

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDAROG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the July 2025 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Mynyddcerrig Club on 09/07/2025 at 19.00.**

#### **66/2025-2026 Present.**

Councillors: R Owen (Chair), R McFarlane, C Jones

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

#### **67/2025-2026 To receive apologies.**

Councillors: K Waters, Cllr H Jones, R Jones, J Williams O.B.E, M Griffiths, A Aldridge.

#### **68/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.**

None.

#### **69/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.**

None.

#### **70/2025-2026 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.**

County Cllr S Hughes read the following report –

“I attended the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee in June.

I am still waiting for a date from the National Botanical Garden of Wales for a possible site visit to discuss commemorating 25 years of the Gardens.

The Welsh Government is still undertaking studies and appraising options to improve the junction arrangements at Nantycaws. Studies have reached Stage 2, and a preferred option to improve conditions is due to progress to Stage 3, where key stakeholders will be invited to consult on the preferred option later this year,

I am continuing to help and support local people with their queries and concerns, most of which are of a confidential nature”.

#### **71/2025-2026 Chairman's Report.**

The Chair announced that he attended the official opening of the new Llanddarog Village Hall on 13/06/2025 with Cllr R McFarlane (Vice-Chair) and that an excellent evening was enjoyed by all.

The Chair announced that he attended Llanddarog & District Show on 28/06/2025 and congratulated the committee members on all their hard work and commitment for hosting a successful event.

The Chair stated that several volunteers came together on 05/07/2025 to complete the concrete slab around the memorial stone in Porthyrhyd. The Chair thanked everyone involved for all their hard work and commitment to completing the slab.

#### **72/2025-2026 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/06/2025.**

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for the General Meeting and the monthly meeting on 11/06/2025. Proposed by Cllr R Owen and seconded by County Cllr S Hughes.

**73/2025-2026** 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.

The Clerk reported that no update had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the refuse bin in Mynyddcerrig.

The following response was received on 25/06/2025 regarding the following question asked by Cllr R Jones in the June 2025 meeting – **Minute 55/2025-2026**.

“Cllr R Jones asked County Cllr S Hughes “why were they proposing to change the speed limit to 50mph when the speed limit had previously been changed to 50mph without consultation and who authorised the change?”

**Response: I would inform you that unfortunately the signs were originally erected in error, this Order will now ensure that the 50mph speed limit is legally enforceable.**

The Clerk reported that he had sent an email Mr Mike Jacob (Traffic and Road Safety Manager) regarding the C2061 from Porthyrhyd to Foelgastell but no update had been received.

The following email was received on 01/07/2025 from Carmarthenshire County Council and forwarded to all council members.

“Cllr. Hefin Jones has recently changed governor category – he now serves as LA Governor.

John Williams’ resignation leaves a vacancy in the role of Additional Community Governor - this post can only be filled via a nomination from the Community Council. The nominee can be one of your members, or it can be someone from the wider community, as long as they are nominated by the CC. Without a nomination, the post will remain vacant”.

The Clerk reminded council members that this topic was discussed in the May 2025 meeting – **Minute 12/2025-2026** and the following was minuted -

“It was confirmed that County Cllr H Jones was to remain as representative of Llanddarog Community Council on Llanddarog School’s Governing Body for the foreseeable future but if there is a change in his role, Cllr R McFarlane will replace him as representative if acceptable with the school. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Owen”.

The Clerk stated that as a decision it had already been passed by council members and that he would inform Carmarthenshire County Council that Cllr R McFarlane had been nominated as an Additional Community Governor. **Resolved** to note.

The following response was received on 23/06/2025 regarding the following question asked by Cllr R Owen in the June 2025 meeting – **Minute 62/2025-2026**.

“Cllr R Owen reported that the ditches along the U2269 road from Mynyddcerrig to Pontyberem required clearing as the road surface is waterlogged during heavy rainfall”.

**Response: The Highway Inspector has looked at the area in question and has advised that some patching works will be needed. I am unable to give a date as to when this will be done as we are currently carrying out prioritised patching in readiness for our Surface Dressing program. This will be programmed and prioritised once the Surface dressing section has been completed.**

**74/2025-2026** 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.

**75/2025-2026 Planning.**

No objections to the following planning applications. Proposed by Cllr R Owen and seconded by Cllr R McFarlane

**PL/09455** - Proposed first floor and rear extension. Maes Y Llwyn, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8BJ.

**PL/09447** – Conversion of a stone barn and cottage to a singular dwelling. Cilyrynys, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PX.

**PL/09412** - Non-Material Amendment to PL/06638 (To provide for the addition of PV arrays to all building roofs and thus generate electricity via sustainable sources) Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT.

**PL/09482** - Removal/Variation of a condition Variation of Condition 2 on PL/08614 (enlarge the proposed extension) - Tyrynys, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8BL.

**76/2025-2026 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 authorization. Proposed by Cllr C Jones and seconded by Cllr R McFarlane..

<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Suppliers &amp; Details</b>	<b>Sum £ inc VAT</b>
Online	03/06/2025	Nest	42.16
Online	17/06/2025	Service Charge	4.25
Online	25/06/2025	Dynefor Tree Services – 05/06/2025	175.00
Online	25/06/2025	Dynefor Tree Services – 19/06/2025	300.00
Online	25/06/2025	J G Evans – June Payroll	400.39
Online	25/06/2025	SLCC – MEM254823-1	202.00
Online	25/06/2025	HMRC	105.40
Online	25/06/2025	Ac Ati - 02	193.50
Online	25/06/2025	Edge IT Systems Ltd - 38708	147.60
Online	25/06/2025	M W Isaac – 001CC	80.00
Online	30/06/2025	Nest	42.16

**77/2025-2026 Receipts.**

None

**78/2025-2026** To receive the Internal Financial Examiners report.

Each member had been provided with a written report prior to the meeting. A full verbal report was provided by the Clerk.

During a meeting between Mr Evans, Clerk, and myself on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025, I undertook a review of the following:

- 1) An examination of the bank statements for the latest period under review (April 2025 to June 2025). I have initialled the April and May bank statements. The June statement has been viewed, confirmed and signed.
- 2) The accuracy of the ongoing account that will be presented to Council at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
- 3) That payments made by the Council are supported by invoices or by signed receipts. There are currently two receipts which haven't been received in respect of annual donations. These should be forthcoming during the next financial period. I have undertaken a review of invoices, cheque stubs (no cheques issued during this period), and the paying-in book (no manual deposits have been made during this period) for all transactions covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- 4) That VAT has been correctly accounted for and can be reclaimed when appropriate.
- 5) That income has been recorded and banked (where necessary) correctly.
- 6) Payments to staff and members have been examined and the figures, including pension payments and tax due to HMRC, agreed.
- 7) Progress against the 2025/2026 annual budget has been reviewed and found to be on track. It is still early in the financial year so many of the budget headings do not yet have any recorded transactions.

I can confirm that, in my opinion, there are no matters that give rise to concern in the accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Thank you to Mr Evans for his cooperation and assistance during this review.

This report should be presented to the meeting of Llanddarog Community Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and a copy of this report is to be placed in the Finance file.

#### **79/2025-2026 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.**

The Clerk reported that several volunteers came together on 05/07/2025 to complete the concrete slab around the memorial stone in Porthyrhyd. The Clerk thanked everyone involved for all their hard work and commitment in completing the slab.

#### **80/2025-2026 To discuss Community Awards.**

The Clerk stated that no nominations had been received.

#### **81/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.**

Cllr R McFarlane raised a concern regarding the overhanging/fallen trees in Cwmisfael. The Clerk stated that the issue had been reported numerous times to Carmarthenshire County Council over the past few years but nothing had been done. This was probably because the trees were on private property and that it was the responsibility of the landowner to deal with the issue. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report again to the relevant department.

#### **82/2025-2026 In camera 19.51.**

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.

#### **83/2025-2026 Staff pay run July 2025.**

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 Owen and seconded by Cllr C Jones.

**84/2025-2026** The meeting finished at 19.55.

Chairman

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Date

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