

MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM

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

Present for Item 4 only – Owen Jones, Kalam Harris, Hollie-Louise Allen, Danny James, Green Gen.

Apologies: Cllrs Carys Thomas and Rheinaalt Jones.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Viv Davies to the meeting following ill health.

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. Green Gen

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of Green Gen to the meeting. A presentation was provided on the 2 projects for the proposed Tywi Teifi and Towy Usk schemes. It was noted that Towy Teifi would be undertaking the final round of consultation in early 2026, followed by the final submission for approval later in the year. Towy Usk was noted to be slightly ahead on this timetable.

Issues raised with Green Gen included:

- The need to provide more combined information on each of the projects and the Sub-Station proposal due to concerns regarding cumulative effects and the lack of full transparency caused by the current staggered consultations.
- The wish to see undergrounding for the Llandyfaelog Community area, information will be provided on the cost evaluation comparison between undergrounding and overhead cables. Green Gen noted that the cost difference was around 4.5x more cost for undergrounding.
- The possibility of two underground lines being implemented together or alongside each other was raised. It was noted that only the Towy Teifi line was currently proposed to be undergrounded. The reason put forward for not doing so with the Towy Usk line was the extensive utilities lines noted as having to be crossed in the area.
- Information was requested on the grid strategy report in order to understand the driver behind the projects converging at Llandyfaelog.
- Life expectancy comparisons were requested on undergrounding as opposed to overhead lines. It was noted that underground was anticipated to be 40 year life span with overhead lines being longer and easier to maintain.

5. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 5th June 2025 were confirmed and signed.

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 would meet with the National Grid representatives on the 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm. Cllr Nicola Jones provided a presentation on issues arising with the proposals. This will be circulated to members in readiness for the meeting.
- 6. Road safety issues at Bancycapel** – Council received confirmation that consultation would soon be undertaken on a proposed no-overtaking zone for the area. 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 received confirmation that the impact of the changes at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin would continue to be monitored. Noted.
- 10. Pont Rhydyronnen** – Council received confirmation that the County Council intended to provide improved signage to discourage large vehicles from attempting to cross the bridge. Noted.
- 11. PL/09369 - 1-3 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** – Cllr Elfyn Williams noted his interest in this matter. Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 12. Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council received confirmation that the matter continued to move towards litigation. Noted.
- 13. Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – The Police were hoping to commence enforcement in the area soon. It was noted that an incident had occurred in the area during the last few days, again causing traffic issues through Croesyceiliog.
- 14. 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 24th June 2025. The minutes will be circulated when received. Noted.
- 15. Heol Ddu Solar Park** – The Chairman noted his interest. The Clerk noted 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. Taking account of this, Cllrs Eifion Jones, Jenny Jones and Meinir James confirmed their interest in the matter and will consider making similar applications for dispensation.

16. Community First Aid Training – The Chairman noted the success of the Community First Aid Training held on the 9th June 2025. Thanks were noted to the St Johns Cymru for the event arrangements. Noted.

17. Donations made by Council – Letters of thanks were received from St Ishmaels YFC and Wales Air Ambulance. Noted.

7. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – Training events June – September. Noted.
2. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the Allotment and Community Growing Grant. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales** – E-bulletin. Noted.
4. **One Voice Wales** – Minutes and agenda for Carmarthen Area Committee meeting held on the 1st July 2025. Noted.
5. **One Voice Wales** – Practice Development Notes. Noted.
6. **One Voice Wales** - Information on the extraordinary general meeting on the 3rd September and proposed changes to the constitution. Cllr Meinir James was nominated to attend the meeting.
7. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Councils Update. Noted.
8. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary Road closure of the C2074 near the Nantygofire Isaf, Llandyfaelog (SA17 5RB) from a point 403 metres Northeast of its junction with the C2057 for a distance of 215 metres in a North Easterly direction on Monday 27th October 2025 between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30. Noted.
9. **Clerks and Councils Direct** – Noted.

8. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. The Clerk will seek prices for tree surveys to be undertaken at Idole Field and Tir Gof.

9. Community Handyperson

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

10. Community Events 2025

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2025 as follows:

- Garden Competition – Vegetables (5th July) and Flowers (August);
- Community Effort Competition – Miniature Garden, Any Medium, no more than A3 Size. To be displayed for judging at the celebration event;

Judging arrangements were confirmed with a date to be agreed for flower garden visits. The Community Celebration evening would be held on the 18th August 2025.

11. 2025-26 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 1st quarter budget report for the 2025-26 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report. The Chair carried out a review of the Council financial records.

12. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	Employers NI Contribution	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	June Salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £14.40 £20.01	£811.90	£300.80	£50.17	£511.10

2. HMRC	£1,057.71	April – June payroll deductions
3. Michael Leefe	£322.00	Grass cutting June (see item 9)
4. Michael Leefe	£644.00	Handyperson June (see item 9)

13. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the following issues to the County Council:
 - a. Loose dog at Maesdolau.
2. The Clerk will request consideration by the County Council of provision of a no through road sign for the Garthowen to Bryngors road as traffic appeared to be using the lane to try to reach the A48, which was not possible.
3. The Clerk will seek information as to whether there was statutory guidance on when Community Benefit was to be expected from planning projects

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 4th September 2025.