

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 11 JULY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Viv Davies, Jenny Jones, Carys Thomas, Eifion Jones and County Councillor Tyssul Evans.

2. The Chair noted the recent passing of Ralph Stephens and Geraint Rees, members stood for a moment in silence in tribute to them and both their contributions to the Llandyfaelog Community.

The Chair noted the Council's best wishes to County Councillor Tyssul Evans following a recent stay in the hospital.

The Clerk noted that the Teams Application for remote attendance was not working on this occasion.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

4. Public Participation

It was noted that no Members of the public were in attendance on this occasion.

5. Minutes of the meeting Council held on the 6th June 2024 were confirmed and signed.

6. 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** – The County Council had confirmed that as the road was unclassified and without an over-riding safety issue such as on a blind bend, permission was not required for a new entrance. It was further confirmed that it did not appear that an entrance had been opened. No update was available in relation to the planning inspector process. 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. Noted.
- 5. Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 6. Public Litter Bins in the Community** – Information on the County Council process with bins in Carmarthenshire was noted to be being gathered and would be shared with County Councillors in due course. The bin at Idole was noted to be requiring emptying.
- 7. National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. The Clerk will raise the matter with the newly elected MP for the constituency in relation to the concerns expressed in the

Community and possible next steps on the consultation process. Information was also awaited on the Code of Conduct dispensation application made to the County Council for Council members.

8. **Wales Audit** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
9. **Road safety issues at Bancycapel** – It was noted that the County Council were looking to implement the associated Traffic Regulation Order on 16th August, traffic signs/road markings will follow on or around this date. Noted.
10. **Speed feedback sign at Cwmffrwd** – It was noted that the unit was awaiting replacement. Noted.
11. **Footway lights at Frondeg** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
12. **Llandyfaelog hill pot holes** – The issue was noted to have been repaired.
13. **Council Chairman's Chain** – The Clerk continued to seek prices for new name badges for the Chain.
14. **Tree cutting in Croesyceiliog** – It was noted that following trees being cut in Croesyceiliog, that access through FP 29 4/1 and 4/2 appeared to be blocked. The Clerk will raise the matter with the County Council.

7. Correspondence

1. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
2. **Calon Tan Newsletter** – Noted.
3. **Cllr Meinir James noted her interest and left the meeting for consideration of this matter. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation: Carmarthenshire (Waiting restrictions and street parking places). This included the proposals previously consulted with the Community Council for Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin. Disappointment was noted on a lack of full response to the Community Council's concerns raised on the pre-consultation on this matter from the County Council. The Council would therefore object to the proposal due to the following:
 - It was not felt that the proposal would alleviate the problems being experienced and would in fact exacerbate the issue as the traffic would merely move further away from the school, parking in areas that are even less suitable. This was felt to possibly increase the danger for the children.
 - A lack of information being available on where the alternative parking area envisaged for the displaced vehicles was anticipated to be if not in areas merely further away than current locations.
 - A lack of information on what proposals were being put forward to alleviate the perceived cause of this issue, which in the Council's view was the lack of transport for children to reach the school.

The Council was of the view that the proposal being made did not address the matter in a way that would improve safety and did not address the core issue causing the problems being experienced. The Council would ask that a more thorough review was undertaken in order to bring forward more comprehensive proposals for consideration.

4. **Hywel Dda University Health Board** - Stakeholders Reference Group Draft Minutes, 2nd May 2024. Noted.
5. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Your Council News. Noted.

6. **Welsh Government** - Consultation: Draft priorities for Culture 2024-2030. Noted.
7. **Green Gen Cymru** - Towy Teifi consultation Feedback Summary. Noted.
8. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on the submission of the Carmarthenshire Revised Local Development Plan for Examination. Noted.
9. **One Voice Wales** – Training dates, July, August and September. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary Road Closure of the C2073 at Croesyceiliog on the 19th June 2024. Noted.
11. **Barclays Bank** – Statements, the bank reconciliation was counter signed by Cllr Meinir James.
12. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Handouts from the recent Code of Conduct Training. All members were encouraged to take the time to look at these documents.
13. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Handouts from a road surfacing seminar. Noted.
14. **Regional Transport Seminar** – The Chair noted that she had attempted to attend the seminar, however the meeting link had not worked. The Clerk had raised this with the organisers.

8. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. Defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed that the new case for the Glanmorlais defibrillator was with the Council Handyperson for installation.

The Clerk advised that he had been informed that the Ambulance Service may no longer be prepared to provide pads and batteries for the defibs, a stock would be provided for those units requiring replacement in August. Approval was given to the Clerk to purchase replacements for future requirements.

2. Village Sign Flower Boxes

Information was awaited on proposals from the Community Handyperson.

3. An invoice was received and approved from Wrenvale Nurseries for a weed spraying around Idole Field at a cost of £80.00 plus VAT.

9. Community Handyperson

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

10. 2024-25 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 1st quarter budget report for the 2024-25 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report.

11. 2024-25 Internal Auditor

Council considered the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2024-25 Financial Year. It was agreed to retain Charles and Company in the role for the year.

12. Community Events 2024

The Chair noted that the Vegetable Gardens judging had taken place with Flower Gardens on the 20th July.

The Scarecrow Competition with an Olympics theme would be judged in late July.

It was agreed to carry out an awards evening on the 19th August with a buffet from Morrisons as provided for the 2023 event.

13. Planning

- Cllrs Meinir James and Elfyn Williams noted their interests and left the meeting for consideration of this item. PL/04973** - Use of Industrial Building and associated Yard for Mixed Industrial Uses comprising Garaging of Commercial Vehicles and a Metals Processing Facility, with alterations to include the raising of part of the existing roof structure - 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.

14. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

- Michael Leefe £308.00** Grass cutting June (see item 9)
- Michael Leefe £616.00** Handyperson June (see item 9)

3.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	June Salary and costs	£722.43	£26.00 £7.00 £11.70 £19.55	£786.68	£298.60		£488.08

- HMRC £895.80** April – June deductions.
- Wrenvale Nurseries £96.00** Idole Field weed spraying (£80.00 plus £16.00 VAT) see item 7.3

15. Any Other Business

- The Clerk noted that he had reported what appeared to be an abandoned vehicle at the Idole / Pentrepoeth Junction to the County Council.
- Flytipping was noted to have been left at Tir Gof. This had been cleared by the Council Handyman.
- The Clerk will raise the Llangunnor sign in Bolahaul Road with the County Council, as it was felt to be located in the wrong place.

4. The Clerk will ask the Community Handyperson to spend additional time at the Bancycafel Bus shelter as there were concerns that it was being used as a toilet.
5. Human excrement was noted to have been found at the layby near Garthowen.
6. Concern was raised in relation to hedge growth in areas of Llandyfaelog leading to vehicle safety issues. The Clerk will raise the matter with the County Council.
7. Damage was noted to have happened to the bridge in Croesyceiliog.
8. A damaged sign for the Llansaint direction was noted at Llandyfaelog junction.
9. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Eddie James or Llwynyreos following his winning a Welsh Rugby International Cap.
10. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Lan Farm on their achievement of 100 years breeding pedigree dairy cattle over 4 generations.
11. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Penyback farm on their successes at the Highland Show.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 5th September 2024.