

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT LLANDYFAELOG HALL 13 JULY AT 7.30PM

1. Present: Cllrs Jenny Jones (Chair), Meinir James (Minute-taker), Eifion Jones, Nicola Jones, Rheinallt Jones, Janet Knott, Shan Rees, Elfyn Williams

Apologies:, Viv Davies and County Councillor Tyssul Evans

2 Declarations of interest: Cllrs Jenny Jones, Elfyn Williams, Eifion Jones, Meinir James, Janet Knott, Shan Rees, Rheinallt Jones, Viv Davies and Nicola Jones have dispensations to discuss, respond and vote on Heol Ddu Solar Farm plans.

Cllr Philip Davies has declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter to be discussed and, in accordance with council policies, will not be present nor take part in the discussion or the decision-making process.

There is also a conflict of interest with the Council Clerk, and he will not be present nor take part in the discussion or the decision-making process regarding the matter under consideration.

3 Public Participation: no members of the public were present at the meeting.

4 Planning

a. Applications received from PEDW

CAS-03952-H9R8G4 - Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic electricity generating station ('solar farm') including associated ancillary infrastructure and development, temporary construction access and laydown areas, and landscape and environmental enhancements - Heolddu Solar Park Ltd, Maesmawr and Treforris Fawr Farm, Ferryside, Carmarthenshire, SA17 5YD

A full and thorough discussion was held regarding the above named application and the recent proposals for the project. The discussion fully considered the impact on the community and the environment for the area of Llandyfaelog Community Council.

It was agreed that the Council would submit a statement to PEDW requesting the application be refused on the following basis:

- the Council's concern on the adverse impacts of the proposal, in particular due to its size and the permanent industrialisation of approximately 81.8

hectares (200 acres) of productive agricultural land (24.09ha being within the area of Llandyfaelog Community Council).

- the harm to landscape character, pressures on the local highway network and effects on the amenities of neighbouring communities.
- the project contravenes planning policies within the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan, Planning Policy Wales and Future Wales.

It was also agreed that the Council's statement to PEDW should also include the following points:

- the Council's acknowledgement of the need to invest in renewable energy to tackle climate change and improve energy infrastructure.
- that the Council is of the view that this should be done, wherever practicable, through the use of previously developed (brownfield) or industrial land or through the installation of solar infrastructure on the roofs of existing agricultural and commercial buildings rather than through the industrialisation of productive greenfield agricultural land, as proposed in this application.
- that the Council, whilst supporting the transition to renewable energy, does not believe this should override the requirement for any development to comply with planning policies within the Carmarthenshire Development Plan and Planning Policy Wales.

It was agreed that a draft response to PEDW to include the points noted would be circulated to all councillors (with the exception of Cllr Philip Davies), before being submitted to PEDW before the deadline of 27 July 2026.

The meeting came to a close at 9.30pm.