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Minutes of the June 2022 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Llanddarog Village Hall on 08/06/2022 at 19.00.

45/2022-2023 Present.

Councillors: R Jones (Chair), M Rees, R Owen, R Newell, K Waters.

County Cllr A Davies.

Clerk.

Translator: C Llwyd.

46/2022-2023 To receive apologies.

Councillors: S Herridge, J Williams O.B.E.

47/2022-2023 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

48/2022-2023 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

49/2022-2023 Policing and Road Safety Matters.

None.

50/2022-2023 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr A Davies informed council members that she had attended the Carmarthenshire County Council General Meeting and over the past month she had attended many training sessions to update her knowledge on various topics (Licensing, Scrutinization, Etc).

51/2022-2023 Chairman's Report.

The Chair reported that he was unable to attend the YFC County Rally on 14/05/2022.

The Chair reported that he attended the assembly at Llanddarog School with Cllr J Williams O.B.E. on 24/05/2022 to present the Queen's Platinum Jubilee mugs to all the school children after a service by Jean Voyle Williams. For safety reasons, the mugs would be given to the children at the end of the day.

The Chair reported that there was an open day at St Twrog Church on 12/06/2022 between 10.00 – 13.00.

The Chair reported that the Women's Tour of Britain 2022 Cycle Race would be travelling through Drefach, Porthyrhyd and Nantgaredig on 10/06/2022 and would be in Porthyrhyd between 12.00 – 12.30.

52/2022-2023 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/05/2022.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 11/05/2022 and for the clerk to deliver the minutes to the Chair for signing on 14/06/2022. Proposed by Cllr M Rees and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

53/2021-2022 Matters arising from the above minutes.

The Clerk informed council members that all matters to **resolve** had been actioned and if correspondence had been received, a copy of the Email had been sent to each member for information.

An Email was received from County Cllr A Davies on 06/06/2022 and forwarded to all council members regarding the convex mirror at the junction in Porthyrhyd from Foelgastell. Please see below a reply from Carmarthenshire County Council –

“I would inform you that roadside mirrors are not generally favored by highway authorities and until recently required specific approval by the Welsh Government. Whilst there is now some relaxation in the approval process there remain concerns that mirrors can cause road safety issues. Due to the convex shape of a mirror the reflected image for road users is naturally distorted and this can lead to motorists failing to appreciate the path and the speed of on-coming traffic. The mirror itself will reflect headlights and this can also cause a ‘dazzle’ issue for other road users. At a practical level, mirrors have a tendency to mist which leads to concerns regarding reliability in their use.

Although there are some mirrors adjacent to roads in the County, normally these will be fixed to furniture on private land rather than installed by us as the County Council within the highway boundary and for the above reasons we do not generally support the introduction of mirrors.

May I ask the reason for the request so that we may ascertain whether any other actions may be more appropriate”

Council members discussed the response, and it was decided to place on the agenda for the July meeting on 13/07/2022.

54/2022-2023 To note correspondence or to list for consideration at a forthcoming council meeting.

(All relevant correspondence is emailed to council members at the time of receipt and only brought before the meeting if necessary or specifically requested by members or the Clerk).

The following letter was received by the Clerk on 08/06/2022 and forwarded to all council members prior to the meeting –

“I have felt for a long time that the two local Post Offices in Llanddarog and Porthyrhyd have been of such great assistance to numerous people during the past two years due to COVID restrictions, and are still doing sterling work, that they should receive a recognition for their commitment and dedication. I would like you as a Community Council to consider them for a Special Community Award for 2022. Reading recently about Llanarthne Community Council, they have awarded a number of Awards recently and I feel strongly that we need to recognise excellent local service when it is offered. I am aware of a large number of people who have been housebound, and they have been supported by both these establishments and are still supported. They have certainly gone the extra mile for people. I am confident that this is the feeling of the whole community.

I hope and trust that you will consider my proposal”.

The letter was discussed by council members and County Cllr A Davies explained the scrutinization behind the community awards in Llanarthne.

Cllr M Rees thought that the idea was very good but that it did single out two establishments within the community when others had also given a similar service.

In previous years, the Community Awards have been nominated by members of the community, but as no awards have been presented since the Covid-19 pandemic it was suggested that the recipients be chosen by the community council.

Cllr R Newell suggested that a list of eligible candidates be sent to the Clerk by council members and the matter be discussed in the July meeting on 13/07/2022.

All council members agreed, and Cllr R Jones asked the Clerk to respond to the letter explaining the proposal. **Resolved** for the Clerk to respond to the letter and place on the agenda for the July meeting.

55/2022-2023 Planning.

No objections to the following planning application. **Resolved** to note.

PL/03843 - Discharge of condition 3 on PL/00959 (SuDS Drainage Design). Penrhiw, Cwmisfael, Carmarthen, SA32 8BY.

56/2022-2023 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the May monthly meeting and **ratified** in the June monthly meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorisation. Proposed by Cllr M Rees and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	03/05/2022	Dynefor Tree Services - 001	250.00
Online	23/05/2022	WCVA Inv – 1679	37.20
Online	23/05/2022	HMRC PAYE – Period 2	183.80
Online	23/05/2022	J.G Evans – May Payroll	358.66
Online	23/05/2022	Cllr Salary After Tax	120.00
Online	23/05/2022	Cllr Salary After Tax	120.00
Online	23/05/2022	Cllr Salary After Tax	120.00
Online	23/05/2022	Roman Solutions - 7025	97.27
Online	23/05/2022	Catrin Llwyd – CCLL9	121.00
Online	23/05/2022	BHIB Insurance – LCO00372-643503	966.13
Online	23/05/2022	Dynefor Tree Services - 002	250.00
Online	23/05/2022	Zoom - 145752320	527.88
Online	23/05/2022	Llanddarog Show – Annual Sponsorship	200.00
Online	23/05/2022	Llanddarog Village Hall – Annual Grant	550.00
Online	23/05/2022	Porthyrhyd Welfare – Annual Grant	550.00
Online	23/05/2022	Mynyddcerrig Welfare – Annual Grant	540.00
Online	23/05/2022	Llanddarog Show - Donation	50.00
Online	26/05/2022	Nest	33.82

Llanddarog Show Donation – Section 137

57/2022-2023 Receipts.

Llanarthne Community Council – Zoom (50%).
24/05/2022 - £263.94.

58/2022-2023 To consider co-option of new council members.

The Clerk reported that County Cllr H Jones was interested in resuming his role as community councilor with Llanddarog Community Council. All members agreed to co-opt County Cllr H Jones as a community councilor. **Resolved** for the Clerk to inform County Cllr H Jones.

The Clerk informed council members that two members of the community wished to be considered as community council members. The matter was discussed, and both candidates were nominated in principal but the Clerk was instructed to speak with the candidates and complete the nomination pack to clarify their eligibility. Proposed by Cllr M Rees and seconded by Cllr R Owen. **Resolved** for the Clerk to contact both candidates.

59/2022-2023 To discuss attendance payments to council members.

The Clerk sent a copy of The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales document to all council members on 05/06/2022 in order to review the regulations regarding attendance allowance to community council members. The Clerk verbally reiterated paragraph 13.23 and 13.24 to all members present and the matter was discussed at length. Cllr R Jones stated that attendance allowance payments had never been made by Llanddarog Community Council and had not been considered in the 2022 – 2023 budget. The Clerk advised council members that there would also be an increase in payroll administration costs. It was agreed by all council members that no attendance allowance would be paid to Llanddarog Community Council members. **Resolved** to note.

60/2022-2023 To discuss asset transfer of land at Cwm Catti.

The Clerk informed council members that he had been unable to speak with anyone at Carmarthenshire County Council regarding this matter despite numerous attempts. The Clerk asked County Cllr A Davies if she could contact the correct department and forward details to him. **Resolved** to place on the agenda for the July meeting on 13/07/2022.

61/2022-2023 To discuss distribution of Platinum Jubilee mugs.

The Clerk informed council members that 32 mugs remained in his possession and that only pupils at Llanddarog School had received the item. A note was placed on the agenda within community notice boards asking members of the community to contact the Clerk if children up to and including year 6 had not received the commemorative mug. Cllr M Rees suggested that a poster be allocated on the website and notice boards asking members of the community to contact the Clerk if children had not received their mug. Any mugs leftover would be sold to interested parties at a cost of £3.50 per mug. **Resolved** for the Clerk to format the poster and allocate on the website and notice boards.

62/2022-2023 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr R Owen asked the Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County council to cut the grass and hedgerows in Llanddarog prior to Llanddarog Show. County Cllr A Davies stated that she would arrange for the contractors to complete the works.

Cllr M Rees stated that numerous signs within the community were hindered by overgrowth of vegetation. **Resolved** for the Clerk to contact the relevant department.

Cllr R Jones proposed in the May meeting on 08/05/2022 that retired County and Community Cllr W Evans be presented with a gift to commemorate his service of over 60 years to the community. The matter was discussed, and it was suggested that the Clerk approach family members to discuss an appropriate gift and inform council members prior to the June meeting on 08/06/2022.

The Clerk received a proposal from family members that a public bench be located in the community to commemorate Cllr W Evans's service to the area. The proposal was discussed, and it was proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr M Rees that the Council purchase a composite bench and allocate a plaque to remind members of the community of Cllr W Evans's dedicated service to the community. Following a discussion, it was suggested that the bench be sited adjacent to the junction at the B4310 and Crwbin Road on the grass area where the large trees had recently be cleared. Cllr R Jones to format the lettering and reply to the Clerk prior to the July meeting on 13/07/2022. **Resolved** for the Clerk to order the composite bench.

63/2022-2023 In camera 20.20.

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.

64/2022-2023 Staff pay run June 2022.

The Clerk reported the payroll amounts verbally to all council members. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented.

65/2022-2023 The meeting finished at 20.26.

Chairman

Date
