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Minutes of the June 2025 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Porthyrhyd Village Hall on 11/06/2025 at 19.00.

47/2025-2026 Present.

Councilors: R Owen (Chair), County Cllr H Jones, R Jones, J Williams O.B.E, M Griffiths, A Aldridge.

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

48/2025-2026 To receive apologies.

Councilors: K Waters, R McFarlane, C Jones, T Evans.

49/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

50/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

51/2025-2026 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

County Cllr S Hughes read the following report –

“I attended the County Council meeting in May, and I am now on the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee.

I visited the National Botanical Garden of Wales on the weekend of their 25-year anniversary, and I am in discussion with them and the Council on commemorating this milestone with the possibility of a tree planting on the roundabout outside the Garden.

I am meeting representatives from Welsh Water on the 11/06/2025 to discuss the concerns brought to my attention by some residents in the Porthyrhyd area.

A draft Order is due to be advertised, Public Notices pertaining to the speed proposals in the area and placed in the local press, on the website and placed on site along the lengths of road concerned. The Public Notice will have a 21day objection period which allows any objections or comments to be submitted to the County Council. Following its close, if no objections are received then the draft Order will be made operational, however, if objections are received then these will be reported and considered at the next available Cabinet Member Decision Meeting.

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

52/2025-2026 Chairman's Report.

The Chair announced that he would be attending the official opening of the new Llanddarog Village Hall at 18.30 on 13/06/2025.

53/2025-2026 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 14/05/2025.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for the General Meeting and the monthly meeting on 14/05/2025. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr M Griffiths.

54/2025-2026 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 Following email was received on 10/06/2025 and forwarded to all council members regarding the refuse bin in Mynyddcerrig –

“We have recently been tasked to carry out a review into our Cleansing Services. As part of this review, we concentrated on our litter bin contingency across the Authority. We are in the process of finalising this review. Therefore, at present there is an embargo on us adding additional litter bins to our network. All requests for additional litter bins are being logged for consideration, and we will be following the newly developed ‘Litter Bin Matrix’ methodology for these requests moving forward”.

All council members present discussed the email and asked the Clerk to reply to the email stating that Mynyddcerrig do not require a new rubbish bin but the reinstatement of the bin that Carmarthenshire County Council had removed without prior notice. County Cllr S Hughes to be copied into the Email. **Resolved** to note.

55/2025-2026 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).

The following email was received on 05/06/2025 and forwarded to all council members –

“NOMINATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

There is a vacancy for an Additional Community Governor on the Governing Body of Llanddarog School. Cllr. John Williams has resigned.

It is therefore necessary for your Council to consider nominating a new representative. The vacancy can only be filled through nomination from the Community Council, but the nominee does not need to be a councillor. The appointment to the role will be made by the Governing Body.

The governor role is an active role, i.e. all governors are expected to attend and contribute to meetings. New governors must attend mandatory training within 12 months of their appointment”.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E stated that there had been an error as County Cllr H Jones was currently representing Llanddarog Community Council on Llanddarog School’s Governing Body as discussed in the May meeting on 14/05/2025 **Minute 12/2025-2026. Resolved** for the Clerk to inform Carmarthenshire County Council.

An email was received on 10/06/2025 and forwarded to all members regarding the imposition of 50mph speed limit order 2025. This document is publicising the Council’s intention to reduce the speed limit to 50mph on roads where the current

national speed limit (60mph) is considered inappropriate due to road safety concerns, and to support active travel objectives. Also included was the Council's full Statement of Reasons for wanting to introduce the Order, the proposed Order and the plans referred to in the Notice and the Order. The objection period expires on 02/07/2025, therefore any representations that are made to the Authority should be received by no later than this date.

All council members present discussed the document and no objections were made. Proposed by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. All agreed.

Resolved to note.

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?"

County Cllr S Hughes stated that it was proposed by the Welsh Government.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E reported that during the last consultation on reducing the speed from 60mph to 50mph the C2061 from Porthyrhyd to Foelgastell was not included and despite having a meeting with Mr Mike Jacob (Traffic and Road Safety Manager) on 18/11/2024, no updates had been received. The Clerk confirmed that no updates had been received.

All council members discussed the issue and asked the Clerk to contact Mr Mike Jacob for an update and copy County Cllr S Hughes into the email. **Resolved** to note.

56/2025-2026 Planning.

No objections to the following planning applications. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones. Cllr R Jones reported that a discharge of a condition is to satisfy a previous condition.

PL/09301 - Occupancy of property as a residential dwelling without compliance with a personal occupancy and an agricultural occupancy condition (Conditions 2 & 3 of D4/203) – Brombyd, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8NU

PL/09309 - Discharge of Condition 24 on PL/06638 (Surface Water Disposal Details) - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT

PL/09338 - Discharge of Conditions 11 and 17 on PL/06638 (Construction Environmental Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan) - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT

PL/09339 - Discharge of Condition 3 on PL/07200 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT

PL/09374 - Discharge of Conditions 12 and 22 on PL/06638 (Swift Nesting Boxes and Bat Roosting Boxes and Boundary Wall details) - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT

PL/09379 - The proposal is to use it as a registered care Home for up to 3 people attending a college for young people with special educational needs. Such use is included under use class 3b, ie it is within the same use class as the current use - Tyr Garn, Mynyddcerrig, Llanelli, SA15 5BB
PL/09447 - Conversion of a stone barn and cottage to a singular dwelling - Cilyrynys, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PX.

57/2025-2026 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the May monthly meeting and **ratified** in the June monthly meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to

payment for authorization. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by County Cllr H Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	01/05/2025	Nest	2.10
Online	19/05/2025	Service Charge	4.25
Online	29/05/2025	Dynefor Tree Services – 01/05/2025	300.00
Online	29/05/2025	Dynefor Tree Services – 23/05/2025	300.00
Online	29/05/2025	J G Evans – May Payroll	400.39
Online	29/05/2025	Zurich Insurance – YLL2720873593	537.44
Online	29/05/2025	HMRC	105.40
Online	29/05/2025	123 Reg	15.59
Online	29/05/2025	Llanddarog Village Show – Annual Revenue Grant	300.00
Online	29/05/2025	Llanddarog Village Hall – Annual Revenue Grant	650.00
Online	29/05/2025	Porthyrhyd Welfare – Annual Revenue Grant	650.00
Online	29/05/2025	Mynyddcerrig Welfare – Annual Revenue Grant	650.00

58/2025-2026 Receipts.

None

59/2025-2026 To confirm the prepared External Audit Report for 2024 – 2025.

Each member had been provided with a written report and a copy of the 2024 – 2025 accounts prior to the meeting. The Clerk has received notice of instruction regarding the upcoming External Audit. The Clerk finalised the report and presented the report to all council members 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 County Cllr H Jones and all council members agreed to accept the documents prepared by the Clerk. **Resolved** for the Clerk to get documents signed by the Chair and the Internal Auditor before sending completed documents to the External Auditor before 30/06/2025. **Resolved** to note.

60/2025-2026 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

The Clerk reported that a petrol cement mixer had been arranged for the work. Cllr J Williams O.B.E reported that volunteers had been arranged to complete the works on 05/07/2025. Cllr M Griffiths reported that he was awaiting confirmation on the aggregate. Cllr J Williams O.B.E stated that once the concrete slab is completed the names of fallen soldiers would be obtained and confirmed. **Resolved** to note.

61/2025-2026 To discuss Community Awards.

The Clerk stated that posters had been placed in all community noticeboards, public venues and emailed to recommended parties. The Clerk thanked Cllr M Griffiths for sending email addresses pertinent to the awards. Cllr R Jones reported that he had also sent emails to interested parties. **Resolved** to note.

62/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.

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. **Resolved** for County Cllr S Hughes and the Clerk to report.

The Clerk announced that a young student from the village of Mynyddcerrig had approached him to assist with helping the community as part of his "Duke of Edinburgh Awards". The Clerk reported that the student would be supervised at all times and would be assisting him with admin work and placing notices in the community noticeboards. The Clerk asked all council members present that if any other matters required attention to please contact him and he would arrange the student's assistance.

The Clerk reported that due to numerous meetings during 2024-2025 having the minimum attendance required to have a quorum within a meeting suggested that County Cllr S Hughes be co-opted on to Llanddarog Community Council.

County Cllr S Hughes left the meeting.

Council members discussed the above suggestion and agreed with the Clerk that County Cllr S Hughes be co-opted on to Llanddarog Community Council due to past difficulties in obtaining volunteers to join the community council. All council members present agreed.

County Cllr S Hughes rejoined the meeting

All council members welcomed County Cllr S Hughes as a member of Llanddarog Community Council. County Cllr S Hughes thanked all council members present for his appointment to the community council.

63/2025-2026 In camera 20.13.

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.

64/2025-2026 Staff pay run June 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 J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

65/2025-2026 The meeting finished at 20.17.

Chairman

Date
