

## CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDAROG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the February 2026 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Mynyddcerrig Club on 11/02/2025 at 19.00.

#### 185/2025-2026 Present.

Councilors: R Owen (Chair), County Cllr H Jones, County Cllr S Hughes, R Jones, J Williams O.B.E, C Jones, K Waters, M Griffiths, R McFarlane, A Aldridge (Online).

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

#### 186/2025-2026 To receive apologies.

None

#### 187/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E – **198/2025-2026** Porthyrhyd Memorial Stone.

#### 188/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

#### 189/2025-2026 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

County Cllr S Hughes attended the Carmarthenshire Council meeting on 28/01/2026. He will be attending a meeting on 18/02/2026 to discuss flooding issues in Carmarthenshire with key partners including Ann Davies MP, Natural Resources Wales, Dŵr Cymru and Carmarthenshire Council.

County Cllr S Hughes has also been in contact with the Community Support Officer from Dyfed-Powys Police regarding issues within the community and proposed that the officer attend our April meeting on 08/04/2026 to discuss crime statistics, speeding, etc. All agreed. **Resolved** for County Cllr S Hughes to arrange and copy the Clerk on all correspondence.

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

#### 190/2025-2026 Chairman's Report.

The Chair announced that the annual dinner on 28/01/2026 at The Butchers Arms, Llanddarog was an enjoyable evening and Llanddarog Hall Committee members were pleased to receive the Community Award.

#### 191/2025-2026 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/02/2026.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for the monthly meeting on 14/01/2026. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

#### 192/2025-2026 Matters arising from the above minutes.

No updates on the pothole repairs in Mynyddcerrig. County Cllr H Jones reported that a fund had been allocated to the repairs of community roads over the next 3 years totaling £6million.

**193/2025-2026** 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).

### **Notification of Works**

**Project Name:** A48 Pensarn to Crosshands Utility Works  
**Proposed Works:** Works to install fibre optic cables between Pensarn and Crosshands  
**Programme Start Date:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**Programme Completion Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026  
**Client:** SWTRA  
**USRN:** 47207630  
**Principal Contractor:** Step Telecom

Response to litter on A48 –

Good afternoon and thank you for your email. I can confirm receipt and note the concerns raised regarding litter along the A48 between Cross Hands and Carmarthen, in the vicinity of Nantycaws Recycling Centre.

This section of the A48 is classified as a high-speed road and falls under special working circumstances. Due to the speed limit, we are required to implement strict sideways safety zones to ensure the safety of our operatives. As a result, litter picking can only be undertaken when appropriate traffic management is in place to provide the necessary protection. In practical terms, this requires a full lane closure.

Given the significant financial costs associated with installing dedicated traffic management for this purpose, we work collaboratively with our Highways colleagues and align litter picking operations with their scheduled verge mowing programme. This allows us to utilise the existing lane closures already in place. Verge mowing on this trunk road is typically undertaken annually in early summer and continues over several weeks due to the length of the route.

With regard to the pull-in laybys, although the litter bins have been removed, these areas continue to be litter picked on a weekly basis. The design of the laybys provides a safe sideways working zone for staff, enabling routine cleansing without additional traffic management measures. Since the removal of the bins, we have seen a marked reduction in fly-tipping incidents within layby areas across the county, as bins were unfortunately being used as focal points for dumping larger quantities of waste.

We remain committed to maintaining the visual and environmental quality of the area and do our utmost to manage litter effectively. However, we must operate within the financial resources available to us and always prioritise staff safety.

I did wish to add a further point which I forgot to add in my previous email. In addition to our planned coordination during the annual verge mowing programme, we also seek to deploy cleansing resources on an ad hoc basis when our Highways colleagues are undertaking smaller, unscheduled works on high-speed roads.

Where temporary lane closures are already in place for these works, we aim to collaborate and utilise the closure to undertake litter picking activities. This approach allows us to maximise efficiency, reduce additional traffic management costs, and, most importantly, ensure our staff can carry out cleansing operations safely within a protected lane closure.

We continually look for opportunities to work collaboratively in this way to make best use of available resources while maintaining safety standards.

The following letter was received from Llanddarog & District Show –

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write on behalf of Llanddarog Show Committee to invite you to advertise and/or sponsor this year's show which is being held on Saturday June 27th.

Historically some companies and supporters have chosen to both advertise and sponsor classes, we have taken the opportunity to amalgamate both process in the interest of reducing the administrative burden associated with communications and accounting/invoicing. An electronic form has been generated to allow you to submit your choices and to ensure that we collate the information accurately, effectively and in a timely fashion.

There will be livestock sections for Cattle, Sheep, Horses and a dog show, as well as a horticultural section, craft area and various other trade stands and attractions.

If you have any question or require further clarification in regards to the above, we encourage you to get in touch. It would be appreciated if you could submit your choices by Monday **February 16th** in order to give us sufficient time to develop the show schedule and to update our social media and website sponsors and adverts page. In the event that your preference is not to support this year, completing the form or responding by email is also kindly requested so that we can record the receipt of a response.

Your continued support is essential to ensure the success and future of the society and for this we thank you. As a small gesture of appreciation and to recognise the support from our sponsors and advertisers this year, you are invited to indicate on the application form if you would be interested in taking advantage of having a complimentary trade stand (non-food). Subsequently, we will be able to get in touch later in the year to make the arrangements.

Council members asked the Clerk to complete and submit the form. **Resolved** to note.

**194/2025-2026 Planning Matters.**

None.

**195/2025-2026 Payments.**

The below payments were certified in the January meeting and **ratified** in the February 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 Jones.

<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Suppliers &amp; Details</b>	<b>Sum £ inc VAT</b>
Online	19/01/2026	Service Charge	4.25
Online	28/01/2026	J G Evans – December Payroll	400.39

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Online	28/01/2026	AcAti – CLIDD/04	176.00
Online	28/01/2026	Carmarthenshire County Council - 900250797	750.60
Online	28/01/2026	Llanddarog YFC - Donation	50.00
Online	29/01/2026	Nest	42.16
Online	29/01/2026	The Butchers Arms – Annual Awards	101.80

**196/2025-2026 Receipts.**

None

**197/2025-2026 To receive the Internal Financial Examiners report 01/10/2025 – 31/12/2025.**

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

During a meeting between Mr Evans, Clerk, and myself on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, I undertook a review of the following:

- 1) An examination of the bank statements for the latest period under review (October 2025 to December 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 three quarters of the 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

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

**198/2025-2026 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.**

The Clerk received clarification from One Voice Wales and the SLCC confirming that it was possible for Llanddario Community Council to adopt the memorial stone prior to completion. Cllr J Williams O.B.E stated that grant funding may be available to complete the remaining works. The matter was discussed by all council members present and it was agreed to adopt the memorial stone. **Proposed** by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr K Waters. All agreed.

**199/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.**

Cllr J Williams O.B E asked if public transport services would be affected with the ongoing temporary prohibition of right-hand turns on the A48 trunk road from Pont Abraham to Carmarthen. The Clerk reported that he had spoken with First Bus and public transport would not be affected.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E and Cllr A Aldridge reported fly tipping at various locations in the community. The Clerk stated that he had reported the issue to Carmarthenshire County Council. County Cllr S Hughes to assist with the matter.

**200/2025-2026 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.

**201/2025-2026 Staff pay run February 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 Jones and seconded by Cllr K Waters.

**202/2025-2026 Next Meeting.**

Date of the next meeting to be held at Llanddarog Village Hall – 11/03/2026 at 19.00.

**203/2025-2026 The meeting finished at 19.55.**

Chairman

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