

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Rheinallt Jones, Carys Thomas and Viv Davies.

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 meeting of Council held on the 4th January 2024 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- 1. Lighting project at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 2. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 3. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 4. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 5. Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 6. PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – A further planning application had been submitted on the matter. Noted.
- 7. Highway improvement proposal at Bancycapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 8. Community Speed Watch** – Confirmation was received that the signs quoted for by Westcotec would not be used by GoSafe for any enforcement action. Cllrs Nicola Jones and Jenny Jones would look to attend the online meeting in relation to Community Speed Watch on the 8th February and would report back to the Community Council.
- 9. Bin for Rama Chapel and Heol y Lan** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 10. Possible visit to Carwe Water Treatment plant** – Council awaited further updates on the matter.
- 11. Bin at Capel Penygraig** – It was noted that the replacement bin was awaited.
- 12. National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – It was confirmed that agreement was in place for all Llandyfaelog Community area residents and businesses to receive the consultation. The Consultation was due to be launched in the next week. Noted.
- 13. Bancycapel Bus Shelter** – It was noted that the Council Handyperson had repaired the bus shelter.

- 14. Flooding Issues at Cilgadan** – A site visit with the County Council would be arranged on the matter. Noted.
- 15. X11 Bus Services** – Confirmation had been received that the Services had been reduced from the 1st January and would remain at this level until the 29th March. A review was currently being taken on the matter by First Cymru. In the meantime, further changes to the service provision were noted.
- 16. Wales Audit** – An invoice was received for the 2021-22 Audit with a charge of £795.00. The level of this charge was a matter of concern to the Council and the issue will be raised with One Voice Wales.

6. Correspondence

- 1. One Voice Wales** – Papers for the Carmarthen Area Committee held on the 23rd January 2024. Councillor Meinir James gave a report of the meeting. Noted.
- 2. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of the dismissal of the appeal made in relation to Planning Application number PL/01879 for the outline planning permission for up to 23 dwellings and associated works at vacant land off St Anne's Lane, Cwmffrwd. Noted.
- 3. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Update on the process with the Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan 2018-2033. Noted.
- 4. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the Community and Town Councils Liaison Forum held on the 17th January. Councillor Nicola Jones gave a report of the meeting. Noted.
- 5. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Draft proposals for consultation on the review of Polling District and Polling Places. No changes were noted in the consultation for the Llandyfaelog Community Area.
- 6. Planning Aid Wales** – Information of Strategic Development Plans seminar events.
- 7. Audit Wales** – Fee Scheme 2024-25. Noted.
- 8. Bute Energy** – Consultation on a further proposed new overhead line for new renewable energy. Concern was noted that there was no local consultation event on the matter. Confirmation will also be sought on which areas had received consultation leaflets on the proposals. Noted.
- 9. One Voice Wales** – Information on IT, Social Media and Website Training events. Noted.
- 10. Carmarthen Town Council** – Invitation to the Chair to attend the St David's Parade on Saturday 2nd March. Noted.
- 11. One Voice Wales** – Request for nominations for attendance at Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. The Chair's name will be put forward.
- 12. Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales** - January 2024 newsletter. Noted.
- 13. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service** – Calon Tân Newsletter. Noted.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. Defibrillators

Prices had been sought for pads for the 2 defibrillators at Idole and Cwmffrwd as follows:

- The Defibpad £186.49
- Defib warehouse £159.00
- Defib4life £143.00
- St Johns Ambulance £215.00

It was hoped that the Ambulance Service may also be able to provide alternative pads. The matter will be considered further at the next Council meeting.

2. Play Area Inspection

The items for replacement at the play area had been completed by the Handyperson. Noted.

3. Trees for Idole Field

The Clerk confirmed that he would arrange purchase of the two trees.

4. 2024 Grass Cutting Contract

Council received tenders for the grass cutting contract for 2024 as follows:

- a. Michael Leefe Handyman £2,310.00
- b. Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes £4,660.00
- c. Wenallt Contracting £3,210.00

The price from Michael Leefe Handyman was approved.

8. Community Handyperson

A suggested hourly charge of £22.00 (£20.00 in 2023-24) was provided by the Handyperson for the 2024-25 year, this was approved.

9. Community Events 2024

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2024 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
- Scarecrow Competition.

The matter will be considered further at the next Council Meeting.

10. 2023-24 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 – received to date

- a) **The Chair declared her interest and left the meeting for this item. Cllr Nicola Jones took the Chair for consideration of the matter.**

PL/06845 - Conversion of a stone barn in garden - Preswylfa, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly, SA17 5PW. No objections.

- b) **PL/07062** - The existing house will be fully renovated and we want to demolish the existing single garage and build an attached double garage with additional attic bedroom and en-suite bathroom with inter leading door to 1st floor. This new extension will be positioned on the Southern side to the rear of the property - Brynhawddgar, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly, SA17 5PS. No objections.

- c) **Cllr Elfyn Williams declared his interest and left the meeting for this and the next items on the Agenda.**

PL/04973 - Use of Industrial Building and Associated Yard for Mixed Industrial Uses comprising Garaging of Commercial Vehicles and Metals Processing Facility - 1-4 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ. It was agreed to raise objections, noting that the Council believed that the application was in contravention of planning policies in relation to highways concerns (GP1,d, h, l and m), environmental impacts (EP2.b and d) noise impacts (GP1.d and EP2.c), impact upon adjacent properties (GP1.d) and water pollution (GP1.j) concerns.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	January Salary and costs	£722.43	£26.00 £7.00 £11.70 £9.10	£776.23	£298.60		£477.63

2. **Play Inspection Company £105.00** Play Inspection Idole Field
£87.50 plus VAT
3. **Kompan Ltd £69.50** Idole Play Area
£57.92 plus VAT £11.58 (see item 7.2)
4. **Audit Wales £795.00** Audit Fee 2021-22 (see item 5.16)

13. Any other business

- Concern was again raised in relation to pedestrian road safety in the Bancycapel, Cloigyn and Pontantwn areas.
- Concern was raised in relation to the condition of the central road verge at Ty Hir. The matter will be raised with the County Council.
- Pot holes around Penrheol and Ffynnonwen will be raised with the County Council.
- A malfunctioning footway light outside 36 Maesglasnant will be raised with the County Council.

5. The lack of collections of the Bancycapel Amenity Area waste bin will be raised with the County Council.
6. The speed feedback sign at Cwmffrwd Farm was noted as possibly malfunctioning, the matter will be raised with the County Council.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024.