

## CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDAROG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the April 2023 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Llanddarog Village Hall on 12/04/2023 at 19.00.

#### 241/2022-2023 Present.

Councillors: R Jones (Chair), J Williams O.B.E, S Herridge, M Griffiths R Newell, M Rees.

County Cllr A Davies

Clerk.

Translator: C Llwyd.

#### 242/2022-2023 To receive apologies.

Councillors: County Cllr H Jones, R McFarlane, T Evans, R Owen, K Waters.

#### 243/2022-2023 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

#### 244/2022-2023 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

#### 245/2022-2023 Policing and Road Safety Matters.

Cllr R Jones Stated his disappointment that no documentation had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council or the Welsh Government concerning the works carried out in the community regarding the new 20mph speed reduction.

Cllr M Griffiths reported that community members had commented on the works and questioned why chicanes had not been considered so that roads can be narrowed to such an extent that only single file traffic is allowed. They are suitable for use in urban or rural locations, as slowing features or part of gateway features. Single lane build outs are not suitable for roads with high traffic flows.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E raised his concerns regarding the island located at the brow of the hill as speed humps were already in situ.

County Cllr A Davies reported that she had emailed Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the island at the entrance to Porthyrhyd as it would impact on agricultural vehicles accessing their land. The island was relocated.

Cllr A Davies suggested that the Clerk contact Carmarthenshire County Council to obtain a copy of the plans for the community. **Resolved** for the Clerk to contact the relevant department.

#### 246/2022-2023 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr A Davies noted that she would be very pleased if the Community Council responded to the LDP consultation in a positive but constructive way.

Having experience of the routine of having a second home on a farm or a hinterland business, County Cllr A Davies reported that the current format requires a lot of information and evidence which is completely contrary to when a request for a single planet home is needed. At the moment an agricultural family can spend in excess of

6 years collecting evidence but with OPDs (One Planet Development) the evidence is collected as the plan progresses. Both applications need a more 'level playing field' and possibly have a more sustainable home on the farm that brings the two applications together.

In Porthyrhyd, there are considerable concerns about the situation of the two sites that are in the proposed Local Development Plan. The potential Wernfraith Farm development is definitely distressing, and 5 responses have been received regarding the Llwyn Henri site but none about the plan to develop towards Cynheidre.

In Llanarthne, there is a small area between the new houses near the river and the Old Vicarage. In Capel Dewi, there is an area around Capel Canol and extending towards Pantwmffre. In Llanddarog there are several small areas and Cae'r Ffair. There is no border at Mynyddcerrig at all and therefore each application will be decided on its own initiative.

There are sewage problems in Porthyrhyd and Llanddarog but not in Llanarthne or Capel Dewi as every property has its own sewage system. One resident of Porthyrhyd is keeping a record of every time they call Welsh Water as according to Evans Banks Ltd in a meeting on 27/02/2023, they clearly stated to myself and the Clerk that there were no issues regarding sewage and water in Porthyrhyd. But the evidence is clear and so by keeping notes of each call this will enable us to respond when a planning application is submitted.

The Community Council could also respond to the Green Gen Towy Usk consultation. The Council needs a clear, decisive and united voice here against the pylons. The closing date for the consultation is 28/04/2023 and a public meeting has been organised in Llanarthne Village Hall on 15/04/2023 from 10.00-12.00.

Cllr R Jones asked for all council members' comments regarding their response to the Green Gen Towy Usk consultation.

Cllr M Griffiths asked if there were any examples of underground projects in the area.

County Cllr A Davies stated that there was an example from Abergwili – Llandyfaelog where cables leave the H-Pole – Underground – H-Pole to Kidwelly.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E asked why they could not connect to a nearer electricity sub-station.

County Cllr A Davies stated that it was an Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB).

Cllr M Griffiths stated that there was a shortage of sub-stations in that area.

Cllr M Griffiths asked if there were any representatives from Carmarthenshire County Council attending the public meeting on 15/04/2023.

Cllr R Jones suggested that the Clerk format a letter in response to the consultation and send it to him for proofing prior to submitting. **Resolved** for the Clerk to format the letter.

Council members asked the Clerk to format and submit a letter regarding the LDP. **Resolved** for the Clerk to format the letter.

#### **247/2022-2023 Chairman's Report.**

Cllr R Jones reported that he was unable to attend the "Here for you" meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner at the Halliwell Centre, Carmarthen on 29/03/2023 due to personal reasons.

**248/2022-2023** Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 08/03/2023.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 08/03/2023. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

Cllr M Griffiths stated an error on page 3, No 8 (Change 24/11/2023 – 24/11/2022). **Resolved** for the Clerk to alter before placing on website.

**249/2022-2023** 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.

**250/2022-2023** 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).

Cllr J Williams O.B.E asked if a response had been received to the community councils' letter regarding **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 (**Minute 167/2022-2023**). The Clerk replied that no response had been received.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E stated that the decision should be made by the original planning committee and not planning officers.

**Resolved** for County Cllr A Davies to contact the planning department for an update.

The Clerk informed council members of a notification received from Dynefor Tree Services that due to the increase in salaries in 2022 and on 01/04/2023, increased cost of fuel and cost of living that each cut of the grass verges will increase from £250.00 - £300.00.

The Clerk stated that as we all know, inflation during the past 12 months has affected every individual person and business in the area and suggested that the community council accept the increase as the standard of work from Dynefor Tree Services has been without any issues or complaint.

Council members discussed the notification and agreed with the Clerks suggestion. Proposed by Cllr M Rees and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a community member on 09/04/2023 and forwarded to all council members and County Cllr A Davies regarding the potential developments at Wern Fraith Farm, Llwyn Henri, The LDP and the community boundaries. The Clerk reported that County Cllr A Davies and himself had replied to the concerns received in the email.

**251/2022-2023** Planning.

No objections to the below planning application. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. and seconded by Cllr M Rees.

**PL/05566** - Retention of silage clamp - Penrhiw, Cwmisfael, Carmarthen, SA32 8BY.

**252/2022-2023 Payments.**

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

<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Suppliers &amp; Details</b>	<b>Sum £ inc VAT</b>
Online	13/03/2023	J.G Evans – March Payroll	356.74
Online	13/03/2023	HMRC PAYE – Period 12	93.40
Online	13/03/2023	One Voice Wales - Membership	218.00
Online	13/03/2023	PD Flagpole – 28/02/2023	567.00
Online	13/03/2023	Macmillan Cancer Research - Donation	95.00
Online	13/03/2023	Carmarthenshire County Council - 96924253	750.60
Online	13/03/2023	Motor Neuron Disease - Donation	95.00
Online	13/03/2023	SLCC – MEM243315-1	177.00
Online	13/03/2023	Carmarthenshire County Council - 96962639	161.66
Online	16/03/2023	Nest	33.82
Online	29/03/2023	Carmarthenshire County Council - 87013021	1745.17
Online	30/03/2023	Llanarthne Community Council – 50% Zoom Donations	160.00

**253/2022-2023 Receipts.**

Llanarthne Community Council SLCC 50%

22/03/2023 - £88.50

Gorslas Community Council - Online platform donation 8 x meetings.

30/03/2023 - £160.00.

**254/2022-2023 To receive the Internal Financial Examiners report 01/01/2023 – 31/03/2023.**

Each member had been provided with a written report prior to the meeting. 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 M Griffiths to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their work. Each member had been provided with a copy of the 2022 – 2023 accounts prior to the meeting. The Clerk updated all council members with regards to income, expenditure and a complete budget report. The Clerk showed that certain topics of the budget had an overspend and others an underspend and an explanation was given to each topic.

**255/2022-2023 To discuss Porthyrhyd War Memorial.**

No updates.

**256/2022-2023 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.**

Cllr M Rees reported that the concrete bus shelter in Llanddarog was constantly filling up with leaves. Cllr J Williams O.B.E offered to help with regard to the issue.

**Resolved** for Cllr J Williams O.B.E to dispose of leaves.

Cllr M Griffiths enquired about online access to meetings and the use of Llanddarog School. Cllr R Jones reported that it was discussed in the November meeting on 09/11/2022 (**Minute 148/2022-2023**) and that One Voice Wales were currently discussing the legislation with the Welsh Government as many rural community councils were unable to provide the required facilities and it was decided to wait for the report from One Voice Wales before a final decision is made.

Cllr R Newell reported that a community member had approached him regarding the condition of the pavement on the approach to Capel Seion and that vehicles were constantly mounting grass verges and the village green. Cllr R Newell asked if it was possible for the pavement to be repaired and for bollards to be erected on the verges and village green to prevent further damage. **Resolved** for County Cllr A Davies and the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

**257/2022-2023 In camera 20.21**

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.

**258/2022-2023 Staff pay run April 2023.**

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 J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

**259/2022-2023 Date of next meeting.**

09/05/2023 at Porthyrhyd Village Hall.

**260/2022-2023 The meeting finished at 20.26.**

Chairman

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