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Minutes of the October 2023 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held online on 11/10/2023 at 19.00.

89/2023-2024 Present.

Councillors: S Herridge (Chair), J Williams O.B.E, R Jones, K Waters, R McFarlane.

Clerk.

Translator: C Llwyd.

90/2023-2024 To receive apologies.

Councillors: County Cllr A Davies, County Cllr H Jones, M Rees, M Griffiths, R Owen.

91/2023-2024 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr R McFarlane – Planning **PL/06439**.

92/2023-2024 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

93/2023-2024 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

None.

94/2023-2024 Chairman's Report.

Cllr S Herridge reported that she had attended Llanddarog Primary School on 18/07/2023 and presented the children with a bone China King Charles III Coronation Mug. A Q&A session was also held during the presentation.

Cllr S Herridge reported that she had attended the Llanddarog Show Annual Dinner at The Emlyn Arms, Llanarthne on 22/09/2023 and thanked the committee for organising an enjoyable event.

95/2023-2024 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 12/07/2023.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 12/07/2023. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

96/2023-2024 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.

97/2023-2024 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).

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call and an email from community members regarding the new 20mph speed limit within the community.

According to residents, the Carmarthenshire County Council map of speed limit changes within the area is not correct and does not give exact locations of the new 20mph speed limit. The Clerk and Cllr R Jones confirmed that the maps are confusing, and it was suggested that if any further queries arise regarding the matter that the public should be instructed to follow the speed limit signs on the highway. The Clerk was also asked to inform Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the confusion of the maps. **Resolved** to note.

An email was received on 05/10/2023 and forwarded to all council members regarding the possible support for the Climate and Ecology Bill, which is due for it's second reading on 24/11/2023. The matter was discussed by all council members present and it was decided that a reply should not be submitted. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr R McFarlane left the meeting at 19.25.

98/2023-2024 Planning.

No objections to the below planning application. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr S Herridge.

PL/06439 - 1 No Residential Dwelling with Integral Garage - Land adjacent to Maes y Llwyn, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8BJ.

Cllr R McFarlane rejoined the meeting at 19.25.

PL/06498 - Demolition of existing village hall and replacement with new - Llanddarog Village Hall, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8NS.

99/2023-2024 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the July monthly meeting and **ratified** in the October monthly meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorisation. Proposed by Cllr S Herridge and seconded by K Waters.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	27/07/2023	Nest	33.82
Online	31/07/2023	J.G Evans – July Payroll	360.22
Online	31/07/2023	HMRC PAYE – Period 4	94.40
Online	31/07/2023	Dynefor Tree Services - 004	300.00
Online	31/07/2023	Paragon Internet - 7612094	84.00
Online	31/07/2023	Cymdeithas Cyfeillion Llanddarog	50.00
Online	24/08/2023	Nest	33.82
Online	29/08/2023	J.G Evans – August Payroll	360.42
Online	29/08/2023	HMRC PAYE – Period 5	94.20
Online	29/08/2023	Dynefor Tree Services - 005	300.00
Online	29/08/2023	Catrin Llwyd – CCLL21	76.50
Online	25/09/2023	J.G Evans – September Payroll	360.22
Online	25/09/2023	HMRC PAYE – Period 6	94.40
Online	25/09/2023	Dynefor Tree Services - 006	300.00
Online	25/09/2023	Mr LM Jones – Internal Auditor	75.00

Online	28/09/2023	Nest	33.82
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Cymdeithas Cyfeillion Llanddarog – (Donation Chairman’s Fund) - £50.00

100/2023-2024 Receipts.

25/08/2023 – Carmarthenshire County Council – Precept 2 - £6454.63.

101/2023-2024 To receive the report of the Internal Financial Examiner for period 01/07/2023 - 30/09/2023.

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 on-going budget report provided. It was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr S Herridge to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their work.

102/2023-2024 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E reported that the project was progressing well. The shuttering is on site. Prosser Plant excavated the site and provided material for the base, Tycroes Plant has donated the steel material and Gower Plant has donated the concrete mix. Cllr J Williams O.B.E suggested that the process of collecting the names of the fallen soldiers should be done by volunteers and not involve Llanddarog Community Council. Individuals should register their interest in helping. Guidance on collecting names to be obtained from RBL and other specialists. Once names have been collected, a temporary plaque to be attached to the memorial stone for a period of time to allow community members to confirm that no relevant names had been omitted. **Resolved** to note.

103/2023-2024 To discuss Asset Maintenance Report.

The Clerk Emailed a copy of the Asset Register and Maintenance Report to all council members on 02/09/2023. The report included a recent list of all assets belonging to Llanddarog Community Council, their condition, audit value and insurance value. The Clerk stated that no work was required.

An Email was received from Cllr J Williams O.B.E on 01/10/2023 reporting that the flagpole in Mynyddcerrig had been damaged. The Clerk reported that the damage had been reported and that the defect had been temporarily repaired. The matter was discussed by council members, and it was decided that the temporary repair should suffice until the Loler inspection is due in February 2024. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones to accept the report. **Resolved** to note.

104/2023-2024 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Council were unanimous in welcoming back the Clerk following a period of incapacitation which had led to the September meeting being cancelled at short notice, and wished him well for further recovery.

Cllr R Jones reported that a community member had approached him on 25/08/2023 regarding access to a lane in Porthyrhyd. The Clerk sent the following email to Carmarthenshire County council on 26/08/2023.

“The community council have been asked about access to the historic lane/road which runs approx. NNW from the point marked on the what3words map, attached. It

runs for 510 metres where it joins a minor road. For some time now the access at the point marked on the map has been roped off, which appears to deny access. Should this be the case? We have checked with a ranger at Mynydd Mawr Country Park, and he has told us that it is not a footpath and therefore is not within their jurisdiction”.

An email was received from Carmarthenshire County Council on 31/08/2023 to say that access should not be denied to this green road and that the rope had been removed.

Cllr R Jones also reported another potential lane that no longer had access. After investigation, it was confirmed that this was not a public right of way and that access should be denied if the landowner so wished. The landowner has been advised.

Cllr R Jones announced that on Sunday 12/11/2023 a Remembrance Service is to be held at St. Twrog Church, Llanddarog at 09.30 and by Mynyddcerrig War Memorial at 13.00. 2 x Poppy wreaths to be purchased for the occasion. **Resolved** to note.

The Clerk reminded council members that the following commemorative mugs were available for sale by the community council and asked for assistance to sell the items.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Mug - £3.50.

Bone China King Charles III Coronation Mug - £5.70.

105/2023-2024 In camera 19.55.

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.

106/2023-2024 Staff pay run August, September, October 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.

The Clerk reported that he had received a call from MJBBS Ltd stating that a payment to HMRC from 2019-2020 had been omitted. The Clerk reported that he had checked the statements and cheque books for the period and that a payment had been missed during the handover period of Clerks. The Clerk reported that he had discussed the error with the Internal Financial Examiner and suggested that the outstanding amount of £77.80 be paid with the October 2023 payment. All council members agreed. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

107/2023-2024 The meeting finished at 20.02.

Chairman

Date
