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Minutes of the July 2023 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Llanddarog Village Hall on 12/07/2023 at 19.00.

67/2023-2024 Present.

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

County Cllr A Davies.

Clerk.

Translator: T Jones.

68/2023-2024 To receive apologies.

Councilors: T Evans, R Newell.

69/2023-2024 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

70/2023-2024 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

71/2023-2024 To consider any policing and /or road safety concerns.

None.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E. suggested that this agenda item be removed from the monthly schedule as officers from Dyfed Powys Police no longer attend monthly meetings as they are held online. The matter was discussed by all council members present and it was decided to remove it from future monthly agendas. **Resolved** to note.

72/2023-2024 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr A Davies reported that the Sustainable Food strategy for Carmarthenshire had been launched which looks at empowering communities through a co-productive approach. The vision as a strategic local food partnership is to enable social, cultural, environmental, and economic regeneration. Inspired by the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act, we are working for a thriving, sustainable, resilient, diverse and equitable local food system. Our partnership includes Carmarthenshire County Council, Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services, Hywel Dda Unitary Health Board, Social Farms & Gardens, Natural Resources Wales, Castell Howell Foods, University of Wales Trinity St Davids, Carmarthenshire Public Services Board and Carmarthenshire Food Network. Just over one year into our membership of Sustainable Food Places, bringing together a strong stakeholder group, we have started to lay the groundwork for an exciting journey to make Carmarthenshire more sustainable through transforming our local food system. It's been presented to the Rural Forum Group which is a cross party group of councilors, and an update will be available in September.

County Cllr A Davies Reported that she had attended a river stakeholder event to devise a way to move forward with the issue of phosphate in our rivers.

County Cllr Davies has also attended an allotment meeting, SPF meeting and a grant allocation meeting for the Arfor Fund.

County Cllr A Davies reported that she had attended Llanddarog Village Show, Llanddarog School Fair and the reopening of the Old Market Hall in Llandeilo.

The Llanarthne Steering Group meeting was recently held, and it was unanimously voted to endorse the new statement of “NO TO PYLONS”. The group is asking the Welsh Government to approach the grid connectivity with a holistic view and looking at Wales as a whole, rather than private companies developing areas of their choice. We are hoping that all new infrastructure will be placed underground via cable ploughing, tunneling or moling.

73/2023-2024 Chairman's Report.

Cllr S Herridge reported that she had attended the Llanddarog and District Show on 24/06/2023 and congratulated the committee members on all their hard work and commitment for hosting a successful event.

Cllr S Herridge reported that she had attended the Llanddarog School Summer Fair on 26/06/2023 which was organized by Cymdeithas Cyfeillion Llanddarog. She had the honour of formally opening the event and their success was a testament to the school.

74/2023-2024 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 14/06/2023.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 14/06/2023. Proposed by Cllr M Rees and seconded by Cllr K Waters.

75/2023-2024 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.

76/2023-2024 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).

Email received on 05/07/2023 from a concerned community member regarding the high volume of heavy goods traffic travelling through Cwmisfael and Llanddarog throughout the day and the anxiety caused when children of all ages are walking to school or waiting for public transport. A reference was made to page 11 of the following link –

<https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s9171/Area>

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the letter to Torcoed Quarry on 05/07/2023 but was still waiting for a response.

Cllr M Griffiths stated that Torcoed Quarry officials were policing the issues raised by many community members regarding this matter and a letter had been circulated to all drivers of heavy goods vehicles. Please see following –

“Haulier Notice – Urgent Highways Safety Reminder

I am writing to all operators of haulage vehicles on behalf of Tarmac and collecting material from Torcoed Quarry. I'd like to thank you all for your consideration and

positive behaviors since the notice was shared with you on the 1st of May. I have personally seen very accommodating behaviors on the road network near Torcoed Quarry. As well as continuing to follow the below as per the previous notice:

- **All speed limits, traffic instructions and access routes MUST be adhered to at all times.**
- **All drivers must act courteously to the general public with whom we share our road networks.**
- **All drivers MUST utilise the purpose-built passing points that are present in the local road networks near to the quarry.**
- **Drivers are reminded to take additional care and attention when driving along single-track lanes.**
- **Drivers MUST give sufficient space for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.**
- **Drivers are to give consideration to the road conditions and drive accordingly.**

I ask for you to consider passing 'Is y Llan' Housing estate on your approach to Llandarog, in the same way as you would passing a school (20mph) in both directions. We are mindful that there are children and pedestrians prevalent in that area throughout the day, along with numerous parked cars which could potentially obscure views of both the pedestrians/children and yourselves as driver. Any issues that you may have when operating on the public highway around the quarry MUST be reported to Tarmac site management. Any unsafe acts witnessed must be reported, and any areas of the road network that you feel are causing a safety concern must be reported."

Resolved for the Clerk to respond to the community member.

Letter of appreciation received on 15/06/2023 from Ty Olwen and the Specialist Palliative Care Service thanking Llanddarog Community Council and all community members that attended the Community Service on 21/05/2023 for the very kind and generous donation of £285.46 received.

77/2023-2024 Planning.

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

PL/06157 - Proposed cattle housing shed - Penrhiw, Cwmisfael, Carmarthen, SA32 8BY.

PL/06158 – Retention of silage clamp - Penrhiw, Cwmisfael, Carmarthen, SA32 8BY.

78/2023-2024 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the June monthly meeting and **ratified** in the July monthly 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 County Cllr H Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
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Online	01/06/2023	MJB Business Services - 002739	168.00
Online	01/06/2023	Zoom - 200007012	527.88
Online	15/06/2023	Insignia - 31276	615.60
Online	28/06/2023	J.G Evans – June Payroll	360.42
Online	28/06/2023	HMRC PAYE – Period 3	94.20
Online	28/06/2023	Dynefor Tree Services - 003	300.00
Online	28/06/2023	Catrin Llwyd – CCLL20	83.00
Online	28/06/2023	Edge IT Systems - 37057	147.60
Online	28/06/2023	Prince of Wales – Guests x 8 at Awards Dinner	136.00
Online	30/06/2023	Nest	33.82

28/06/2023 – Prince of Wales Awards Dinner Guests x 8 – £136.00 (Chair Allowance 2022 - 2023)

79/2023-2024 Receipts.

02/06/2023 - Llanarthne Community Council – Zoom (50%) - £263.94.

80/2023-2024 To receive the report of the Internal Financial Examiner for period 01/04/2023-30/06/2023.

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 M Rees and seconded by Cllr R Owen to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their work.

81/2023-2024 To confirm the prepared External Audit Report for 2022 – 2023.

Each member had been provided with a written report and a copy of the 2022 – 2023 accounts prior to the meeting. The Clerk has received notice of instruction regarding the upcoming External Audit. The Clerk had finalised the report and presented the report to Cllr R Jones for investigation prior to presenting it to the council members for confirmation. An explanation was presented verbally to all council members explaining all questions asked by the External Auditor. It was proposed by Cllr R Jones, seconded by Cllr M Rees and all council members agreed to accept the documents prepared by the Clerk. **Resolved** for the Clerk to get documents signed by the Internal Auditor before sending completed documents to the External Auditor. The Clerk thanked Cllr R Jones for all his assistance regarding this matter.

82/2023-2024 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E reported that the project was progressing and that Menshed had measured, designed and built the shuttering for the concrete plinth. Prosser Plant to excavate the site and provide material for the base. **Resolved** to note.

83/2023-2024 To receive update on King Charles III Coronation Mugs.

The Clerk reported that the bone China mugs had been received and presented to all council members present to view. All members were pleased with the results, and it was decided that Cllr S Herridge and if available Cllr J Williams O.B.E present the mugs to all children at Llanddarog School on 18/07/2023. **Resolved** to note.

84/2023-2024 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr R Jones reported that the footpath 32/10/2 required attention and removal of overgrown shrubbery. **Resolved** for County Cllr A Davies and the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

Cllr R Jones reported an issue on Crwbin Road where water has been leaking onto the road for the past few weeks. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to Welsh Water.

Cllr M Rees reported that Llanddarog Village Hall had been successful in obtaining grant funding for the construction of the new village hall. Congratulations to all involved in the project. **Resolved** to note.

85/2023-2024 In camera 19.35.

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.

86/2023-2024 Staff pay run July 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 S Herridge and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

87/2023-2024 To discuss matter involving a member of the community council.

An email was sent to all council members on 22/06/2023 regarding an incident involving a member of the community council. The council member had updated Cllr R Owen on the matter and the information was relayed to all council members present. Concern for the wellbeing of the council member was also discussed.

The Clerk had obtained guidance from Carmarthenshire County Council which was forwarded to all council members. It was suggested that the Clerk obtain further guidance from One Voice Wales and the Ombudsman relating to the matter and update council members in the September meeting on 13/09/2023. **Resolved** for the Clerk to obtain guidance.

88/2023-2024 The meeting finished at 19.58.

Chairman

Date
