

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 7 MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Eifion Jones 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 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 received confirmation that there had been 11 visits by the Civil Enforcement Team between April 2023 and March 2024 with 4 PCNs issued. Noted.
4. **FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council received confirmation that works had been agreed for the provision of improved infrastructure on the path with work to take place shortly. Noted.
5. **Planning Enforcement Issues at field in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. The Clerk to make enquiries in relation to a field adjacent to this location, who appeared to be advertised as ‘Billy’s Wild Camping’. Noted.
6. **PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
7. **Community Speed Watch** – Cllrs Jenny Jones and Nicola Jones gave a report of the meeting attended in relation to Community Speed Watch. The process appeared to require a large commitment and may not be suitable for a number of roads around the Community. It was also noted that only 4 volunteers were in place. It was therefore agreed not to move forward with the project at this point.
8. **Public Litter Bins in the Community** – The Clerk noted that the bins at Bancyapel and Glannant Bus shelters had both been removed. The County Council had confirmed that these had been removed following review of bin across the County and would not be replaced. Concern was expressed at the lack of consultation on this matter. Information on the request for a litter bin at Rama Chapel and Heol y Lan along with a replacement for Penygraig was awaited.

9. **National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – Council awaited further information on the consultation.
10. **Flooding Issues at Cilgadan** – A site visit had been undertaken on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Chair provided an update that 2 enlarged gullies would be installed at the location. This possible solution would then be monitored.
11. **Flooding Issues in the Community** – At the site visit undertaken on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, matters with water pooling in the Coedlleine / Ystrad Ferthyr area had also been discussed along with drain works due between Cloigyn and Bancycapel.
12. **X11 Bus Services** – Confirmation was received that due to budget cuts from Welsh Government the services had been cut and would not be returned without additional funding. Noted.
13. **Wales Audit** – One Voice Wales had suggested that the Council request detail on the charges for the work carried out on the 2021-22 audit from Wales Audit. The Clerk had written to request this information.
14. **Road Verge at Ty Hir** – Confirmation was received from the County Council that the road verge would be cleared with chippings being placed in the area.
15. **Lighting unit at 36 Maesglasnant** – The County Council had confirmed that the lighting unit had not been adopted by the Council and therefore responsibility remained with the developer. It was confirmed that the developer had since undertaken some works. Noted.

## 6. Correspondence

1. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
2. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: 40mph imposition order which included Llandyfaelog junction and Bancycapel. It was noted that a No Overtaking Order for Bancycapel would be published in a separate order in due course. The proposal was supported by the Council.
3. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: on the Modernising Education Programme Strategy. Noted.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: BT Proposal to remove the public payphone at Cwmffrwd. Council considered the matter and agreed to not object to the consultation.
5. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: Primary Rising 4s Policy 2025-26. Noted.
6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan 2018-2033. Further consultation on the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal & Habitats Regulation Assessment.
7. **One Voice Wales** – Notification of the availability of a Free Portrait of His Majesty the King for the Community. Noted.
8. **National Forest for Wales** – Funding information for the National Forest for Wales. Noted.
9. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of a temporary road closure of the C2075 at Llandyfaelog on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for a period of 3 days. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of a temporary road closure of the U2231 Kidwelly on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Noted.

11. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of a temporary road closure of the C2073 Croesyceiliog on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for a period of 2 days. Noted.
12. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.
13. **One Voice Wales** – Minutes of the Carmarthen Area Committee meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. Noted.
14. **One Voice Wales** – News Bulletin. Noted.
15. **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli** – Information on the Annual General Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Noted.
16. **Home Start Cymru** – Information on the services available. Noted.
17. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the Public Rights of Way Project. The request by the project for volunteers to get involved in the project will be advertised.
18. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for suggestions for topics for consideration by the County Council Scrutiny Committees. Noted.
19. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
20. **Green GEN Cymru** – Reminder of the Consultation on the Bute Energy Lan Fawr Energy Park. Noted.
21. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – Annual Report for 2024-25. Noted.
22. **The Politics Project** – Information on the Voter Registration Week campaign. Noted.
23. **Welsh Government** – Request for nominations for the King's New Year Honours 2025. Noted.
24. **One Voice Wales** – Information on the National Awards Conference to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in Builth Wells. Noted.
25. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
26. **Llandyfaelog Church** – Invitation to get involved with the Church Easter Flower Festival on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was agreed to provide a window display for the Church as requested. Cllrs Nicola Jones, Janet Knott and Jenny Jones will support provision of the display.

## 7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

### 1. Defibrillators

- a) The Clerk noted that the pads for the Red Lion unit was expiring in March. A request had therefore been made to the Ambulance Service for replacements.
- b) The Clerk noted concerns received in relation to the defib cases at Croesyceiliog, Cwmffrwd and Glanmorlais where the doors were allowing water ingress onto the unit. Prices for replacement cases will be sought for the next meeting.

### 2. Trees for Idole Field

The Clerk confirmed purchase of 2 trees at a cost of £157.98. These had been planted as agreed at Idole Field. This was approved

### 3. Play Area Inspection

Quotations were received for the annual play area inspection as follows:

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| a. The Play Inspection Company | £90.25  |
| b. ROSPA                       | £90.00  |
| c. Wicksteed                   | £132.00 |

It was agreed to retain the service via the Play Inspection Company.

### 8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in January and February with a total cost of £560.00 per month approved. Cost of materials for fencing repairs at Idole with a cost of £67.79 was approved.

### 9. Community Events 2024

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2024 as follows:

- Garden Competition – Vegetables (June) and Flowers (August);
- Scarecrow Competition – Olympics theme.

It was noted that Paul Temple had informed the Council that he would not be available to carry out the photography of the competitions. Meaning that a new photographer would be needed. Graham Green will be invited to be the competition judge.

### 10. Application for Financial Assistance

1. **Cancer Information and Support Service** – A donation of £25.00 was agreed.
2. **Marie Curie** - A donation of £25.00 was agreed.
3. **Cllrs Nicola Jones, Janet Knott and Carys Thomas declared their interest and left the meeting for the item - Prince Philip Hospital Gardens Appeal** – A donation of £50.00 was agreed to be paid in the 2024-25 year. (The application related to a fund raising event due to take place in June).
4. **West Wales Dahlia Society** – To be considered at the next meeting.
5. **Carmarthenshire Ploughing Society** – No contribution.

### 11. Planning

1. **PL/07129** - Variation of Condition 3 on PL/00750 (Retention of an extension to an existing slurry lagoon for welfare purposes) - Nantyogetre Isaf, Ferryside, SA17 5YA. No objections.
2. **PL/07291** - Holiday Accommodation - White Fields Cottage, Heol Nantylasdwr, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA31 2LS. No objections.

### 12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

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| <b>1. Michael Leefe</b> | <b>£627.79</b> | January Handyperson (see item 8)  |
| <b>2. Michael Leefe</b> | <b>£560.00</b> | February Handyperson (see item 8) |
| <b>3. M Gibbard</b>     | <b>£100.00</b> | Croesyceiliog Shelter cleaning    |
| <b>4. Arfon Davies</b>  | <b>£157.98</b> | Idole field tree (see item 7.2)   |

5.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	February Salary and costs	£722.43	£26.00 £7.00 £25.00 £10.50	£790.93	£298.60		£492.33

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| <b>6. Marie Curie</b> | <b>£25.00</b> | Donation (see item 10.2) |
| <b>7. CISS</b>        | <b>£25.00</b> | Donation (see item 10.1) |

### 13. Any Other Business

- Pot holes around the Pentrepoeth to Penygraig area, near Ystrad Fawr and at Rama Chapel had been noted and reported to the County Council.
- The Chair noted that Jamie Stiles had been runner up in the Carmarthenshire Sports Personality of the Year awards.
- Congratulations were noted to Luke Davies of Llandyfaelog Short Mat Bowls Club, who would be representing Wales on the 10<sup>th</sup> March in the U21 team.
- The Chair noted that the Council Annual Dinner would be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- A quiz for Llandyfaelog Show would be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- The concert held by St Ishmaels YFC to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary was noted to have been a great success with a letter of congratulation to be sent.

**The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**