

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 2 JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Cllrs Meinir James (Chairman), Viv Davies, Elfyn Williams, Janet Knott, Mair Stephens, Rheinallt Jones, Richard John, Philip Davies, Shan Rees and Arfon Davies (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Eifion Jones.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Viv Davies to his first meeting as a member of the Council.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting and meeting of Council held on the 28th May 2020 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

1. Vacancy for member of Council – The Clerk noted that the period for an election to be called closed on the 26th June without a request being received by the County Council. It was agreed that that the Clerk would advertise the vacancy for expressions of interest in being co-opted to be returned in readiness for the September meeting.

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

3. Concerns regarding road safety at the Llandyfaelog junction with the A484 – No further progress with the audit of proposals for the junction was received. The County Council had noted that a long backlog was now in place following the COVID-19 outbreak restrictions. Noted.

4. Footway lighting LED lamp upgrade project – It was noted that a date was awaited for the contractor to return and complete the works with the outstanding lights Noted.

5. Footway lighting repairs – Completion of the installation of the new lamp at the GD Harries junction in Idole was awaited. An email was received that the solar light panel for Idole had now been ordered. Repairs were also awaited to the lighting column at Star Forge. The Clerk noted that he had contacted both First Cymru and Traws Cymru Bus companies and neither had been interested in supporting the Council with these issues and the Llandyfaelog light noted in 4.9 below, only advising that contact should be made with the County Council. These responses were noted with disappointment.

6. Highway Safety concerns on the B4309 at Bancycapel – It was noted that the speed working group would meet on the 6th July with issues at Bancycapel being on the agenda. Noted.

7. Litter bin for Kidwelly direction bus shelter at Llandyfaelog – The Clerk continued to chase the matter with the County Council.

8. Moss treatment and sweep of Llandyfaelog – It was noted that the issue had yet to be attended to, however the main problem now were loose stones on the road. The Clerk will request the County Council carry out a sweep of the road.

9. Public Lighting at Llandyfaelog Junction – The Clerk confirmed that a site visit would be conducted as soon as such visits were approved under County Council COVID-19 restrictions. Noted.

10. Keep Wales Tidy – Local Places for Nature Starter Pack – The pack was due to be delivered during July. Noted.

11. Footpath 29/3 – Between Croesyceiliog and Pentrepoeth – The Clerk confirmed that repair to the footpath sign was on the register of works for completion by the County Council. Any further discussion on the entrance and direction of the path would be delayed until resources allowed.

12. 2019-20 Annual Return – The Clerk confirmed that the annual return documentation and supporting papers would be forwarded to the external auditor in the coming days. The official date of audit was the 1st September and the date for advertising the accounts in the Community was currently 17th August 2020. Noted.

5. Correspondence

- 1. Penygraig Chapel Bin** – The Clerk reported a request from Cllr Elfyn Williams to change the waste bin at Capel Penygraig to a swing top unit as birds were entering the current unit and causing litter to be left around the bin. This had been reported to the County Council.
- 2. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of the temporary prohibition of through traffic from the 22nd June for no longer than twenty one days on the C2068 Four Roads from its junction with the C2057 for a distance of 50 metres in a North Westerly direction. Noted.
- 3. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the U2208 in Croesyceiliog from its junction with the U2209 for a total distance of 577 metres in a south-westerly direction on the 26th October. Noted.
- 4. One Voice Wales** – June Newsletter. Noted.
- 5. Hywel Dda Community Health Council** – May Newsletter. Noted.
- 6. Hywel Dda Local Health Board** – Survey on the impact of coronavirus on the emotional well-being and mental health of the Welsh population. The survey will be circulated to members.
- 7. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for a nomination for the Governing Body for Ysgol y Fro. It was agreed to nominate Cllr Richard John for the position.
- 8. Welsh Government** – Electoral Reform Newsletter and consultation. Noted.
- 9. Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.

6. Idole Field and Council Amenities

- The Clerk noted that the picnic bench at Idole Field appeared to have been moved within the park area recently.
- The Clerk noted that the Handyperson had recently repaired the bench at Cwmale as two slats had snapped.

7. 75th Anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War

Members discussed possible events to mark the anniversary.

8. Accessible Website

The Clerk noted that further work had been carried out with the 2nd draft of the website to be circulated soon for Member consideration.

9. Handyperson Agreement

The Clerk confirmed a total of 32 hours worked in June 2020. The cost of £480.00 and expenses of £61.99 was agreed.

10. COVID-19

The Council discussed the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and impact upon the Community.

11. 2020-21 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 1st quarter budget report for the 2020-21 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

12. 2020-21 Risk Analysis

Council considered the draft 2020-21 Risk Analysis as presented by the Clerk. Council carried out the annual Risk Analysis and accepted the report.

13. Planning

1. W/40716 – Replacement of existing camping toilet block with a new tourism toilet and shower block to service the existing camping sites at Ystrad Fach Farm, together with all other associated works, Ystrad Fach Farm, Llandyfaelog, SA17 5NY. Charles and Jackie Cable and Rowberry. No objections.

2. W/40717 – Construction of two detached dwellings, land at Maesglasnant, plot 19 and 20, Cwmffrwd, SA31 2LR. Derrick Phillips. Council agreed that while no objections were to be raised, that the Clerk was to request information on the position regarding affordable housing dwellings to be included in the overall development site.

3. W/40727 – Erection of steel portal agricultural building on farm for the accommodation of livestock, storage of farm machinery, storage of fodder provision of tack, medicine room and office and education area together with all other associated work, Ystrad Fach Farm, Llandyfaelog, SA17 5NY. Charles and Jackie Cable and Rowberry. No objections.

4. W/40737 – Construction of farm implement store, land at Abercyfor Uchaf, Cwmffrwd, SA31 2LX. Mr William Colin Richards. No objections.

5. W/40781 – Construction of single storey portal frame industrial building for storage of building materials, equipment and for the general repair of equipment such as excavators, telescopic handlers, vehicles and caravans (used as temporary accommodation when working away from Carmarthen area), field no 4378 builders storage yard, Pentrepoeth, Evans Buildings. No objections.

6. W/40795 - New residential dwelling (resubmission), land to the rear of Greencastle, Llandyfaelog, SA17 5PP, C/O Agent. No objections.

14. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

| 1. | Description | Salary | Expenses | Total Gross | Tax Deducted | NI Deducted | Net Pay |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Arfon Davies | June salary and costs | £615.04 £18.00 | £7.00 £16.20 £42.28 | £698.52 | £124.40 | £0.00 | £574.12 |

2. HM Revenue and Customs £373.20 Income Tax April – June
3. Michael Leefe £541.99 Handyperson June (see item 9)

15. Any other business

1. The Clerk noted that he had received confirmation that the Council 2019-20 Annual Report to the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board on Council activities relating to the Well-Being of Future Generations Act had been submitted to the Board for their attention and noting.
2. It was noted that the footpath at Pibwrlwyd flats towards Cyncoed may be blocked. The Clerk to raise this with the County Council.
3. The Clerk to request a map of footpaths in the Community.
4. The waste bin in Pentrepoeth appears to be being filled with takeaway rubbish. The Clerk will raise with the County Council to see if notices could be provided to encourage people to take recycling waste home.
5. The Clerk to provide a dog fouling sign more locally aimed for Llandyfaelog.
6. Members discussed dog mess in the community.
7. It was noted that damage has been caused to the barrier and wall at Llandyfaelog Community Hall by a van or lorry.
8. The Clerk to request a bin for the bench area at Cwmale.
9. Council resolved to delegate urgent decisions to the Chairman and Vice Chairman during the Summer recess.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2020.