

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 19 MARCH 2026 AT 8.00PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Shan Rees and Carys Thomas

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. Planning

PL/10552 - Full planning permission for the erection of a 400kV AIS substation (including platform, access road and associated infrastructure) - Land at Llandyfaelog, Carmarthen

Members gave consideration to the Planning Application submitted by National Grid Energy Transmission. Following consideration of all the related matters it was agreed to raise objections relating to the following matters:

- Overall Scale of the Development
- Lighting Concerns
- Sound Impact Concerns
- Visibility of the proposed project site
- Vibration Impact Concerns
- Health Impact Concerns
- Highways Concerns
- Animal Health Impact Concerns
- Environmental Impact Concerns
- Concerns on Loss of Property Value
- Security Concerns

With the Council therefore of the view that the application was in contravention of the following County Council policies:

- GP1.a in that the proposed site will not conform with or enhance the character and appearance of the site or area in terms of siting, appearance, scale, height, massing, elevation treatment and detailing;
- GP1.b in that the proposed site will not incorporate existing landscapes taking account of site contours and changes in levels and prominent skylines and ridges;

- GP1.d in that it will have a significant impact on the amenity of adjacent land uses, properties, residents or the community.
- GP1. g in that it does not demonstrate that it will create a safe place ensuring security for the site and locality.
- GP1.h in that access arrangements give rise to highway safety concerns within the locality;
- GP1.l in that the application does not have full regard for the safe, effective and efficient use of the transport network.
- GP1. m in that it does not support provision of an integrated network which promotes the interests of pedestrian, cyclists and public transport, ensuring ease of access for all.
- EP2 – In general.
- EP2.c in that it does not demonstrate that the proposal will ensure that noise pollution is where appropriate minimised.
- EQ4.a in that the impacts upon biodiversity are not being satisfactorily mitigated, acceptably minimised or appropriately managed to include net enhancements.

The Council will also note its concerns regarding the Community Benefit proposal, which was not felt to be sufficient.

In addition the Council will raise concerns again at a lack of information on the cumulative impact of all the proposed developments relating to these projects.

The Council noted that it fully understood that a development of this type may be necessary to enable the implementation of facilities required by the National Grid. The Council did not however believe that the proposed development site was appropriate and that the application was in contravention of numerous Carmarthenshire County Council Policies. The Community Council also believed that it would be more appropriate for the development to take place on one of many brown field sites that could accommodate the development across South West Wales.

The Community Council also wished to request that a full site visit by the Planning Committee forms part of the consideration process. Finally, the Community Council would request that an opportunity is afforded to its representatives to address the Planning Committee on the matter when it is brought to their attention for decision.