

MINUTES OF LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM

1. Present: Cllrs Philip Davies (Chairman), Janet Knott, Elfyn Williams, Meinir James, County Councillor Tyssul Evans and Arfon Davies (Clerk).

Present for Item 4 only – William Lowe, Daniel Collins, Emer Sandham, Megan Roberts, Manon James and Daisy Banham.

Apologies: Cllrs Nicola Jones, Shan Rees, Viv Davies, Eifion Jones, Jennys Jones, Carys Thomas and Rheinallt Jones.

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. Llandyfaelog Sub Station

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of National Grid to the meeting. A presentation was provided on the proposed sub-station project. Confirmation was given that the project would be for a 400kv NGET substation along with 2 x 132kv substations built and operated by NGED and GreenGen. Each would require their own planning applications. The current consultation period would end on the 15th July.

National Grid was carrying out extensive investigations on the site. Consultation responses were being sought on the landscaping proposals. Liaison was confirmed to be being taken forward with CCC Highways and Environmental Health on the proposals.

Next steps were anticipated as follows:

- Pre application consultation in Autumn 2025;
- Planning Application in early 2026;
- Construction Start in Mid 2027;
- Site becoming operational in Autumn 2029.

Issues raised with National Grid included:

- Landscaping and hedgerows, the need for mature trees, especially on the access road where it was understood that hedgerows would be removed;
- The anticipated height of any equipment being installed (maximum height was noted as 15m);
- Could the substation be installed with a deeper excavation to decrease visibility. This issue was noted to be a matter to be balanced between amount of work needed, cost and environmental impact;
- Highways issues, e.g. amount of traffic, level of traffic; direction of traffic. The transport strategy was noted to be under development;
- Repairs to any damage caused to roads by the size of traffic;

- Mitigations and monitoring of any likely detrimental impacts on resident health. Further information will be provided on this matter;
- The proposed structures to be created at site;
- The need for 3D diagrams and plans to provide more clarity;
- The possibility of a Community Forum to be created for concerns to be raised;
- How the Future Generations Act and Environment Act would be taken into account;
- The capacity of the current overhead line running through site along with the capacity of the proposed substation;
- Security Concerns relating to the recent issues with the substation impacting Heathrow Airport;
- Use of the new access road, it was confirmed that it was anticipated that each scheme would use the access road;
- Impact if other substation applications were not approved;
- Community Benefit arrangements, how it was distributed;
- Sufficiency of the proposed Community Fund.

Following the meeting, members considered a possible consultation response. The Clerk will draft the response and circulate to members for finalising before submission to the National Grid.