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Minutes of the February 2025 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Porthyrhyd Village Hall on 05/02/2025 at 19.00.

186/2024-2025 Present.

Councilors: R Owen (Vice Chair), R Jones, J Williams O.B.E, M Rees, M Griffiths.

Clerk.

Translator: H Glenister.

187/2024-2025 To receive apologies.

Councilors: County Cllr H Jones, K Waters (Chair), R McFarlane, T Evans.

188/2024-2025 To receive declarations of interest.

189/2024-2025 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

190/2024-2025 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

The following email was received on 27/01/2025 and forwarded to all council members "It was with a heavy heart that I resigned on Thursday as the County Councillor of Llanddarog Ward. Having been a Councillor for nearly 8 years I have to say that it's been a privilege to represent the Ward at County level. In my resignation letter to Wendy, I thanked her for her leadership and for the support I've received from officers over the years. We have worked collaboratively to alleviate problems and to support residents during their darkest hours. We have done that together as a team, with Gary as our Clerk, and all of you as Community Councillors.

I hope that you will support Shone, who has been chosen as the Plaid Cymru candidate for Llanddarog Ward. He is fab, a Welsh speaker who brings a wealth of experience having previously worked for UWTSD, ITV, S4C and others.

Thank you all for your support over the past 8 years, it's been a blast, and please keep in touch, especially if you want to raise the profile of any project which Carms CC or the Community Council is developing".

All council members expressed they're thanks to Cllr A Davies MP for her rigorous work over the past 8 years and asked the Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Cllr A Davies MP. **Resolved** for the Clerk to write the letter.

191/2024-2025 Chairman's Report.

None.

192/2024-2025 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 08/01/2025.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 08/01/2025. **Proposed** by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

193/2024-2025 Matters arising from the above minutes.

The Clerk reported that no updates had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council or Mr Richard Davies (Welsh Water) regarding ongoing works.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with One Voice Wales regarding the upcoming bank charges and was informed that all but Unity Trust Bank were initiating charges on community council accounts. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr R Jones reported that Welsh Water had been present at Cwm Cati as there was a blockage in the pipe. Blockage was resolved.

Cllr M Griffiths joined the meeting at 19.35.

Cllr M Griffiths stated that there was no update regarding the co-option of a community member. **Resolved** to note.

194/2024-2025 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 email was received from Cllr M Rees on 03/02/2025 –

“After much consideration and with some regret I feel I must now resign from my position as Llanddarog Community Councillor. I will be 76 in March, and it is now time for those younger than me to make a difference to our community. I will continue in my role until the AGM in May this year if that is acceptable to the Council.

It has been a pleasure working with all the Councillors and the two Council Clerks during my time as a Councillor. I do wish the current Councillors and Clerk all the very best in their future endeavours – it has been a privilege to work with you”.

The following letter was received by the Clerk from Cllr K Waters and relayed to all council members present –

“I would like to note Cllr M Rees’s email this week informing us that she intends to step down as community councillor from May 2025.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr M Rees whom has served both as community councillor and Chair over the past 8 years. Her knowledge and understanding of policies and procedures has been an asset to the community council but more than that is her knowledge of the communities we serve. Please take care and all the best in the future”.

195/2024-2025 Planning.

None.

196/2024-2025 Payments.

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

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	23/01/2025	J.G Evans – December Payroll	421.29
Online	23/01/2025	HMRC PAYE – Period 9	110.40
Online	23/01/2025	Nest	40.06

Online	23/01/2025	J.G Evans – January Payroll	619.93
Online	23/01/2025	HMRC PAYE – Period 10	162.60
Online	23/01/2025	Nest	60.98
Online	23/01/2025	Castell Howell Foods Ltd - 731891	24.78
Online	23/01/2025	Direct 365 - 1000260756	238.80
Online	23/01/2025	Med UK Group Ltd - 10933	64.14
Online	23/01/2025	Carmarthenshire County Council - 97842377	750.60

197/2024-2025 Receipts.

None.

198/2024-2025 To review the Corporate Risk Assessment.

A copy of the 2024-2025 corporate risk assessment was sent to all council members on 02/02/2025 to review prior to the meeting. The Clerk stated that no alterations or updates were required. It was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones to accept the corporate risk assessment with no updates required. **Resolved** to note.

199/2023-2024 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr M Griffiths announced that Llanddarog Village Hall is planning an official opening on 21/03/2025 and that the venue is now available for events. Council members discussed the matter, and it was agreed for the March council meeting to be held at Llanddarog Village Hall. **Resolved** for the Clerk to confirm the booking.

The Clerk stated that the Community Awards posters were visible in the community notice boards and council website, but no applications had been received. Council members asked the Clerk to place on the Llanddarog Facebook page. **Resolved** for the Clerk to arrange.

200/2024-2025 In camera 19.52.

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.

201/2024-2025 Staff pay run February 2025.

The Clerk reported that the payroll amounts had not yet been received as the meeting was held a week early but would forward the payroll figures to all council members once received. **Resolved** to note.

202/2024-2025 The meeting finished at 20.00.

Chairman

Date