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Minutes of the November 2025 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held Online on 12/11/2025 at 19.00.

125/2025-2026 Present.

Councilors: R Owen (Chair), M Griffiths, R McFarlane, A Aldridge

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

126/2025-2026 To receive apologies.

Councilors: County Cllr H Jones, J Williams O.B.E, C Jones, T Evans, K Waters, R Jones.

127/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

128/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

A member of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns from residents of Porthyrhyd after the flooding over the past few days.

Community members are asking the community council to write a letter to Welsh Water requesting that Porthyrhyd be prioritized in the capital investment scheme.

Welsh Water has been aware of the issues for many years but despite investigating numerous avenues and repairing the issues found the flooding remains. Questions were asked as to the cost of the preventative measures being taken on an annual basis. The Wern Fraith development site has been flooded for the past 4 weeks and the developers are currently pumping water away from the site but to no avail. Tankers have been working in the area for over 30 hours to help reduce water levels but the flooding persists.

Cllr M Griffiths stated that farmers are not allowed to spread manure at certain times of the year due to contamination of the waterways, but Welsh Water are allowed to release effluent into the rivers for hundreds of hours every year. Where is the rationale?

Resolved for the Clerk to write a letter to Welsh Water stating the urgency and importance that the hydraulic system in Porthyrhyd is upgraded ASAP.

The community member left the meeting at 20.17.

129/2025-2026 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

County Cllr S Hughes reported the following –

“I attended the Carmarthenshire Council meeting on the 08/10/2025.

I attended a meeting on the 09/10/2025 with Donald Murray, Head of Horticulture, Learning and Nature at the National Botanical Garden of Wales to discuss working closer with the local community. Among some of the topics discussed were holding a

willow folding session at Llanaddarog school, producing sustainable energy at the Gardens and revisiting the possibility of enhancing the Garden entrance and roundabout. I will update the members at the next Community Council meeting.

Cllr R McFarlane and I attended the Llanddarog School Governing Body meeting.

The pavement and cycle path from Drefach – Porthyrhyd is being considered within a 5 year plan but funding is not currently available.

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

130/2025-2026 Chairman's Report.

Cllr R Owen thanked all council members for attending the Remembrance Service on 09/11/2025 and relayed his appreciation to Cllr R McFarlane for attending the service at St Twrog Church, Llanddarog in his absence.

131/2025-2026 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 08/10/2025.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for the monthly meeting on 08/10/2025. Proposed by Cllr R Owen and seconded by County Cllr S Hughes.

132/2025-2026 Matters arising from the above minutes.

The Clerk informed council members that all matters discussed had been **resolved** and if correspondence had been received, a copy of the Email had been sent to each member for information.

Cllr S Hughes reported the following regarding the public refuse bins removed from Mynyddcerrig –

Bin removed near KAM construction – There has been a bin removed in the red circle as this is the one which relates to the sharp bend and health and safety concerns from a servicing perspective, however there is still a bin at the green circle which services both areas.



Bin removed near Harddfrynn Capel Seion Road – This bin has been removed as per our operative's health and safety process they must be able to park their vehicle within 20m of a bin as they are not covered to carry bin further than this distance as part of the health and safety safe systems of work process in place. As per image below you can see where the bin was originally located on the left hand side of the image, unfortunately we are unable to park either side of this bin and within the 20m limit of servicing without causing an obstruction/ blind spot for traffic at the junction or

blocking property driveways/access road hence the reason it was removed from a health and safety perspective for both our operative and the general public.



We have requested the operative who services the area to be checking these areas to monitor and report back if they find an increase of litter".

The Clerk stated that he had not received any further complaints regarding an increase in litter over the past two months.

Council members agreed to accept the report and continue to monitor the issue in the area. **Resolved** to note.

133/2025-2026 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 from Carmarthenshire County Council on 07/11/2025 –

"Llanddarog School GB held its termly meeting last night and appointed Cllr Rachel McFarlane to the post of Additional Community Governor; her term of office will end on 5th November 2029. I will email her the appointment details shortly".

Council members congratulated Cllr R McFarlane on her appointment.

The following email was received from a community member on 05/11/2025 –

"There have been a series of accidents near the exit to Llanddarog (B4310) on the A48 from Cross Hands to Carmarthen. This has happened during heavy rain and vehicles have veered off through the post and rail fencing alongside the motorway often into the field at Pantypwll Farm. The latest was last night and previous about 2-4 months ago. In all over the years there have been several and ALWAYS in exactly the same place near what looks a high voltage box. I am pretty sure all this is due to pooling of water on this carriageway when it rains. The kilter needs to be adjusted or the drainage of water off the road greatly improved. Something needs doing before someone gets seriously hurt because it is happening too often in exactly the same location, cattle in the field are also in danger. I believe it is the responsibility of SWTRA (south wales trunk road agency). Support from you on this issue would be greatly appreciated. Thanks".

The Clerk reported the following response –

“Thank you for your email.

This issue has been discussed numerous times by Llanddarog Community Council and again last month in our October meeting. We have sent emails after each discussion to Carmarthenshire County Council and the Highways Department.

I will forward your email to the relevant departments, and if you are willing to do the same through the Carmarthenshire County Council website, hopefully the matter will be resolved”.

Resolved to note.

SWTRA A48 Update.

County Cllr S Hughes read the following email received from The Welsh Government “Thank you for your enquiry which has been forwarded to us by our South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA).

The Welsh Government and its Ministers are the Highway Authority responsible for the [**Motorway & Trunk Road Network in Wales**](#). The A48 at this location is a Trunk Road.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

The Welsh Government is still undertaking WelTAG studies and apprising options to improve the current junction arrangement at Nantycaws. Studies have reached Stage 2, and a preferred option to improve conditions is due to progress to Stage 3. Key stakeholders will be invited to consult on the preferred option later this year and we will see that you are invited as the Local Member for Llanddarog”.

Cllr M Griffiths suggested that County Cllr S Hughes and Llanddarog Community Council submit a letter to SWTRA, Welsh Government, Carmarthenshire County Council and Cllr A Davies MP to install average speed cameras from Crosshands to Carmarthen to help alleviate this ongoing issue. **Resolved** to note.

The following email was received from a community member on 12/11/2025 –

“I've already forwarded my response to REG regarding the naming of the new site as Parc Cae Phillip hoping that the points noted will be of help to you.

However, I feel that the naming of the site should not be the main topic of discussion on the agenda tonight but rather how you as CC can help residents following more problems and anxiety as a result of the bad weather these past few days and a failing drainage / sewerage system and a failing Pump Station.

We sincerely appreciate all the help and support given by County Cllr Shone Hughes in arranging meetings with CC's Land Drainage and Flood Defence Departments. We are also liaising with the local DC engineer Dylan James who deals with emergencies.

The past few days have been anxious days for a number of residents and with the weather forecast promising more rainfall the number of incidents will increase. I fully appreciate that other villages in the area have had problems this week however the incidents in Porthyrhyd have been ongoing for many years and are definitely not one-off incidents. We therefore ask you to send a letter to DC/WW directors and managers requesting Porthyrhyd be listed as a priority for Capital Works Projects.

Please see minute **128/2025-2026** for a response to the above email.

134/2025-2026 Planning Matters.

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

PL/10044 - Non-Material Amendment to PL/06638 Approved House Type Designs to allow for Roof Eaves and Window Placement Alterations, together with Installation of Photo Voltaic Roof Panels - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT.

PL/09980 – New front porch - Efail Fach, Mynyddcerrig, Llanelli, SA15 5BG.

SNN/02061 - Development of 38 new dwellings and 4 flats with new street naming. Council members discussed the above planning application and considered all comments from community members. Parc Cae Phillip was deemed to be unsuitable as council and community members were not aware of the name "Phillip" being associated with the area. All were in favor of "Wern Fraith" being included in the potential naming of the development as it has always been associated with the site.

Resolved for the Clerk to respond to Carmarthenshire County Council.

ENF/02680 - Unauthorised works on land. The land appears to have been partitioned by a wooden fence and gate. The side entrance has been made into hard standing and contains various building material including containers of liquid of some sort and also the far side of the fence looks as if a track is being created (possibly a motorcycle track) - Land near Lanfach, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8HP

No updates received.

135/2025-2026 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the September meeting and **ratified** in the October meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorization. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	20/10/2025	Service Charge	4.25

136/2025-2026 Receipts.

21/10/2025 - Shaun A Burgess – Donation - £0.55 Refund

137/2025-2026 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 21st October 2025, I undertook a review of the following:

- 1) An examination of the bank statements for the latest period under review (July 2025 to September 2025). I have signed the three relevant bank statements.
- 2) The accuracy of the ongoing account that will be presented to Council at the meeting on the 12th November 2025.
- 3) That payments made by the Council are supported by invoices or by signed receipts. 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 1st July 2025 to 30th September 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. As we are only half way through the financial year some of the budget headings do not yet have any recorded transactions. Generally receipts and payments are on track and the clerk can answer any questions that may arise when my report is presented.

I can confirm that, in my opinion, there are no matters that give rise to concern in the accounts from 1st July 2025 to 30th September 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 12/11/2025 and a copy of this report is to be placed in the Finance file.

It was proposed by Cllr R Owen and seconded by Cllr M Griffiths to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their work.

138/2025-2026 The Review of Policies and Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Clerk reported that no updates or changes were required to the current policies.

Resolved to note.

The Draft annual remuneration report 2026 – 2027 was sent to all council members on 23/09/2025.

139/2025-2026 To consider requests for funding.

The Clerk stated that numerous requests for funding had been received and read the list. Council members discussed all requests, and it was decided to only donate funding to requests that were time sensitive. Cllr R Owen stated that he would donate to the following from his civic allowance –

Christmas Toybox Appeal - £50.00

Llanddarog YFC - £50.00

Resolved for the Clerk to arrange payment.

140/2025-2026 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

The Clerk reported that a few complaints had been received from community members as the temporary plaque placed on the memorial stone in preparation for Remembrance Sunday was not bilingual. The Clerk had responded stating that it was a misunderstanding at the printers and that the plaque was only temporary for the service. Cllr J Williams O.B.E had confirmed via email that he would remove the plaque. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr M Griffiths asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to all parties that had sponsored and supported the project. Council members agreed. **Resolved** for Cllr J Williams O.B.E and the Clerk to format a letter.

141/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.

Cllr R Owen reported that part of the road in Mynyddcerrig had sunk and asked the Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire County Council. **Resolved** to note.

142/2025-2026 In camera 20.45.

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.

143/2025-2026 Staff pay run November 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 R McFarlane.

144/2025-2026 Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held at Llanddarog Village Hall – 10/12/2025 at 19.00.

145/2025-2026 The meeting finished at 20.50.

Chairman

Date
