

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6 MARCH 2025 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Carys Thomas and Viv Davies.

The Chairman noted the Council's best wishes to Councillor Viv Davies who was currently staying in the hospital. A further extension on Councillor Davies' apologies was noted until the April meeting of Council.

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 6th February 2025 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- 1. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – Confirmation was received that a revised Enforcement Notice had been submitted on the 17th February 2025. Noted.
- 2. Concerns relating to parking on double yellow lines in Llandyfaelog** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 3. FP29/4 Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 4. Planning Enforcement Issues at fields in Idole** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 5. National Grid – Substation in Llandyfaelog Area** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 6. Road safety issues at Bancycapel** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 7. Council Chairman's Chain** – The Clerk continued to seek prices for new name badges for the Chain.
- 8. Tree cutting in Croesyceiliog - FP 29 4/1 and 4/2** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 9. Waiting restrictions proposals for Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 10. PL/04973 - 1-4 Gelligaeros Trading Estate, Cwmffrwd, Carmarthen, SA32 8DJ** – Council received confirmation that it was hoped for the matter to be brought before the Planning Committee on the 27th March 2025. Noted.
- 11. Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.

- 12. Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – Confirmation was received that GoSafe had requested a speed survey to be undertaken at the location. This was noted to have now been completed.
- 13. Footway lighting at Llandyfaelog** – The lighting appeared to have been replaced and was now on throughout the day and night. The Clerk to raise the matter with the County Council.
- 14. Stray dogs at Idole** – The matter continued to be monitored, with a photo provided of one of the loose dogs. This had been sent to the County Council.
- 15. Water pooling between the A484 junction (Idole) and Croesyceiliog** – The matter will continue to be monitored.
- 16. 50mph sign on the A484 at Cherry Trees** – The Clerk had provided further information to the County Council on the issue with action awaited.
- 17. 30mph road markings at Llandyfaelog** – It was noted that the road marking works had been completed.
- 18. Blocked gutter at Cilfeithy Uchaf** – The Clerk to request an update on repairs to the collapsed drain.
- 19. Damage bin at Capel Farm** – The bin lid had been replaced. Noted.
- 20. Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council – Meeting for Community and Town Councils in areas impacted by the pylon project** – The Chairman and Clerk gave a report from the meeting held on 18th February with the minutes received with amendments proposed to the content. When finalised, these will be circulated to members.
- 21. Heol Ddu Solar Park – Cllr Philip Davies noted his interest in the matter and left the meeting during the discussion and consideration of the matter. The Clerk reminded members of his interest / conflict of interest in the matter and informed the Council that he could therefore not provide any advice on the issue to members. He could only provide the administration as required by the Council on its instructions relating to the matter. The Clerk left the meeting for this agenda item.**

The Chair noted that the project had met with the Council on the 5th March 2025 to receive information on the matter. The minutes will be forwarded by the Chair to the project prior to being published by the Council. Members will give consideration to the need to seek dispensations for any perceived interests they may feel they have and be appropriate to declare. Correspondence with the project would be through the Chair for the time being.

- 22. Evans Banks Planning - Pre Application Consultation** - Formation of Solar Park at Tirmably, Croesyceiliog, Carmarthen, SA32 8DP. Confirmation was received from the applicant that due to the site not being at a size to be a development of national importance, that there would be no Community benefit proposed, the company also did not propose to meet with the Council. Confirmation was given that the National Grid Connection was in place.
- 23. First Aid Training** – St John's Ambulance provided possible training dates for June, with a date of 9th June 2025 confirmed.

6. Correspondence

1. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on a One Planet Development briefing session held on the 12th February 2025. Noted.
2. **Boundary Commission for Wales** – Information on the Electoral Review Programme 2025. Noted.
3. **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth** – Information on the Annual Meeting – held on the 3rd March 2025. Cllr Meinir James gave a report of the meeting. Noted.
4. **Carmarthenshire County Council** - Emergency Road Closure of the C2073 at Cwmfelin, Croesyceiliog from 14th February 2025 for 5 days. Noted.
5. **One Voice Wales** – Digital Guidance for Community and Town Councils. Noted.
6. **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Police and Crime Plan 2025-29. Noted.
7. **One Voice Wales** – Development notes. Noted.
8. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Noted,
9. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – Annual Report 2025-26. The matter will be considered at the Council Annual Meeting.
10. **One Voice Wales** – Postponement of the Annual Meeting which had been due to be held on the 11th March 2025. Noted.
11. **Green Gen** – Information on the consultation process currently being undertaken with a public meeting to be held in Llandyfaelog on the 28th March 2025. The Council will consider a response on the matter at the April Council meeting.
12. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.

7. Idole field and Community Amenities

1. **Bench at Cwmale** - The Council Handyperson had laid moved the bench from Llandyfaelog to Cwmale. Its replacement by Star Forge was now awaited.
2. Repairs had been carried out to the Cwmffrwd planter at Pibwrlwyd flats and the nearby bench, with a cost of £111.30 approved to be paid for materials to the Handyperson.

8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in February with a total cost of £616.00 approved. Additional costs of £111.30 for works detailed in item 7 above were approved.

The Clerk presented the tenders received for the Handyperson role as follows:

- Michael Leefe £23.00 per hour

The price received was approved for the role for the 2025-26 year.

9. Community Events 2025

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2025 as follows:

- Garden Competition;
- Community Effort Competition;
- First Aid Training Event.

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

10. Planning

1. **PL/08816** - Proposed side two storey kitchen / bedroom extension and conversion of attached store to granny annexe ancillary to main dwelling - Brynhyfryd, Croesyceiliog, Carmarthen, SA32 8DS. No objections.

11. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Cancer information and Support Service** – A donation of £25.00 was approved.
2. **Carmarthenshire Youth Opera** – A donation of £50.00 was approved.
3. **Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Fund for All Appeal** – Further information will be requested on the support provided to Llandyfaelog area residents.
4. **St Ishmaels YFC** – It was noted that an application was pending from St Ishmaels YFC, if received the matter will be considered in the April meeting and the payment accrued into the 2024-25 financial year.

12. Accounts

The following payments were approved:

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	February Salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £7.00 £20.00 £13.60 £22.05	£840.14	£310.20		£529.94

2. **Michael Leefe** £727.30 Handyperson February (see item 8)
3. **M Gibbard** £100.00 Croesyceiliog Bus Shelter 2024-25
4. **Cancer Information and Support Service** £25.00 Donation, see item 11.1
5. **Carmarthen Youth Opera** £50.00 Donation, see item 11.2

13. Any Other Business

1. **The Clerk had reported the following issues to the County Council**
 - a. Grit box to be filled, Maesdolau.
 - b. Issues caused by a burst water pipe in Pwll y Baw and the remedial works by Dwr Cymru.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 3rd April 2025.