**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2026 AT 7.30PM**

**1. Present:** Cllrs Philip Davies (Chairman), Meinir James, Jenny Jones, Rheinallt Jones, Nicola Jones, Elfyn Williams, Eifion Jones and Arfon Davies (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllrs Janet Knott, Carys Thomas, Viv Davies, Shan Rees 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 5th and 19th March 2026 were confirmed and signed.**

**5. Matters Arising**

1. **Green Gen** – Updates were received on the project plan. 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 –** The County Council had confirmed that a new TRO was due to be published in April. Noted.
4. **Pont Rhydyronnen –** The County Council had confirmed that new signage had been ordered with delivery awaited. Noted.
5. **PL/09369 - 1-3 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
6. **Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd –** The County Council Legal Department had confirmed that there was no progress on the matter. Noted.
7. **Teifi/Tywi link Community Councils – Meeting for Community and Town Councils in areas impacted by the pylon project –** The most recent meeting had been held on the 31st March 2026. Cllr Nicola Jones gave a report of the meeting. Noted.
8. **Road Safety at Llandyfaelog Junction –** The County Council had confirmed that additional Pedestrians Crossing warning sign has been ordered, these were due to be installed in April. The possibility of provision of a signalised crossing for the location will be raised with the County Council. Noted.
9. **Police attendance at a Council Meeting or Community Outreach event –** The Police would look to attend a Council meeting in May. Noted.
10. **Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole –** The County Council had confirmed that a visit had taken place to confirm that the enforcement notice had not been adhered to. The legal process will now be taken forward. Noted.
11. **Meddygfa Sarn –** Additional information received by the County Council on the matter will be circulated to members.

12. **Planning Enforcement issues relating to the Birds of Prey Centre at Pantgwyn -** Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
13. **PL/10552 -** Full planning permission for the erection of a 400kV AIS substation (including platform, access road and associated infrastructure) - Land at Llandyfaelog, Carmarthen – The Council had submitted its objections to the application. Noted.

**6. Correspondence**

1. **One Voice Wales –** E-bulletin. Noted.
2. **Carmarthenshire County Council –** Information on a Civil Contingencies Voluntary Sector Conference. Further details included date and venue was awaited. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales –** Training Events, March – June 2026. Noted.
4. **One Voice Wales –** Information of Lunch and Learn Sessions. Noted.
5. **One Voice Wales –** Training events on the process to complete the Annual Return to Audit Wales. The Clerk confirmed that he would be attending one of the sessions. Noted.
6. **One Voice Wales –** Funding News. Noted.
7. **Carmarthenshire County Council –** Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.
8. **Audit Wales –** Audit Notice. The date set for submission of the 2025-26 documents to Audit Wales was confirmed as 7th July 2026 with the date set for the exercise of electors rights being the 14th September 2026. Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales –** Nomination papers for the One Voice Wales National Awards 2026. Noted.
10. **One Voice Wales –** Minutes of Carmarthen Area Committee meeting held on the 27th January 2026. The next meeting would be held on the 15th April. Noted.
11. **Barclays Bank –** Statements, the bank reconciliation was countersigned by Cllr Nicola Jones.

**7. Idole Field and Council Amenities**

1. **Tree Survey Works**

Completion of works by Lampeter Tree Services was awaited.

2. **Defibrillators**

The 2 pads required for the defibrillators at Glanmorlais and Croesyceiliog had been purchased and the cost of £250.00, with £10.00 delivery and £52.00 VAT from Defib Store was approved.

A further pad was required for the Constant Farm Defib, this was approved. The cost of £125.00, with £10.00 delivery and £27.00 VAT from Defib Store was approved.

**8. Community Handyperson**

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

**9. St Anne's Church, Cwmffrwd**

Concern was noted that there was a possibility that the Church would be closing. Further concern was expressed in relation to the facilities of the Church Hall. Further enquiries will be made on the matter.

**10. 2025-26 Budget Report**

The Clerk presented the 4th 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.

**11. 2026-27 Risk Analysis**

Council considered the draft 2026-27 Risk Analysis which was presented by the Clerk. The draft document was agreed.

**12. 2026-27 Staff Salary and Contracts payment report**

Council agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting for this item due to the nature of the information to be discussed.

The Clerk presented the information report and the following items were agreed.

a) **Bus Shelter Cleaners**

Following discussion, it was agreed to set the payment for the Croesyceiliog Bus Shelter at £100 for the year.

b) **Handyperson**

Handyperson was noted as Michael Leefe with a payment of £24.00 per hour agreed for the year.

c) **Council Clerk**

It was agreed to retain the current pay point at the top of the relevant scale at point 23, currently £9,306.49. Council confirmed payment of a £26.00 allowance per month for home working. This encompassed the HMRC home working allowance (currently £26.00 per month).

Council further confirmed payment of necessary mileage claims paid on the HMRC mileage allowance rate (currently 45p per mile)

**13. Community Events 2026**
Council discussed possible Community Events in 2026 as follows:

- Garden Competition (Veg - Late June and Flowers – Early August);
- Community Effort Competition – To be considered further.

Judge details were agreed with the Clerc to contact the possible judge. Further details will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

**14. Planning**

1. **PL/10673** - Proposed replacement dwelling to include extension of garden curtilage of dwelling and siting of temporary caravan for the duration of construction works (Resubmission following refusal of application PL/09725) - Nant Yr Haul, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LX. No objections.
2. **PL/10685** - Conservatory side extension and first floor extension over the lower part of dwelling - Fforest Isaf, Pontantwn, Kidwelly, SA17 5NG. No objections.

**15. Accounts**
**The following Payments were approved:**

**a) Accounts**

**1. Defib Store** **£312.00** Defib pads (see item 7.2) £260.00 plus £52.00 VAT

| 2. | Description | Salary | Expenses | Total Gross | Tax Deducted | Employers NI Contribution | Net Pay |
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| **Arfon Davies** | **March Salary** | **£775.53 £26.00** | **£15.30 £16.26** | **£824.45** | **£310.40** | **£53.78** | **£522.69** |

**3. HMRC** **£1,092.14** January - March
**4. Carmarthenshire County Council** **£2,472.48** Public Lighting Charges £2,060.40 plus £412.08 VAT
**4. Michael Leefe** **£644.00** March Payment (see item 8)
**5. One Voice Wales** **£279.00** Membership 2026-27
**6. Defib Store** **£162.00** Defib pads (see item 7.2) £125.00 plus £27.00 VAT

**b)** The Clerk confirmed that the annual VAT return had been submitted in the sum of £1,066.87.

**16. Any other business**

1. The Clerk noted that he had reported the following issues to the County Council
    a. Flytipping at Constant.
    b. Overflowing bin at Bancycapel.
    c. Loose dogs in Idole.
2. The Council Annual Dinner would be held on the 17th April at the Red Lion.

**The next meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14th May 2026.**