

**MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 1 MAY 2025 AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Carys Thomas, Meinir James, Shan Rees, Viv Davies, Eifion Jones and County Councillor Tyssul Evans.

It was noted that Councillor Viv Davies had been taken unwell again recently. Cllr Davies' apologies were accepted for a further month as a result.

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 3rd April 2025 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- 1. Planning application, PL/02147 in property in woodland area – Idole to Pentrepoeth** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. 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 received an email offering a meeting with the Substation Team to discuss the current position. This offer will be accepted and a date requested.
- 6. Road safety issues at Bancycafel** – 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 awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 11. Maesglasnant, Cwmffrwd** – Council awaited further updates on the matter. Noted.
- 12. Concerns regarding traffic speeds from Pibwrlwyd at Bolahaul Road Junction** – Council received the speed data findings for the period 14th – 21st February as follows:

Date	Direction	Total Vehicles	Average Speed	85%ile	95%ile
14 th – 21 st February 2025	Northbound	27574	31.1	34.9	38.9
	Southbound	40622	29.7	35.3	41.3
	Both directions	68196	30.3	35.1	40.3

It was also confirmed that the police were assessing the location for enforcement. The detail will be provided to the local resident who had raised concerns along with the County Council. Information will be requested on findings from recent police enforcement activities in the Community.

13. Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council – Meeting for Community and Town Councils in areas impacted by the pylon project –

The Clerk presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 2025 for member attention. Cllr Nicola Jones gave a report of the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes of these meetings would be published on the Council website and that Cllr Nicola Jones would remain as the Council representative for the meetings along with the Clerk. Noted.

14. 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.

15. Green Gen – A response to the Council consultation response was awaited.

16. Flytipped skip at Pencady – It was noted that the matter was being investigated and required support from Natural Resources Wales.

17. Website issues – The Clerk confirmed that the website issues had been alleviated. Noted.

18. Donations made at the April meeting – Thank you letters were received from the Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Fund for All Appeal, St Ishmaels YFC and SSAFA for the recent donations made by the Council.

6. Correspondence

- 1. Barclays Bank** – Statements, the bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr
- 2. One Voice Wales** – Request for motions for the Annual Meeting to be held on the 1st October 2025. Possible motions in relation to the extensive energy infrastructure projects currently under consultation / consideration, impacting the Community. Information will also be requested from One Voice Wales as to whether it sits on any Welsh Government bodies that are considering renewable energy projects.
- 3. One Voice Wales** – Minutes of the Carmarthen Area Committee held on the 14th April 2025. Noted.
- 4. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for code of conduct data. The Clerk confirmed that he had completed the survey. Noted.
- 5. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Request for nominations for a Community and Town Council representative on the County Council School Admissions Forum. Noted.
- 6. Carmarthenshire County Council** – invitation for the Chairman to attend the Carmarthenshire YFC Rally on the 10th May 2025. Noted.
- 7. One Voice Wales** – E-bulletin. Noted.
- 8. Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town and Community Councils Update. Noted.

9. **One Voice Wales** – Request for nominations for an Independent Member of the One Voice Wales Audit Committee. Noted.
10. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Confirmation of payment of 1/3rd of the 2025-26 Precept being £10,334.34. Noted.
11. **One Voice Wales** – April – June training events. Noted.
12. **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Notification of Code of Conduct training to be held on-line on the 10th July 2025. Noted.

7. Idole Field and Council Amenities

1. The Clerk had sought information on the cost of replacing the Community History Panels which were beginning to fade as follows:

Pryor Signs (Original Contractor)

i. Production of 3 panels	£3,105.00
ii. Delivery	£330.00
iii. Installation	£1,500.00

The Clerk will make enquiries in relation to possible funding streams.

8. General Power of Competence

The Clerk noted that Llandyfaelog Community Council currently met the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to remain an eligible Council able to exercise the general power of competence.

Council considered the issues and unanimously agreed a resolution confirming that Llandyfaelog Community Council continues to meet the conditions in accordance with Schedule 4, Part 1 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and therefore wished to remain an eligible community council able to exercise the general power of competence.

9. Members Payments and Allowances 2025-26

Consideration was given to the deliberations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for the 2025-26 year as follows.

Cost of Care – The Council must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs.

This would be reimbursed at the meeting following a claim being submitted to the Clerk. This was noted.

Costs and Expenses 1 – The Council must make available a payment to each of its members of £156 per year towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

This will be paid in March of each year unless a member confirms to the Clerk that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it. This was noted.

Costs and Expenses 2 - Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

It was agreed to provide for reimbursement for the cost of office consumables. This will be paid in March of each year unless a member confirms to the Clerk that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it. This was noted.

Senior Roles – The Council may make available an annual payment of £500 each to from one and a maximum of three members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £156 and £52 payments for costs and expenses. It was agreed not to take forward this payment.

Travel – The Council can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. This is optional. This was noted and approved.

Overnight stays – The Council, if a duty requires an overnight stay, may authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates as published. This is optional.

This would be reimbursed at the following meeting after a claim is submitted to the Clerk. This was noted and approved.

Financial Loss – The Council can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as published.

This would be reimbursed at the following meeting after a claim is submitted to the Clerk. This was noted and approved.

Attendance Allowance – The Council can pay an attendance allowance for members. The mandatory maximum for each qualifying event is £30 and a member in receipt of financial loss compensation will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.

If the council decides in favour of attendance allowances, it must produce a scheme for formal adoption and make provision for it to be publicly available.

Payments for attendance must be in respect of official business or approved duty which are identified in the council's Standing Orders or alternatively by specific resolution. The scheme should specify for which events payments will be made.

All members of the council will be entitled to the payment for attendance at the events specified in the scheme, but an individual member may decline to receive payment by informing the Clerk (in writing). It was agreed not to take forward this allowance for the Council.

Civic Head – The Council can provide a Civic Head payment to the Chairman up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £156 and £52 payments for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed by that member. This payment is in addition to the budget of £420 that is allocated to the Chair's activities. It was agreed not to take forward this allowance for the Council.

Deputy Civic Head – The Council can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the Vice-Chairman up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £156 and £52 payments for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed by that member. It was agreed not to take forward this allowance for the Council.

10. 2025-26 Insurance Agreement

Consideration was given to the Council Insurance Policy for the 2025-26 Financial Year with the 4th year of the 5 year agreement noted and approved at a cost of £555.81.

11. 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 – 9th June 2025

A judge was discussed and the Clerk will make contact. It was agreed to hold the celebration event on the 18th August 2025.

12. Planning

1. **PL/09124** - Change of use of a stone barn to an annex to the farm house - Panteg, Llandyfaelog, Kidwelly, SA17 5RA. No objections.

13. Accounts

a) The following payments were approved:

1. **Zurich Municipal** **£555.81** Insurance Police 2025-26
See item 11

2.	Description	Salary	Expenses	Total Gross	Tax Deducted	NI Contribution	Net Pay
Arfon Davies	April Salary and costs	£751.49	£26.00 £7.00 £11.70 £17.02	£813.21	£310.20	£50.17	£503.17

3. **Information Commissioners** **£52.00** Subscription 2025-26
Officer

14. Any Other Business

1. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the following issues to the County Council:
 - a. Damaged bin at Llandyfaelog bus shelter.
 - b. Footway lighting not working at Dan y Graig.
 - c. Pothole at Heol y Lan.
2. A missed collection of black bags at Maesdolau was noted along with flytipping in the area.
3. A damaged road sign was noted at Pentycrug and will be reported to the County Council.
4. The junction at Llandyfaelog was noted to need cutting and will be reported to the County Council.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 5th June 2025.