

MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM

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

Apologies: Cllrs Meinir James, Carys Thomas and Viv Davies.

Congratulations were expressed to Cllr Carys Thomas on the birth of her daughter. It was noted that Cllr Thomas was therefore on maternity leave with apologies for Council meetings accepted as a result. The purchase of a £20 voucher gift was approved.

It was noted that Cllr Viv Davies had provided apologies for the meeting with his 6 month period approaching. It was agreed to accept the apologies for a further month with the Clerk to discuss the possibility of attending meetings remotely again with Cllr Davies.

The Chair noted the recent bereavements in the Community and expressed the Council's deepest condolences to the families. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

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 9th January 2025 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- 1. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – The decision of the Planning Inspector was received which had been to quash the Enforcement Notice as it had not covered the full extent of the possible planning contraventions. An opportunity was therefore available to the County Council to submit a new enforcement notice. This was now to be considered. Noted.
- 2. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 3. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Confirmation was received that the final draft of the legal agreement was in place and would be provided to the landowners for approval in order to allow the replacement furniture to be installed. Noted.
- 4. Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.

5. **National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – Further investigatory work had been undertaken by the proposed developer during January, leading to disruption on the A484 highway in Upland Arms. Noted.
6. **Road safety issues at Bancycapel** – Confirmation was received that the Police were supportive of a no overtaking at this location with further consultation to be undertaken 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** – Confirmation was received that the County Council had written to the landowner in relation to the fallen tree with a response awaited. Noted.
9. **Waiting restrictions proposals for Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin** – Confirmation was received that the Cabinet Member meeting had taken place with the Council's objections noted and the order progressed. A request had been made for responses to the Community Council's queries on the matter with further information awaited.
10. **PL/04973 - 1-4 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
11. **Daffodil and Tree Planting Project** – Tree planting had been completed at Idole Field. It was noted that the daffodils were growing well around the Community. Noted.
12. **Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – It was noted that the matter had gone before Court in January with a stay in place until June. Noted.
13. **Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – The Council had been advised to raise the matter with the GoSafe Team. The Clerk had made contact on the matter and awaited a response.
14. **Footway lighting at Llandyfaelog** – The County Council had confirmed repairs requests. The matter will be chased as completion was awaited.
15. **Stray dogs at Idole** – The matter continued to be monitored. An incident was noted the previous day with a dog crossing the road in Idole causing vehicles to break.
16. **Water pooling between the A484 junction (Idole) and Croesyceiliog** – It was reported that works had been carried out that were hoped to alleviate the issues. Noted.
17. **50mph sign on the A484 at Cherry Trees** – The matter will be chased for an update.
18. **30mph road markings at Llandyfaelog** - Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
19. **Flooding issues at Heol y Lan** – Works were noted to have been carried out by the local landowner, residents and the County Council. Noted.
20. **Blocked gutter at Cilfeithy Uchaf** – The gutter had been investigated with a collapsed pipe identified. Noted.
21. **Damage bin at Capel Farm** – The bin had been reported with a response awaited.
22. **Cable trip hazard on pavement opposite Power Cut in Cwmffrwd** - The matter was noted to have been dealt with.

23. Pibwrlwyd bench – The bench was confirmed to be secure. Noted.

6. Correspondence

- 1. One Voice Wales** – National Awards Nominations document. Noted.
- 2. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Budget Consultation 2025-26. Noted.
- 3. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the County Forum held on the 22nd January 2025. The Chair gave a report on the meeting. Noted.
- 4. One Voice Wales** – Information on the Carmarthenshire Area Committee held on the 22nd January 2025. Noted.
- 5. Welsh Government** – Asbestos Awareness training dates. Noted.
- 6. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Councils Update. Noted.
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information of the pathways partnership project in relation to Public Footpaths and Rights of way. Noted.
- 8. Dyfed Powys Police** – Information on the Evidence Based Policing Conference to be held on the 4th March 2025. Noted.
- 9. Green Gen** – Community Newsletter. Noted.
- 10. Cylch yr Iaith** – Request that the Council write a letter of support to the Welsh Government in relation to the report published by the Welsh Communities Commission. Noted.
- 11. Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council** – Further to the email considered at the November 2024 Council meeting, confirmation of a joint meeting being held by Community and Town Councils impacted by the pylons project being called by Clydogau and Cellan Community Council on the 18th February. The Chair and Clerk will look to attend.
- 12. FUW** – Information on FUW Farmhouse Breakfasts events held recently. Noted.
- 13. Carmarthen Town Council** – Invitation to the Chair to join the St David's Day Parade on the 1st March 2025. Noted.
- 14. One Voice Wales** – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. The Chair was nominated to attend.
- 15. One Voice Wales** – Annual Meeting 11th March 2025. The Chair and Councillor Meinir James were nominated to attend.
- 16. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
- 17. One Voice Wales** – February – March training dates. Noted.
- 18. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
- 19. Heol Ddu Solar Park** – Cllr Philip Davies noted his interest in the matter and left the meeting during the discussion and consideration of the matter. The Clerk noted his interest / conflict of interest in the matter and informed the Council that he could therefore not provide any advice on the issue to members. He could only provide the administration as required by the Council on its instructions relating to the matter.

Letter introducing Qualitas Energy and Heolddu Solar Farm, a proposed c.40MW fixed panel solar farm on land between Ferryside and Llandyfaelog. The letter offered a meeting with the project team to discuss the project. The offer of a meeting will be accepted.

7. Idole field and Community Amenities

1. **Play Area Inspection** – The Clerk confirmed receipt of prices for the annual inspection as follows:

- **Play Inspection Company - £94.95**
- **Dragon Play - £125.00**
- **ROSPA - £96.00**

It was agreed to continue with the services of the Play Inspection Company.

2. **Bench at Cwmale** -The Council Handyperson had laid a new base at Cwmale for the bench and would moving the Llandyfaelog bench across in order for Star Forge to replace.
3. **2025 Grass Cutting Contract** - The Clerk confirmed receipt of prices for the 2025 grass cutting contract as follows:
 - **Wenallt Contracting - £2,350.00**
 - **Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes - £4,660.00**
 - **Michael Leefe - £2,415.00**

It was agreed to retain the services by Michael Leefe due to the quality of the works provided.

4. Repairs were noted to have been carried out to the Croesyceiliog Planter, Bancycapel and Cwmffrwd bus shelters, with work to be completed on the Pibwrlwyd Planters.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in January with a total cost of £616.00 approved. Additional costs of £114.24 for works detailed in item 7 above were approved.

The Clerk presented draft documents for the Handyperson tender. These were approved and will be advertised for prices to be considered in the March meeting.

9. Community Events 2025

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2025 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
- Community Effort Competition.

The matter will be considered further at the next Council Meeting.

10. 2024-25 Welsh Language Scheme Report

The Clerk presented the draft annual report to the Welsh Language Commissioner on the Council compliance with its Welsh Language Scheme. The report was approved and signed by the Chairman for return.

11. Planning

1. **Evans Banks Planning - Pre Application Consultation** - Formation of Solar Park at Tirmably, Croesyceiliog, Carmarthen, SA32 8DP. It was agreed to request a meeting with the company and to raise the following issues:
 - Community Benefit;
 - What was the position in relation to a connection with the National Grid.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	January Salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £7.00 £19.35 £23.40	£828.14	£310.20		£517.94

2. **Audit Wales** £200.00 2023-24 Audit
3. **Michael Leefe** £730.24 Handyperson January (see item 8)

13. Any Other Business

1. It was noted that food waste was again being left along Heol y Lan and adjacent areas.
2. The Clerk had raised water pooling with the County Council at Cilgadan again, with the suggestion raised on creating an opening in the pavement to enable water to escape. Following a further inspection, the County Council had carried out the works.
3. The Clerk had reported a Christmas tree flytipped near Gwynfryn.
4. The Clerk had reported the need to clear the road at Fforest Uchaf of muddy deposits.
5. A possible Community First Aid Training Event will be requested.
6. A quiz in aid of Llandyfaelog Church was noted for the 7th March 2025.
7. It was noted that a pylon was being replaced between Llechwdni and Gletwyn.
8. The condition of the road at Pwll y Baw was raised as a concern, with work not being carried out by the County Council possibly causing an impact to funeral arrangements. Cllr Tyssul Evans agreed to make enquiries on the matter.
9. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog was noted on Saturday 8th February 2025.

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