

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5 JUNE 2025 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

It was noted that Councillor Viv Davies remained unwell. Cllr Davies' apologies were accepted for a further month as a result.

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 and Annual Meeting of Council held on the 1st May 2025 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 received an update on the enforcement process for the matter. Noted.
- 5. National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – Council received information on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion document and County Council response to the matter. Council was keen to arrange a meeting with the organisation as soon as possible due to the complexity of the matter in order to clarify issues arising. The Clerk will continue to chase provision of available dates.
- 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** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. The Clerk informed members that Cllr Meinir James had received a dispensation by the County Council Standards Committee to speak and vote at meetings of Llandyfaelog Community Council in relation to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin, the highway adjacent to the school and to the School Governing Body. Noted.

10. **PL/04973 - 1-4 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** – Council noted that the planning application had been refused, however a new application had now been submitted.
11. **Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
12. **Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – Council awaited information on possible enforcement of the area by the Police. Noted.
13. **Teifi/Tywi link Community Councils – Meeting for Community and Town Councils in areas impacted by the pylon project** – Cllr Nicola Jones gave a report of the latest meeting held on the 27th May 2025. The minutes will be circulated when received. Noted.
14. **Heol Ddu Solar Park** – The Chairman noted his interest. The Clerk informed members that Cllrs Nicola Jones, Janet Knott, Shan Rees and Elfyn Williams had received dispensations by the County Council Standards Committee to speak and make representations but not vote on the matter at meetings of Llandyfaelog Community Council. Cllrs Nicola Jones, Janet Knott, Shan Rees and Elfyn Williams, therefore noted their interest in the matter. Taking account of this, Cllr Rheinallt Jones confirmed his interest in the matter and will look to make a similar application for a dispensation. The Clerk made members aware that a Community Benefit Fund Workshop would be held in Llandyfaelog Community Hall on the 17th June 2025.
15. **Green Gen** – A meeting with the organisation would be held on the 3rd July 2025 at 7.30pm. Noted.
16. **Flytipped skip at Pencady** – It was noted that the skip had now been removed.
17. **One Voice Wales – Request for motions for the Annual Meeting -**
Confirmation was received that possible motions relating to the energy project would be considered. It was further confirmed that One Voice Wales were not directly involved in any energy projects or policies. Noted.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – E-bulletin. Noted.
2. **One Voice Wales** – Report from the National Awards Conference. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales** – Practice Development Notes. Noted.
4. **One Voice Wales** – Information on the Innovative Practice Conference on the 2nd July 2025. Noted.
5. **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** - Policy and Practice document in preparation for the 2025 Electoral Review Programme. Noted.
6. **Welsh Government** - Consultation on improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales. Noted.
7. **Coleg Sir Gar** – Training opportunities. Noted.
8. **Welsh Government** - Consultation on the post-legislative scrutiny of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Noted.
9. **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** – Consultation on the review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Council's Update. Noted.

- 11. Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Consultation on the Clinical Services Plan. Noted.
- 12. One Voice Wales** – Audit Wales - Annual financial actions: important lessons emerge. Noted.
- 13. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the U2219 and C2074 Uplands Arms on the 15th September for 5 days. The Clerk had requested information on access provision for residents affected by the closure. Noted.
- 14. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
- 15. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.

7. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. The Clerk had sought possible grant schemes for replacing the Community History Panels which were beginning to fade and would continue to seek to make an application.
2. Payment of the Invoice from Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes of £80.00 plus VAT for the first weed spraying of 2025 at Idole Field was approved.
3. Payment to JM Richards for hedge cutting carried out in 2024 of £150.00 plus VAT was approved.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in April and May with a cost of £644.00 per month agreed. Grass cutting for April and May with a cost of £322.00 per month was also agreed.

9. 2024-25 Annual Report

The Clerk presented the annual return that had been internally audited by Charles and Company Accountants. The Internal Auditors' annual report was received and noted. The Clerk confirmed that he had certified and signed the annual return. It was noted that Council balances at the end of the year stood at £21,311 (£21,284 2023-24).

Council approved the Annual Return and completed the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the return.

Council approved payment of the Audit Fee being £160.00 plus VAT.

The Clerk also presented the draft Council Annual Report for the 2024-25 year. The document was approved and will be published on the website along with the accounts notice.

The Clerk was thanked for his work on the Annual Report and Council financial records.

10. 2025-26 Internal Auditor

Council considered the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2025-26 Financial Year. It was agreed to retain Charles and Company in the role for the year.

11. Community Events 2025

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2025 as follows:

- Garden Competition – Vegetables (June) and Flowers (August);
- Community Effort Competition – Miniature Garden, Any Medium, no more than A3 Size. To be displayed for judging at the celebration event;
- Community First Aid Training – 9th June 2025.

Judging arrangements were confirmed with a date to be agreed for visits.

12. Council Financial Regulations

The Clerk presented the draft updated Financial Regulations. The document was approved as Council Policy.

13. Planning

1. **PL/09369** - Retention of use of industrial buildings and associated yard for mixed industrial uses comprising garaging of commercial and private vehicles and metals processing Facility, together with works to the raise part of the building to increase internal headroom - 1-3 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ. It was agreed to raise objections, noting that the Council believed that the application was in contravention of planning policies in relation to highways concerns (GP1,d, h, l and m), environmental impacts (EP2.b and d) noise impacts (GP1.d and EP2.c), impact upon adjacent properties (GP1.d) and water pollution (GP1.j) concerns.
2. **PL/09286** - Proposed rear and first floor extensions, including detached garage and associated works - Eifionydd, Heol Y Lan, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DD. No objection.
3. **PL/09295**- Replacement of a stone garage with a garage and hobby room - Abercyfor House, Heol Nantyglassdwr, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LS. No objections.

14. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Wales Air Ambulance** – A donation of £50.00 was agreed.
2. **SSAFA** - A donation of £50.00 was agreed.
3. **Llangollen International Eisteddfod** – Noted.

15. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Michael Leefe | £322.00 | Grass cutting April (see item 8) |
| 2. Michael Leefe | £644.00 | Handyperson April (see item 8) |
| 3. Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes | £96.00 | Idole Field weed spraying £80.00 plus £16.00 VAT (see item 7) |

- 4. Charles and Company £192.00** Internal Audit (see item 9)
£160.00 plus £32.00 VAT
- 5. JM Richards £180.00** Hedge Cutting Idole (2024)
£150.00 plus £30.00 VAT (see item 7)

6.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	Employers NI Contribution	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	May Salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £7.00 £14.40 £16.80	£815.69	£310.20	£50.17	£505.49

- 7. Michael Leefe £322.00** Grass cutting May (see item 8)
- 8. Michael Leefe £644.00** Handyperson May (see item 8)
- 9. Wales Air Ambulance £50.00** Donation (see item 14.1)
- 10. SSAFA £50.00** Donation (see item 14.2)
- 11. Cllr Nicola Jones £381.55** Chairman's Allowance 2024-25

16. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk noted that he had reported the following to the County Council:
 - a. Hedge cutting needed at Heol y Lan and Lon yr Ysgol.
 - b. Flytipping between Maescyneiddion and Garthowen.
2. Congratulations letters will be sent to:
 - a. Llinos Jones and Caroline Stiles of Llandyfaelog Bowls Club on being chosen to represent the Wales Ladies Team.
 - b. Luke Davies and Osian Davies of the Llandyfaelog Bowls Club on being chosen to represent the Wales U21 Team.
 - c. St Ishmaels YFC for their success at the recent Carmarthenshire YFC Rally.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 3rd July 2025.