

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDAROG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the April 2021 meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held online on the 14/04/2021 at 19.00.

241/2020-2021 Present:

Councillors: M Rees (Chair), R Jones, J Youens, W Evans, J Williams O.B.E, H Jones, E Davies, S Herridge, R Newell.

County Councillor Ann Davies.

Clerk.

242/2020-2021 Apologies.

Councillors: T Evans.

243/2020-2021 Declarations of Personal Interest.

None.

244/2020-2021 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Council on Agenda Items.

None.

245/2020-2021 Presentation from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

A member of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service introduced the Council members to the various services available to residents within their area. Please find below the topics covered and links to access safety and current burn advice.

Garden burning advice.

<https://www.tancgc.gov.uk/cym/ystafell-newyddion/posts/2020/mehefin/peidio-%C3%A2-llosgi/>

<https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/service-news/posts/2020/june/dont-burn/>

Farmers, grazers and landowner burning advice

<https://www.tancgc.gov.uk/cym/newyddion/o-dan-sylw/dawnsglaw/>

<https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/newsroom/current-campaigns/dawnsglaw/>

Farm Liaison Officer

<https://www.tancgc.gov.uk/cym/ystafell-newyddion/posts/2020/gorffennaf/cyflwyno-swyddog-cyswllt-ffermio-gwasanaeth-t%C3%A2n-ac-achub-canolbarth-a-gorllewin-cymru/>

<https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/service-news/posts/2020/july/introducing-mid-and-west-wales-fire-and-rescue-service-s-farming-liaison-officer/>

Fire Control – 01268 909404.



Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub
Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru

Mid and West Wales
Fire and Rescue Service

Request a Safe and Well visit with free smoke alarms

☎ Ffôn/Phone **0800 169 1234**

✉ E-Bost / Email: saw@mawwfire.gov.uk

Gwefan / Website:

<https://www.tancgc.gov.uk/cym/diogelwch/yn-y-cartref/ymweliadau-diogel-ac-iach/>

<https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/your-safety/in-your-home/safe-and-well-visit/>

Further fire safety advice please use the below links.

<https://www.tancgc.gov.uk/cym/diogelwch/cyngor-ac-adnoddau-iw-lawrlwytho/>

<https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/your-safety/advice-downloads/>



Cllr M Rees enquired if Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service still tested electric blankets. A reply was given stating that electric blanket testing was still available, but as a basic rule, blue and pink electric blankets were considered too old and therefore unsafe. Other coloured electric blankets can be tested, but if they tested unsafe, then the plug would be removed to ensure safety. Council members thanked the member of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service for the introduction of various services available to residents within the County.

246/2020-2021 Policing and Road Safety Matters.

None.

247/2020-2021 County Council Matters - County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr A Davies reported that there was no County Council meeting in April as the election was imminent and that the next County Council meeting would be held on 12/05/2021. County Cllr A Davies reported that CCTV cameras were available to be installed in areas of regular fly

tipping. If any members were aware of areas that suffered from persistent fly tipping, please report to County Cllr A Davies.

248/2020-2021 Chair's Report.

The Chair updated the Council members that she had received the photographs of Prince Charles's visit to Llanddarog and that she had saved them electronically. The original photographs will be handed to the Clerk for safe keeping on 17/04/2021.

249/2020-2021 Confirmation and Signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 10/02/2021.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 10/03/2021 and for the Chair to sign the minutes on 17/04/2021. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

250/2020-2021 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Cllr R Jones informed Community Council members that the new DFS (Driver Feedback Sign) signs in Porthyrhyd had now been installed and that kerbside glass collection was due to commence in 2022.

251/2020-2021 Correspondence.

An Email was received on 22/03/2021 from Atkins regarding the A48 Cross Hands to Pensarn WelTAG Stage Two - Stakeholder Engagement. The Email was forwarded to all Community Council members on 22/03/2021 and previous correspondence in relation to stage one of this matter was located by Cllr R Jones and circulated to all members. A short discussion was held and it was decided that due to the lack of information received, it would be advisable to wait until further correspondence is received. **Resolved** to note.

252/2020-2021 Planning.

No objections to the following planning applications.

PL/01381 – Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. and Seconded by Cllr R Jones.

PL/01406 – Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. and Seconded by Cllr R Jones. Cllr R Jones suggested that a comment be reported to the planning department regarding the possible reflection of sunlight off the solar panels onto oncoming traffic. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report.

Application Number	Application Type	Location	Description
PL/01381	Householder Planning Permission	6 Is Y llan, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8NX	Double Storey Extension at rear of dwelling, and Domestic garage in Rear Garden.
PL/01406	Full Planning Permission	Maeslan, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PP	Erect a ground mounted 12KW Solar Array in field in front of the property

253/2020-2021 Payments

The below payments were certified in the March monthly meeting and **ratified** in the April monthly meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorisation. Proposed by Cllr S Herridge and seconded by Cllr W Evans.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	31/03/2021	WCVA SIN 010609	21.30
Online	31/03/2021	J.G Evans March Payroll	363.23
Online	31/03/2021	HMRC PAYE – Period 12	90.80
Online	31/03/2021	Carmarthenshire County Council – Street Lighting – Inv 96087568	2416.18
Online	31/03/2021	One Voice Wales	192.00

254/2020-2021 Receipts.

None.

255/2020-2021 To receive the report of the Internal Financial Examiner for period 01/01/2021 – 31/03/2021.

Each member had been provided with a written report prior to the meeting along with a copy of the annual accounts. A full verbal report was provided by Cllr R Jones. The report confirmed the accuracy of the bank reconciliation and statement of accounts provided to the Council. It also confirmed the accuracy of the final budget report provided. It was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. and seconded by Cllr W Evans to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their work.

256/2020-2021 Ground Maintenance and Grass Cutting Tender Applications.

The Clerk had sent the tender application to 6 potential contractors on 06/02/2021 and replies were received prior to 07/04/2021 in order for Council members to review in preparation for the meeting on 14/04/2021. The Clerk informed the Council members that only 2 application had been received for the contract. Please find below the reasons given by potential contractors regarding the tender application –

Spencer Enviromental –Unable to tender.

Lawn Brothers – Commitment too large and did not want to disappoint current customers.

Duncan Frazer - Commitment too large and did not want to disappoint current customers.

Arbont Rural Services – Currently very busy and did not want to disappoint the Community.

Cuttify – Tender application received.

Dynefor Tree Services – Tender application received.

A discussion was held as to whether the grass should be collected or mulched by the successful contractor. Cllr J Williams O.B.E. reiterated that the grass on the areas outside Llanddarog Church should be collected and be of a lawn standard. Cllr W Evans and Cllr H Jones were in support of mulching all other grass areas as the nutrients supplied by the cuttings would benefit the areas. It was also discussed that a further two cuts per year was possible as the sums quoted were of a reasonable amount. It was decided to offer the 3 year contract to Dynefor Tree Services and thank Cuttify for their application. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

Resolved for the Clerk to contact the contractor and offer the ground maintenance and grass

cutting position with the addition of a further two cuts per year if the contractor had sufficient time available.

Cllr J Williams reported that the shrubs removed last year from the area outside Llanddarog Church were starting to grow and that they needed to be removed mechanically. Cllr J Williams suggested that we approach Cllr T Evans as he was in possession of machinery that was able to be utilised. Cllr W Evans suggested that we enquired as to his level of insurance. **Resolved** for Cllr M Rees to approach Cllr T Evans regarding the matter and if he was not able to help with this issue an alternative contractor would be sought.

257/2020-2021 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr W Evans reported that the Victorian post box located in Llanddarog was the property of Llanddarog Community Council and that it should be added to the asset register. **Resolved** for the Clerk to add to the asset register.

Cllr R Jones enquired about the two benches located in the YFC garden and who they belonged to. Cllr W Evans replied that they belonged to the YFC and not the Community Council. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. enquired who was responsible for cleaning the bus shelters in the community as he had noticed a Carmarthenshire County Council sub-contractor pressure washing a bus shelter in the area. **Resolved** for County Cllr A Davies to ask Carmarthenshire County Council if the Community bus shelters could be added to the list as a matter of urgency.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. updated members on the possible location of the memorial stone in Porthyrhyd. He suggested that the ideal location would be near the flag pole in Cwm Cati but that the land belonged to Carmarthenshire County Council. He stated that a concrete plinth was required as a secure base for the memorial stone. **Resolved** for County Cllr A Davies to contact the relevant department for permission to locate the stone in the area identified.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. reported on the condition of the roundabout at the exit of the A48 dual carriageway in Porthyrhyd and that more effort could be made to make the area more pleasant as it was near the entrance to the NBGW. He enquired if the NBGW could possibly adopt the roundabout and transform the area with plants, etc. **Resolved** for the Clerk to contact the NBGW.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. reported that the new noticeboards in Porthyrhyd and Llanddarog had been installed and suggested that the Community Council should attach a formal logo to the noticeboard as Llanddarog Community Council don't advertise their support to the community anywhere in the area. Cllr M Rees stated that she was in the process of designing a laminated poster for the noticeboard but Cllr J Williams O.B.E. proposed that a more structured design could be attached to the top of the cabinet. **Resolved** for the Clerk to investigate.

Cllr S Herridge reported that new residents in Crwbin Road had reported a drone surveying the area behind their bungalow and that the land owner had divulged that he was seeking possible planning permission. **Resolved** to note.

258/2020-2021 In camera 20.33.

Those who were not Community Council members or the Clerk departed the meeting – not to return. The exclusion is due to personnel/staffing matters being discussed.

259/2020-2021 Staff pay run April 2021.

The Clerk reported the payroll amounts verbally to all Council members as agreed in the March meeting on 10/03/2021 (**Minute 238/2020-2021**). The Clerk apologised for not submitting the Council members's financial allocation in the March pay run as he mistakenly thought it was due in the final month of the Council year. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

260/2020-2021 Continued review of auto enrolment position.

The Clerk reported that he has finalised the application form and Cllr R Jones had examined the document prior to submitting. No signatures were required as the minutes recorded the Community Council member's decision. **Resolved** to note and update Council members of any progress.

261/2020-2021 The meeting finished at 20.40.

Chairman

Date
