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### Minutes of the December 2022 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held online on 14/12/2022 at 19.00.

#### 157/2022-2023 Present.

Councillors: R Jones (Chair), County Cllr H Jones, M Rees, K Waters, J Williams O.B.E, S Herridge.

County Cllr A Davies.

Clerk.

Translator: C Parri.

#### 158/2022-2023 To receive apologies.

Councillors: R Newell, M Griffiths, R McFarlane, R Owen.

#### 159/2022-2023 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. - **Minute 181/2022-2023** To discuss the response to Evans Banks Planning Ltd.

#### 160/2022-2023 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

#### 161/2022-2023 Policing and Road Safety Matters.

None.

#### 162/2022-2023 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr A Davies informed Council members that the LDP 2018 – 2033 would be released for consultation in January 2023 for an 8 week period. Community councils and public members are encouraged to respond, and that all documentation will be available online.

County Cllr A Davies reported that the budget meeting is scheduled for 14/12/2022 and that funding is expected to be reduced by 38million. County Cllr A Davies suggested that community councils assisted the county council where possible as funding would not be available to fulfil the smaller jobs within the area. The budget consultation is planned for the second week of January 2023, but Carmarthenshire County Council are expecting a very difficult 2 years due to the expected budget reduction.

County Cllr A Davies wished all council members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

#### 163/2022-2023 Chairman's Report.

The Chair informed council members that he had attended the NBGW on 11/11/2022 to meet the new director, Dr Lucy Sutherland and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Mr Gary Davies. A presentation, speech and a tour of the NBGW was enjoyed by all.

Cllr R Jones reported that he had attended a Remembrance Service at St. Twrog Church, Llanddarog at 09.30 on Sunday 13/11/2021 and by Mynyddcerrig War Memorial at 13.00. Both services were well attended.

Cllr R Jones reported that he and Cllr J Williams O.B.E had attended a meeting with Mrs Maria Evans (Housing Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council) on 18/11/2022 to discuss the siting of the Memorial Stone at Cwm Catti.

Cllr R Jones reported that an EGM was arranged for 24/11/2022 for the public to attend and discuss the proposed development of 42 no. Dwellinghouses, with formation of estate road and associated infrastructure at land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT.

The Chair reported that he had attended a special preview evening of "Luminate Winter Light Trail" at the NBGW on 02/12/2022 where he enjoyed a tour of the trail and refreshments.

**164/2022-2023 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 09/11/2022 and the EGM on 24/11/2022.**

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 09/11/2022. Proposed by Cllr S Herridge and seconded by Cllr K Waters.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 24/11/2022. Proposed by Cllr S Herridge and seconded by County Cllr H Jones.

**165/2022-2023 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.

County Cllr H Jones stated that vehicles parked near and opposite Porthyrhyd Garage were causing an obstruction whilst trying to enter and exit the Post Office car park. Also, many vehicles are exceeding the speed limit within the village.

The Clerk stated that he had reported the issue to Go-Safe and that they will be monitoring speeding vehicles in the area.

Cllr K Waters stated that Go-Safe was an excellent idea in principal but that their location would be reported and divulged on social media for all so see.

**166/2022-2023 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).

None.

**167/2022-2023 Planning.**

**PL/05023** – Modification of section 106 agreement on **W/26987** (requiring the provision of 20% of the total number of dwellings to be constructed to be affordable dwellings). Land opposite Llanddarog Village Hall, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8NS.

The above planning application was discussed by council members and Cllr J Williams O.B.E. suggested that an objection be reported to Carmarthenshire County Council stating that planning had been approved based on 3 affordable dwellings being built on the site. County Cllr A Davies agreed with the objection stating that there was a shortage of affordable dwellings in the area and that first time buyers

were required to register their interest for affordable homes. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. and seconded by County Cllr H Jones. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

No objections to the following planning applications. Proposed by Cllr M Rees and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

**PL/04290** - Erection of agricultural building. Land opposite Llwynbrain, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8BP.

**PL/04981** – Proposed extensions and alterations. Pantllan, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8PB.

#### **168/2022-2023 Payments.**

The below payments were certified in the November monthly meeting and **ratified** in the December monthly meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorisation. Proposed by Cllr S Herridge and seconded by Cllr M Rees.

<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Suppliers &amp; Details</b>	<b>Sum £ inc VAT</b>
Online	28/11/2022	J.G Evans – November Payroll	356.54
Online	28/11/2022	HMRC PAYE – Period 8	93.60
Online	28/11/2022	Catrin Llwyd – CCLL14	119.00
Online	28/11/2022	Direct 365 – 1000203361 Defibrillator Battery	199.20
Online	28/11/2022	Cerebral Palsy Cymru - Donation	50.00
Online	28/11/2022	Llanelli Centre for the Deaf - Donation	50.00
Online	28/11/2022	Nest	33.82
Online	30/11/2022	Carmarthen and District Youth Opers - Donation	50.00
Online	30/11/2022	Carmarthenshire YFC - Donation	50.00
Online	30/11/2022	Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Eisteddfod Sir Gar 2023	500.00

#### **169/2022-2023 Receipts.**

None.

#### **170/2022-2023 To discuss asset transfer of land at Cwm Catti.**

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. updated council members stating that he and Cllr R Jones met with Mrs Maria Evans (Housing Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council) at Cwm Catti on 18/11/2022 at 09.30. No objections to the proposal were raised by Mrs Maria Evans. Cllr J Williams O.B.E. confirmed the proposal by email to Mrs Maria Evans County Cllr A Davies, Cllr R Jones and the Clerk on 20/11/2022. The Clerk forwarded the email to all council members on 21/11/2022. Please see following -  
 “Thank you for meeting with Cllr Robert Jones Chairman of the Council and myself last Friday the 18th of November to discuss and agree the sighting of a military memorial stone at Cwm Catti, Porthyrhyd on the grassed area adjacent to the

flagpole already provided at the location. The attached photographs provided below show the general location where the stone is to be sited.

Now we have your permission to position the memorial where advised we will press ahead with our proposal to the next stage of providing a two-tier concrete plinth on which the memorial stone will be secured.

I will ensure the Council continues to liaise with yourself on the progress made towards completion.

I can advise that the Council is not or will not be seeking any financial assistance from the County Council in terms of the development of this initiative.

I can also confirm that the Council will include the memorial stone on its asset register and incorporate the asset in its public liability insurance arrangements.



Cllr J Williams O.B.E. said that he had approached Menshed in Drefach to ask if they were interested in preparing the site and build the concrete shutter. Menshed had agreed in principle.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. also stated that he was hoping to receive sponsorship from local businesses to fund the concrete for the plinth.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. to update council members in the January meeting. **Resolved** to note.

#### **171/2022-2023 To discuss Community Awards.**

The Clerk informed council members that the certificate had not been completed by the designer due to work pressures and that Cllr K Waters had assisted him in developing a proof. Council members discussed the proof and agreed on the design and wording.

#### **172/2022-2023 To discuss the response to Evans Banks Planning Ltd.**

The Clerk updated council members regarding the response to Evans banks Planning Ltd. An EGM was arranged for 24/11/2022 for the public to attend and discuss the proposed development of 42 no. Dwellinghouses, with formation of estate road and associated infrastructure at land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT. Members of the public who did not wish to voice their opinions in public were encouraged to complete a document and return it to the Clerk prior to 08/12/2022. The Clerk informed council members that copies of the completed documents or emails received were forwarded to all council members

prior to the meeting. The Clerk also informed council members that a letter had been sent to Evans Banks Planning Ltd on 13/12/2022 and that they were copied into the email.

Cllr R Jones thanked the Clerk for organising the EGM and for writing the letter.

**173/2022-2023 To discuss the budget proposal.**

Community Council members discussed the budget proposal in preparation for the January precept application. The Clerk shared the 2022-2023 budget format with members and discussed each heading individually. Each member had the opportunity to propose specific requirements needed for the 2023-2024 expenditure. Cllr J Williams O.B.E. suggested turning the streetlight off after a certain time in the night. County Cllr A Davies stated that all streetlight, were dimmed after 22.00 but were not turned off due to claims if an accident was to happen.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. suggested that funds were set aside to help the villages within the community to celebrate the coronation in 2023. County Cllr H Jones and the Clerk reminded council members that funding the coronation celebrations would not be advisable during times of hardship and that it would be more appropriate that the community council assisted the county council after their loss in government funding. Council members voted on the suggestion, and it was decided not to place funds aside for the coronation celebrations.

The following table shows the proposed budget requirements for 2023-2024, which will be finalised by the Internal Financial Examiner Cllr R Jones and the Clerk prior to the January 2023 meeting for approval.

<b>HEADING</b>	<b>PREVIOUS BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Ground Maintenance	1800.00	1800.00	N/A
Staff Salary & PAYE	6400.00	6400.00	Current Wages + Pension
Admin, Inc Audit Fees	2300.00	2500.00	Inflation
Insurance	930.00	1020.00	Premium Inflation
Financial Assistance – Inc Standing Revenue Grants	2000.00	2000.00	N/A
Seating & Asset Maintenance	2000.00	1500.00	-
Street Lighting Estimate	2900.00	6700.00	Increase x 2.6
Misc – Inc Subscriptions	450.00	450.00	N/A
Members Allowance	360.00	374.40	N/A
Members Allowance PAYE	90.00	93.60	N/A
Election Cost	250.00	0.00	-
Section 137	900.00	900.00	N/A
Allocation to Special Projects & Reserve From Precept	4000.00	2000.00	War Memorial,
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,380.00</b>	<b>25,738.00</b>	

**174/2022-2023** Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E requested 3 x flags in preparation for 01/03/2022. **Resolved** for the Clerk to order 3 x flags.

Cllr M Rees enquired if the road in Cwmisfael had been repaired. The Clerk informed council members that the issue had been reported by himself and County Cllr A Davies, but no repairs had been carried out.

Cllr R Jones stated that he had reported 2 x faulty lights in Pontfaen and that only one had been repaired due to an overgrown private hedge. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr M Rees stated that the journey to Bethlehem had been cancelled due to the cold weather conditions.

Cllr R Jones stated that St Twrog Church would be hosting a carol service on 18/12/2022 at 19.00.

County Cllr A Davies stated that the Plygain had been arranged for 08/01/2023 at 17.00.

**175/2022-2023 In camera 20.29**

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.

**176/2022-2023 Staff pay run December 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. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

**177/2022-2023 The meeting finished at 20.34.**

Chairman

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Date

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