

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6 JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Cllrs Nicola Jones (Chairman), Philip Davies, Eifion Jones, Meinir James, Elfyn Williams, Jenny Jones, Janet Knott, Carys Thomas, Rheinalt Jones, Shan Rees and Arfon Davies (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs 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 and Annual Meeting of Council held on the 15th May 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. Reports were received of deliveries of hard core and the possible opening of a new entrance. This will be reported to the Enforcement Team. Concern was also raised in relation to loose dogs from the site, this will also be discussed with the County Council.
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. Noted.
5. **Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
6. **PL/04973 – Gelligaeros Industrial Estate, Idole** – Concern was raised at the possible advertisement of a renewed consultation period for the site. The Clerk will raise the matter with the Planning Department for confirmation. No decision was noted on the request made for the Welsh Government to Call-In the application.
7. **Public Litter Bins in the Community** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Concern was expressed on the situation especially in relation to the impact on litter and expectations to ensure recycling in the Community.
8. **National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – The Clerk provided detail on the dispensation application to the County Council Standards Committee for Council members. Confirmation was also received on the intention to consult with the Community Council and consideration of a consultation event in the Community. Noted.
9. **Flooding Issues at Cilgadan** – It was believed that the works at this location had been completed. Noted.

10. **Wales Audit** – Confirmation had been received that Wales Audit were looking into the matter as there was a likely error in the charge raised for 2021-22. Noted.
11. **Road safety issues at Bancycapel** - Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
12. **Councillor Meinir James noted her interest in this matter - Consultation on the proposed prohibition of waiting at any time / prohibition of stopping at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin** – Council awaited an update on the matter.
13. **Speed feedback sign at Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
14. **Footway lights at Frondeg** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
15. **Croesyceiliog Housing Estate footway** – Confirmation was received that the footway remained the responsibility of the developer. Noted.
16. **Llandyfaelog hill pot holes** – The Clerk had reported the matter to the County Council. Noted.
17. **Council Chairman’s Chain** – The Clerk continued to seek prices for new name badges for the Chain.
18. **Road side signs** – Damage was noted to the 50mph sign at Llwynceilyn. The Clerk will report the matter to the County Council.

6. Correspondence

1. **One Voice Wales** – June, July, August, September training events. Noted.
2. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
3. **One Voice Wales** – Innovative Practice Conference, 3rd July. Noted.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of a temporary road closure of the U2210 Cwmffrwd, from a point 235 metres south-west of its junction with the A484, for a distance of 55 metres in a south-westerly direction on 6th June 2024 for a period of 2 days. Noted.
5. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Calon Tân Newsletter. Noted.
6. **One Voice Wales** – Response to Welsh Government environmental principles governance and biodiversity targets consultation. Noted.
7. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of an Emergency Road Closure of the U2227 in Llandyfaelog from Tuesday 28th May 2024 to Thursday 30th May 2024. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales** – Information in relation to possible events to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in 2025. Noted.
9. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Update on the position in relation to planning matters at Maesglasnant, that the County Council and the developer were meeting for mediation in June to decide whether the matter was to be taken forward to the High Court. Noted.
10. **Keep Wales Tidy** – Information on the Tidy Wales Awards 2024. Noted.
11. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community Council Update. Noted.
12. **One Voice Wales** – Working Digitally Guidance. Noted.
13. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the road known as Heol Nantyglassdwr, Carmarthen, from a point 640 metres east of its junction with A484, for a distance of 25 metres in a north-westerly direction on 12th June 2024 from 09:30am to 15:30pm. Noted.

- 14. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the the C2074 Llansaint from a point 350 Metres North East of its junction with the C2057 for a distance of 300 Metres in a Northerly direction on Tuesday 27th August 2024 for a period of one day between the hours of 09:30am and 15:30pm. Noted.
- 15. Welsh Government – Cabinet Member for North Wales and Transport** – Letter requesting consultation responses on future changes of the 20mph speed limits. Noted.
- 16. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary road closure of the C2073 Croesyceiliog, from a point 990 metres north-west of its junction with the A484, for a distance of 190 metres in a northerly direction on 18th June 2024 from 09:00am to 15:30pm. Noted.

7. Idole Field and Community Amenities

1. Defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed the cost of £395.00 from Tenby and Saundersfoot First Responders for a suitable case for Glanmorlais. This was approved.

2. Idole Field

The Clerk confirmed that weed spraying had been undertaken around the outside of the field.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in May with a cost of £616.00 approved. Grass cutting charges for May at a cost of £308.00 was also approved.

9. 2023-24 Annual Report

The Clerk presented the annual return that had been internally audited by Charles and Company Accountants (the appointed Auditor Mark Gower had been unavailable). The Internal auditors' annual report was received and noted. The Clerk confirmed that he had certified and signed the annual return. It was noted that Council balances at the end of the year stood at £21,284 (£22,732 2022-23).

Council approved the Annual Return and completed the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the return.

Council approved payment of the Audit fee being £150.00 plus VAT.

The Clerk also presented the draft Council Annual Report for the 2023-24 year. The document was approved and will be published on the website along with the accounts notice.

Additionally, forming annexes as part of the Annual Report the Clerk presented the Draft Biodiversity and Environment Development Action Plan 2024-26 and Draft Training Plan 2024. These documents were approved.

The Clerk was thanked for his work on the Annual Report and Council financial records.

10. Community Events 2024

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2024 as follows:

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

11. Planning

1. **PL/07742** - Change of use of barn to holiday letting cottage - Gelliednais, Uplands, Carmarthen, SA32 8DZ. No objections.

12. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod** – No contribution.
2. **West Wales Dahlia Society** – No contribution.
3. **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli** – A contribution of £25.00 was agreed.

13. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	May Salary and costs	£722.43	£26.00 £7.00 £20.70 £6.80	£782.93	£298.60		£484.33

2. **Charles and Co Accountants** £180.00 Audit Fee (£150.00 plus £30.00 VAT) (See item 9)
3. **Tenby and Saundersfoot First Responders** £395.00 Glanmorlais Defibrillator Case (see item 7.1)
4. **Cllr Shan Rees** £42.00 Flowers purchased
5. **Michael Leefe** £616.00 Handyperson May (see item 8)
6. **Michael Leefe** £308.00 Grass cutting May (see item 8)
7. **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli** £25.00 Donation (see item 12.3)

14. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk had reported the following issues to the County Council:
 - a. Need to cut hedge growth at Upland Arms junction with A484.
 - b. Need to cut growth around Maescyneiddion, Bancycapel.
2. The Clerk will report a need for grass cutting around the Croesyceiliog junction with the A484 (Kidwelly direction).

3. Tree cutting was noted to have been carried out in Croesyceiliog.
4. Confirmation will be sought on plans for flower planting in the village sign boxes in the Community.
5. The Clerk will report a need for grass cutting at Glanmorlais junction.
6. Consideration will be given to options for further community training events.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 11th July 2024.