

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE HALL ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM**

**1. Present:** Cllr Rheinalt Jones (Chairman), Janet Knott, Richard John, Elfyn Williams, Philip Davies and Arfon Davies (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Mair Stephens, Shan Rees, Meinir James, Eifion Jones and Ronald Thomas.

**The Chairman noted the Council's condolences to Cllr Meinir James and Mr James on the passing of his father.**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations.

**3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 were confirmed and signed.**

**4. Matters Arising**

**1. Vacancy for member of Council** – The Clerk noted that two expressions of interest had been received in being co-opted onto Council from Mr Wyn James, Llwynyreos, Cwmffrwd and Mr DBV Davies of Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd. Following consideration of the applications, it was agreed to invite Mr Wyn James to be co-opted onto the Council.

**2. Bolahaul Junction with the A484 in Cwmffrwd** – It was noted that the poles for the new driver feedback sign had been installed. Noted.

**3. Pavement damage due to residential development – Rose and Crown, Llandyfaelog** – This matter continued to be monitored.

**4. Telephone Kiosk at Croesyceiliog** – The Clerk noted that the kiosk was now operational. Noted.

**5. Concerns regarding road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484** – Confirmation was received again that the County Council Engineering Consultancy Team were very busy currently with an audit of the matter of road safety at this location awaiting programming. Noted.

**6. Footway lighting LED lamp upgrade project** – It was noted that works had been commenced in the Community.

**7. Footway lighting repairs** – It was noted that while the column at the GD Harries junction in Idole had been replaced, that the lighting unit was not yet in place. The Clerk will chase the matter. Confirmation was also awaited on the position in relation to the solar powered light at Idole.

**8. Replacement of Notice boards and planter** – The Clerk noted that two prices had been received as follows:

- Mark's Gardening Services - £1,200.00
- Barry Doyle Carpentry - £760.00

It was agreed to request Barry Doyle Carpentry to complete the works.

**9. Highway Safety concerns on the B4309 at Bancycapel** – Confirmation had been received from the County Council that:

- the possibility of lowering the speed limit in the area would be raised at the next Speed Working Group;
- the give way markings at the crossroads had been noted as being faded and will be re-applied;
- that a request had been raised for the location to remain on the police speed watch monitoring arrangement.

The Council will request details of the speed limit working group and whether it was open to public attendance.

**10. Culvert at Cwmale, Pentrepoeth** – It was noted that the County Council had carried out further attendance and cleared the culverts to their satisfaction. Noted.

**11. Llandyfaelog Charity** – The Clerk noted that a cheque for the final balance of £37.31 had been received and banked. Noted.

**12. LED Light at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – It was noted that this new lighting unit had been adjusted following reports that drivers were being startled.

**13. Street light at Cloigyn** – This light was confirmed as having been repaired. Noted.

**14. Litter bin for Kidwelly direction bus shelter at Llandyfaelog** – The Clerk had raised this matter with the County Council.

**15. Moss treatment and sweep of Llandyfaelog** - The Clerk had raised this matter with the County Council.

## 5. Correspondence

- 1. One Voice Wales** – Invitation to nominate the Council Chairman for the draw to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Noted.
- 2. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
- 3. Barclays Bank** – Statements, the bank reconciliation was countersigned by Cllr Janet Knott.
- 4. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information promoting the work of the Carmarthenshire County Council Scrutiny Committees. Noted.
- 5. Play for Wales Magazine** – Noted.
- 6. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for nominations for the Carmarthenshire Celebration of Culture Awards. Noted.
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** – 2020-21 Budget Consultation, it was noted that the consultation period closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Noted.
- 8. Carmarthen Town Council** – Invitation for the Council Chairman to attend the annual St David's Day Parade on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. Noted.
- 9. One Voice Wales** – Information providing a useful timetable to Council Clerks in relation to what actions should be undertaken in relation to Council Financial Arrangements during the year. Noted.
- 10. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation on the Carmarthenshire Revised Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033. The matter was deferred for consideration at the March meeting.
- 11. Hywel Dda University Health Board** – Information on out of hours GP arrangements in Carmarthenshire. Noted.
- 12. One Voice Wales** - Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales. The matter was deferred for consideration at the March meeting.

## 6. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. **Play Area Annual Inspection** – The Clerk presented quotations for the annual play area inspection as follows:

- **The Play Inspection Company** £67.50
- **Rospa** £68.50
- **Carmarthenshire County Council** £80.00

It was agreed to accept the lowest quotation from the Play Inspection Company.

2. **WI Tree planting project** – A suggestion was received from Cwmffrwd WI to plant the 5/6 Silver Birch trees in the grassed areas either side of the hardstanding area at Idole Field. It was therefore agreed that a small grove of 3 trees should be planted on either side. The Clerk will discuss with the WI.

3. **Grass Cutting contract – Idole Field and Glanmorlais to Pwll y Baw** – The Clerk presented tender returns for the annual grass cutting contract as follows:

- **Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes** £2,220
- **Palms Landscapes** £4,630
- **A+E Garden Maintenance** £2,420
- **Mark's Gardening Services** £2,150

It was agreed to accept the lowest tender from Mark's Gardening Services.

## 7. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War

Members discussed Community events and activities that were under consideration to mark the anniversary and will await further developments.

## 8. Accessible Website

The Clerk presented quotations for provision of an updated accessible website as follows:

- **Vision ICT** £1,320.00
- **Netbop** £1,200.00
- **Steve Chilvers** £1,400.00
- **W3designs** £1,897.00

Following discussion, it was agreed due to the quality of the current website provided by Vision ICT, to retain their services for the development of the new site.

## 9. Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed two individuals had expressed an interest in the role as follows:

- **Mark's Gardening Service** £20.00 per hour
- **Michael Leefe – Handyman Service** £15.00 per hour

It was agreed to ask Michael Leefe to carry out the role from either the 1<sup>st</sup> March or 1<sup>st</sup> April on a 6 month trial.

## 10. 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. Planning

a) **Full Planning Application W/ 40101** – Construction of new dwelling, Plot 11, Croesyceiliog, SA32 8DS, Mr and Mrs Simon and Lindsey Warwick. No objections.

## 12. Accounts

a) **The following payments were approved:**

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	January salary and costs	£615.09 £18.00	£7.00 £25.00	£665.09	£124.40	£0.00	£540.69

**2. Mark's Gardening Services £400.00 December and January Payment**

## 13. Any other business

1. It was noted that there was a lack of lighting at the Llandyfaelog bus shelter for services in the Kidwelly direction. The Clerk will raise this with the County Council.

**The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**