for the grass cutting contract at Idole Field and Glanmorlais for 2025. Council approved the tender and will seek prices in readiness for the next meeting.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in December with a total cost of £616.00 approved. A suggested hourly charge proposal was provided by the Handyperson for the 2025-26 year. It was agreed that invitations would be circulated for tenders for the contract for the 2025-26 year.

9. 2024-25 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 3rd quarter budget report for the 2024-25 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report. The Chairman carried out an audit of the 2024-25 financial records.

10. 2025-26 Precept, Priorities and Budget Report

The Clerk presented the report and noted the likely financial position for the end of the 2024-25 Financial Year.

Council considered the report and agreed to request a precept of £31,000 for 2025-26 (£27,320 in 2024-25). The sum would lead to a Band D Council Tax of £47.44 (£41.68 in 2024-25). The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to complete and sign the necessary paperwork to be returned to Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Clerk confirmed that it was good practice for Council to hold between 3 months and one year's precept in general reserves and that any further funds held should be allocated in specific reserves.

Council further considered its priorities for Council reserves. Specific reserves were agreed to be allocated as follows:

Public Lighting Improvements (including the annual £1,077.25 cost of the LED Lighting upgrade)	£4,000
Amenity Improvements	£3,000
Idole Play and Amenity Area	£7,000

11. 2025-26 Investment Strategy

The Clerk presented the draft Investment Strategy. The Strategy was approved as Council Policy for the 2025-26 Financial Year.

12. Planning

- 1. PL/08618-** Erection of portal framed agricultural building to cover existing concrete slurry store - Gelliddu, Bancycapel, Carmarthen, SA32 8EB. No objections.

13. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	December Salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £7.00 £16.20	£800.69	£310.20		£490.49

2. **HM Revenue and Customs £1,011.80** October – December deductions
3. **Michael Leefe £616.00** Handyperson December (see item 8)
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council £1,292.70** LED Lighting upgrade charge 2024 -25 (£1,077.25 plus VAT £215.45)
5. **Play Inspection Company £108.30** Play area inspection charges (see item 7.1) (£90.25 plus VAT £18.05)

14. Any other business

1. Flooding issues at Heol y Lan were noted with a site visit undertaken that day with County Council Officer to seek solutions.
2. A blocked gutter at Cilfeithy Uchaf had been reported to the County Council and action will be chased.
3. Damage to the waste bin at Capel Farm will be assessed with a new bin to be ordered if necessary.
4. The village sign planter in Pibwrlwyd was noted to require repair.
5. A cable was noted to be a trip hazard on the pavement opposite Power Cut in Cwmffrwd.
6. The Pibwrlwyd bench will be checked to ensure it was secure in the ground.
7. The annual Eisteddfod Supper was noted to be on the 14th January.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 6th February 2025.