

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 3 APRIL 2025 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Carys Thomas, Philip Davies and Viv Davies.

The Clerk noted that he had spoken to Cllr Viv Davies and he expected to attend the next meeting of the Council. Cllr Davies' apologies were therefore accepted for a further month.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 an appeal had been lodged against the revised Enforcement Notice. 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** – Confirmation was received that the Enforcement Team had been advised by the County Council Legal Team to re-serve the enforcement notice due to the previous notice served to the caravan not having adequate proof of service. 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** – It was noted that the application had not been brought before the Planning Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Further information was awaited.

- 11. Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 12. Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – Council awaited provision of the information from GoSafe on the speed survey undertaken at the location.
- 13. 50mph sign on the A484 at Cherry Trees** – Confirmation was received that the sign had been relocated. Noted.
- 14. Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council – Meeting for Community and Town Councils in areas impacted by the pylon project** – The Clerk noted that the agreed minutes of the first meeting had been circulated. The Chairman and Clerk would attend the next meeting being called on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Noted.
- 15. Heol Ddu Solar Park** – Members will give consideration to the need to seek dispensations for any perceived interests they may feel they have and be appropriate to declare, before the Council gives consideration to the matter.
- 16. Green Gen** – Members noted the consultation event held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed to provide a response to the consultation as follows:
- A request that additional undergrounding was considered in addition to the current proposal;
  - That Green Gen ensure that full discussions are being held with the other developer parties in order that full information can be provided to the Community on the scheme proposed;
  - A request for information to compare the long term costs of undergrounding and pylon alternatives;
  - A request for information on the life expectancy of the pylons and undergrounding;
  - A request for information on security measures that would be put in place;
  - A request for information on traffic management both on land and air;
  - A request for an overall plan showing the entire proposed infrastructure across the projects to be provided.
- 17. Donations made to Cancer Information and Support Service and Carmarthen Youth Opera** – Thank you letter were received for the Council's donations. Noted.

## **6. Correspondence**

- 1. One Voice Wales** – March – June Training Events. Noted.
- 2. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary obstruction of up to 15 minutes delay of vehicles on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, between the hours of 09:00 and 15:00 for a period of three days along the C2057 Cwmbury Road, Ferryside. Noted.
- 3. Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru - Senedd Review Final Determinations.** Noted.
- 4. Senedd Cymru - Senedd report on the Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector.** Noted.
- 5. The South West Wales Regional Transport Plan** – Draft South West Wales Regional Transport Plan consultation. Noted.

6. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Information on a temporary road closure along the U2208 Idole, from a point 608 metres south west of its junction with the U2209 Idole, for a total distance of 213 metres in a north westerly direction from 09:30 hours to 15:30 hours on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Noted.
7. **One Voice Wales** – Digital Guidance. Noted.
8. **One Voice Wales** – National Awards Conference 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Noted
9. **One Voice Wales** – Membership Renewal 2025-26. The renewal of the One Voice Wales Membership with a cost of £266.00 was approved.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Temporary Road Closure along the C2074 near Cilmarth (SA17 5RB) from a point 606 metres South West of its junction with the A484 for a distance of 345 metres in a general South Westerly direction on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30. Noted.
11. **Wales Audit** – 2024-25 Audit Notification. Noted.
12. **One Voice Wales** – New website notification. Noted.
13. **Carmarthenshire County Council** - Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2018 – 2033 consultation. Noted.
14. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Calon Tân Newsletter. Noted.
15. **Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine** – Noted.
16. **Barclays Bank** – Statements. Noted.
17. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Consultation on a BT proposal to remove the Llandyfaelog payphone. It was noted that 22 calls had been made from the kiosk in the last year. The Council would therefore oppose the proposal.
18. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Council update. Noted.

## 7. Idole field and Community Amenities

1. **Bench at Llandyfaelog** – Thanks were noted to Star Forge for the provision of the bench at Llandyfaelog Hall.
2. **Amenity Inspections** – The Clerk presented a report on the Community Amenity inspections undertaken. Contact will be made with the supplier in relation to the History Panels which were noted to be beginning to fade.

## 8. Community Handyperson

The Clerk confirmed 28 hours worked in March with a cost of £616.00 confirmed. Payment was approved along with £52.00 for materials.

## 9. 2024-25 Budget Report

The Clerk presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget report for the 2024-25 Financial Year. Council carried out the quarterly budget monitoring and accepted the report. The Chair carried out a review of the Council financial records.

## 10. 2025-26 Risk Analysis

Council considered the draft 2025-26 Risk Analysis which was presented by the Clerk. The draft document was agreed.

## **11. 2025-26 Staff Salary and Contracts report**

Council agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting for this item due to the nature of the information to be discussed.

The Clerk presented the information report and the following items were agreed.

### **a) Bus Shelter Cleaners**

Following discussion, it was agreed to set the payment for the Croesyceiliog Bus Shelter at £120 for the year.

### **b) Handyperson**

Handyperson was noted as Michael Leefe with a payment of £23.00 per hour agreed for the year.

### **c) Council Clerk**

It was agreed to retain the current pay point at the top of the relevant scale at point 23, currently £9,017.84. Council confirmed payment of a £26.00 allowance per month for home working. This encompassed the HMRC home working allowance (currently £26.00 per month).

Council further confirmed payment of necessary mileage claims paid on the HMRC mileage allowance rate (currently 45p per mile)

## **12. Community Events 2025**

Council discussed possible Community Events in 2025 as follows:

- Garden Competition – Vegetables (June) and Flowers (August);
- Community Effort Competition – Miniature Garden, Any Medium, no more than A3 Size.
- Community First Aid Training – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

A judge was discussed and the Clerk will make contact.

## **13. Planning**

1. **PL/09003** - Proposed change of use of agricultural/equestrian land to a bird of prey centre (sui generis), including demolition of buildings, the construction of aviaries, a flying arena, visitor facilities (classrooms, exhibition space, café, and gift shop), staff accommodation, parking areas, boundary treatments, drainage, landscaping and associated works - Pantgwyn, Idole, Carmarthen, SA32 8DG. No objections.

#### 14. Applications for Financial Assistance

1. **Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Fund for All Appeal** - Information on support for young people in Carmarthenshire was received. A contribution of £25.00 was agreed.
2. **St Ishmaels YFC – Cllrs Rheinallt Jones, Jenny Jones and Eifion Jones declared their interests.** A contribution of £200.00 was agreed.
3. **SSAFA** – Information on the support provided locally will be requested.

#### 15. Accounts

##### a) The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Carmarthenshire County Council | £2,741.18 | Footway lighting 2024-25<br>£2,284.32 plus VAT |
| 2. One Voice Wales                | £266.00   | 2025-26 Subscription<br>See item 6.9           |

1.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Deducted	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	March Salary and costs	£722.05	£26.00 £7.00 £17.65 £22.05	£794.75	£298.60		£496.15

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| 4. HM Revenue and Customs | £919.00 | January – March deductions     |
| 5. Michael Leefe          | £668.00 | Handyperson March (see item 8) |
| 6. St Ishmael's YFC       | £200.00 | Donation (see item 14.2)       |
| 7. Urdd Gobaith Cymru     | £25.00  | Donation (see item 14.1)       |

##### b) The Clerk noted receipt of the 2025-26 VAT claim from HMRC in the sum of £908.05

#### 16. Any Other Business

1. Road closure and signage issues were noted at Heol Nantyglassdwr with vehicles not following the road closure. It was believed that the matter had now been alleviated.
2. A tip-it evening was noted for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April in aid of the Llandyfaelog Show.
3. The Clerk will ask for an update on removal of the waste skip flytipped at Pencady.
4. A footway light was noted to be out near Llandyfaelog Hall.
5. An issue with the Welsh / English link on the Council website was noted.

The next meeting and Annual Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.