MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

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

Apologies: Cllrs Nicola Jones, Rheinallt Jones, Carys Thomas and County Councillor Tyssul Evans.

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 8th January 2026 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

1. **Green Gen** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. 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 –** Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
4. **Pont Rhydyronnen –** Council awaited further updates on the matter. 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 –** The latest meeting was held on the 13th January 2026 with minutes circulated to members. Noted.
8. **Holes adjacent to the pavement at Bro Pedr** – The Clerk had discussed the works with the County Council. They had been placed on the list of future works to be considered when resources became available. Noted.
9. **Road Safety at Llandyfaelog Junction –** Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
10. **National Grid – Llandyfaelog Sub-Station –** Two consultation events were noted to have taken place in Llandyfaelog on the 29th and 31st January 2026. Noted.
11. **A484 Cwmffrwd, near Bolahaul Road Junction –** The Council received further information from residents raising concerns in relation to the junction. This had been forwarded to the County Council and Police for comments.
12. **Cloigyn Village Sign –** Confirmation was received that the sign had been returned to place. Noted.
13. **Police attendance at a Council Meeting or Community Outreach event –** Council awaited an update on the matter. Noted.

14. **Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole –** Confirmation was received that an enforcement notice had been served on the 21st July 2025 which was set at 6 months, an enforcement visit was due after the 21st January 2026 to check on compliance, but had not yet been undertaken. Noted.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales –** Papers for Carmarthen Area Committee held on the 27th January 2026. Noted.
2. **South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee -** Consultation on the Strategic Development Plan Draft Delivery Agreement. Noted.
3. **Carmarthen Town Council –** Invitation to the St David's Day Parade on the 28th February 2026. Noted.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council –** Budget Consultation. Noted.
5. **One Voice Wales –** E-bulletin. Noted.
6. **Meddygfa Sarn –** Residents concern about the closure of the surgery. Members noted their concern on the matter and the Clerk will write to the Hywel Dda University Health Board to confirm the Community Council's opposition to the proposals and questioning the lack on consultation on the matter.
7. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner -** Information on the St David's Conference 2026: Policing in a Digital Age. Noted.
8. **Carmarthenshire County Council –** Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.
9. **Urdd Gobaith Cymru –** Thank you letter for the Council's recent donation. Noted.
10. **One Voice Wales –** Information on the COVID 19 Day of Remembrance. Noted.
11. **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru -** Final Recommendations Report for the Electoral Arrangements in Carmarthenshire. Noted.
12. **One Voice Wales –** Information on the National Awards 2026. Noted.
13. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner –** Bulletin. Noted.
14. **Barclays Bank –** Statements. Noted.

7. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. **Tree Survey Works**

Completion of works by Lampeter Tree Services was awaited.

2. **Play Area Inspection**

The Clerk confirmed receipt of prices for the annual inspection as follows:

- **Play Inspection Company - £96.50**
- **Dragon Play - £125.00**
- **ROSPA - £98.00**

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

3. **2026 Grass Cutting Contract**

The Clerk noted that the current contractor had suggested a cost of £2,352 for the 2026-27 year, the cost for 2025 had been tendered at £2,415. However the final charge was confirmed to have been £2,254.

It was agreed to retain the services of Michael Leefe for the 2026 season.

4. **Amenity Inspection Report**

The Clerk presented a review of the condition of the Council Amenities following inspection. The report was noted.

8. Community Handyperson

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

A suggested hourly rate of £24.00 was proposed for 2026-27 (£23.00 in 2025-26). The continuation of the Handyperson contract with Michael Leefe was approved for the 2026-27 year.

9. Community Events 2025

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2026 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
- Community Effort Competition.

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

10. 2025-26 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. 2024-25 Completion of Audit of Financial Statements

The Clerk presented the 2024-25 Financial Statements following completion of the Audit by Audit Wales. The audit had provided an unqualified audit opinion. The Clerk noted that the financial statements and notice of conclusion of audit had been published as required.

The Clerk was thanked for his work with the Council Annual Financial Statements.

12. 2026-27 Precept, Priorities and Budget Report

The Clerk presented the report and noted the likely financial position for the end of the 2025-26 Financial Year.

Council considered the report and agreed to request a precept of £34,000 for 2026-27 (£31,000 in 2025-26). The sum would lead to a Band D Council Tax of £52.51 (£47.44 in 2025-26). 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) £3,000
Amenity Improvements £2,000
Defibrillators £1,000
Idole Play and Amenity Area £7,000

13. Planning

1. **PL/10293 -** Construction of concrete silage clamp for agricultural purposes and associated works - Coedlline, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly, SA17 5NT. No objections.

14. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Cllrs Elfyn Williams and Jenny Jones noted their interests in the matter. Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs –** A donation of £50.00 was agreed.
2. **Carmarthen Youth Opera -** A donation of £50.00 was agreed.
3. **Urdd Eisteddfod 2026 -** A donation of £25.00 was agreed.
4. **Marie Curie –** Deferred to the next Council meeting.

15. Accounts
The following Payments were approved:

1. Michael Leefe £644.00 January Payment (see item 8)

2.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	Employers NI Contribution	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	**January Salary**	**£775.54 £26.00**	**£19.80 £3.10**	**£824.44**	**£310.40**	**£53.78**	**£514.04**

3. **Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs £50.00** Donation (see item 14.1)
4. **Carmarthen Youth Opera £50.00** Donation (see item 14.2)
5. **Urdd Eisteddfod 2026 £25.00** Donation (see item 14.3)

16. Any other business

1. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the following issues to the County Council:
    a. Footway lighting issues at Moelfre Uchaf / Craigfryn and at Hazelmere, Idole
    b. Give way sign damaged at Llandyfaelog.
    c. Blocked drain at Bancycapel leading to water running into Danybanc.
2. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog was noted to be taking place on the 7th February 2026.
3. Cllr Meinir James gave a report of the One Voice Wales AGM held on the 21st January 2026.
4. The Clerk will report the following issues to the County Council:
    a. Road surface from Heol y Lan to Bancycapel;
    b. Pot hole near the Cloigyn village sign;
    c. Water running from Ceirw Lane into Bro Pedr.
5. The Clerk will report concerns that buses traveling towards Kidwelly from Carmarthen were missing passengers waiting in Llandyfaelog.
6. The Clerk will ask the Planning Enforcement Team to confirm if some of the developments at the Birds of Prey Centre at Pantgwyn were in accordance with the Planning Approval.

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