MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

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

Apologies: Cllrs Shan Rees, Eifion Jones and Rheinallt Jones.

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 meetings of Council held on the 4th December 2025 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

1. **Green Gen** – Confirmation was again received that the two projects' statutory consultations would take place during 2026. Noted.
2. **Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth –** Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
3. **Road safety issues at Bancycapel –** Confirmation was received that the statutory consultation has been completed, and support has been received from the Police, Local Members and the Community Council for the no-overtaking zone. The County Council would now liaise with their Legal Team to arrange publication of the Traffic Regulation Order, which would provide an opportunity for the public to comment in the coming weeks. The Community Council would be notified and provided with a copy of the notice once it had been issued. Noted.
4. **Pont Rhydyronnen –** Confirmation was received that a review of the existing warning signage was underway. Replacement signs or upgrades would be installed in due course. Noted.
5. **PL/09369 - 1-3 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
6. **Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd –** Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
7. **Teifi/Tywi link Community Councils – Meeting for Community and Town Councils in areas impacted by the pylon project –** Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2025 had been circulated. Noted.
8. **Holes adjacent to the pavement at Bro Pedr** – The Clerk will check on progress with this matter.
9. **Road Safety at Llandyfaelog Junction –** The County Council had confirmed that they were considering the installation of an additional warning sign to highlight the risk of pedestrians crossing, positioned closer to the junction when travelling from Carmarthen. This would be subject to sufficient verge

width to allow the required minimum clearances from the carriageway edge. Noted.

10. **Wales Regional Energy Strategic Plans** – The Consultation on the Wales Regional Energy Strategic Plan Methodology was considered.
11. **National Grid – Llandyfaelog Sub-Station –** The Council had met with the National Grid to discuss the Pre-Application Consultation on the 15th December 2025 with a response developed and provided for consideration.
12. **A484 Cwmffrwd, near Bolahaul Road Junction –** The Council received confirmation that additional repeater signs and carriageway roundel markings had been installed within the 30mph limit to further reinforce the speed restriction along this section. Noted.
13. **Ysgol Bro Myrddin – Parking Restrictions –** Cllr Meinir James noted that she had received a dispensation to speak and make representations but not vote on matters relating to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin. The County Council had noted that since the implementation of the new parking restrictions in the vicinity of the school, no negative feedback has been received. They therefore consider the measures to have improved the management of through traffic past the school. Noted.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – E-bulletin. Noted.
2. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Bulletin. Noted.
3. **Welsh Government** - 2026-27 Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit. Noted.
4. **One Voice Wales** – Training Events. Noted.
5. **Welsh Government** – Information on the Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025. Noted.
6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of payment of £10,333.33, being 1/3rd of the 2025-26 precept. Noted.
7. **One Voice Wales** – Information on a joint event with Planning Aid Wales to be held on the 19th March 2026. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales** – New Year Message from the Chief Executive. Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales** – Practice Development Note - Copyright and Participating in Webinars. Noted.
10. **Rural Wales** - Open Call: Bring Your Community Together Through Food. Noted.
11. **One Voice Wales** – Information on Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. Cllr Nicola Jones was nominated to attend.
12. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
13. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. The bank reconciliation was countersigned by Cllr Carys Thomas.

7. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. **Tree Survey Works**

Confirmation was received that works had been completed by the County Council with works by Lampeter Tree Services awaited.

2. **Defibrillators**

The Clerk confirmed the purchase of 3 defibrillator pads for the defibrillators at Llandyfaelog, Bancycapel and Idole from Defib Warehouse at a cost of £417.00 plus VAT.

Other quotations received were noted as:

- Defib Shop £460.00 plus VAT
- Defib Supplies £421.00 plus VAT

The purchase from Defib Warehouse was approved.

3. **2026 Grass Cutting Contract**

The Clerk circulated a draft tender document for the grass cutting contract at Idole Field and Glanmorlais for 2026. The Council will consider the matter further at the February Council meeting.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in December with a cost of £644.00 agreed.

9. SLCC Civility and Respect Pledge

The Council considered the Civility and Respect Pledge. The Council agreed to adopt the pledge.

10. 2025-26 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 3rd quarter budget report for the 2025-26 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report. The Chairman carried out an audit of the 2025-26 financial records.

11. 2026-27 Precept, Priorities and Budget Report

The Clerk presented the report and noted the likely financial position for the end of the 2026-27 Financial Year.

Following consideration of the matter it was agreed to defer a decision until the February Council Meeting.

12. 2026-27 Investment Strategy

The Clerk presented the draft Investment Strategy. The Strategy was approved as Council Policy for the 2026-27 Financial Year.

13. Banking and Payment Arrangements

The Clerk confirmed that payments had been made successfully via the electronic banking arrangements in December. This will be taken forward further during the coming months.

14. Accounts

The following Payments were approved:

1. Defib Supplies	**£500.40**	Defib pads (see item 7.2) £417.00 plus VAT £83.40
2. Michael Leefe	**£644.00**	December Payment (see item 8)

3.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	Employers NI Contribution	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	**December Salary**	**£775.54 £26.00**	**£22.05 £30.48**	**£823.30**	**£310.00**	**£53.78**	**£544.07**

4. HMRC	**£1,091.74**	Payroll deductions October – December.
5. Carmarthenshire County Council	**£1,292.70**	Footway lighting LED upgrade £1,077.25 plus VAT

15. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk noted the following matters reported to the County Council:
    - Water pooling near Penygraig;
    - Footway lighting not working between Idole and Pentrepoeth;
    - Grit bins needing refilling in Idole;
    - Overflowing bin at Llandyfaelog.
2. The Clerk will seek an update from the County Council on the return of the Cloigyn Village sign following repair.
3. A proposal was received from Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog for the Council to take part in a competition at the Eisteddfod on the 7th February 2026. This was noted.
4. Additional bus services provided through Croesyceiliog were noted with pleasure.
5. The Clerk will report the following matters to the County Council:
    - Slippery pathway between Cwmffrwd and Pibwrlwyd;
    - Pot holes on the A484 near Danygraig;
    - Water blockage in drains near Cilgadan;
    - Water pooling near Llwynhelyg.
6. The Clerk will request the presence of the Police for a Community drop in or Community Council meeting.
7. Members discussed the likely impact on the Council administration arrangements of the processes relating to the Sub Station and related energy projects in Llandyfaelog.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 5th February 2026.