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Minutes of the April 2026 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Porthyrhyd Village Hall on 08/04/2026 at 19.00.

224/2025-2026 Present.

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

County Cllr S Hughes

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

225/2025-2026 To receive apologies.

Councilors – K Waters, C Jones, R McFarlane.

226/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

227/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

228/2025-2026 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

A meeting has been arranged with Ann Davies MP and Welsh Water on 23/04/2026 to discuss the ongoing flooding issues in the Llanddarog Ward. Attending will be myself and Cllr Craig Jones who will be representing Llanddarog Community Council.

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

229/2025-2026 Chairman's Report.

None.

230/2025-2026 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/03/2026.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for the monthly meeting on 11/03/2026. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by County Cllr H Jones.

231/2025-2026 Matters arising from the above minutes.

County Cllr H Jones raised an issue in the March meeting on 11/03/2026 regarding the following –

a) Loss of Clerk through ill health etc	Locum agreement with Gorslas Community Council to mitigate risk, however this will always be a risk with only one employee.
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The Clerk contacted the Clerk of Gorslas Community Council for clarification, and she confirmed that the locum agreement was in place and would confirm with members of Gorslas Community Council in their next meeting. **Resolved** to note. The Clerk reported that after contacting One Voice Wales and verifying via the ICO website, Llanddarog Community Council were required to register with the ICO regarding GDPR. **Resolved** for the Clerk to register.

232/2025-2026 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).

233/2025-2026 Planning Matters.

None.

234/2025-2026 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the March meeting and **ratified** in the April meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorization. Proposed by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	17/03/2026	Service Charge	4.25
Online	20/03/2026	AcAti – CLIDD05	70.00
Online	20/03/2026	Llanddarog Village Hall – 4 x Meetings	48.00
Online	20/03/2026	One Voice Wales - Membership	254.00
Online	20/03/2026	HMRC	368.83
Online	20/03/2026	Cllr T T Evans – Members Allowance	156.00
Online	20/03/2026	Cllr R McFarlane – Members Allowance	156.00
Online	20/03/2026	Mr Flag - 30466	63.09
Online	20/03/2026	Mr JG Evans – February Payroll	400.39
Online	20/03/2026	Mr J G Evans – March Payroll	242.36
Online	20/03/2026	Llanddarog YFC - Donation	100.75
Online	20/03/2026	Carmarthen & District Youth Opera - Donation	100.75
Online	20/03/2026	Royal British Legion - Donation	100.75
Online	20/03/2026	Cymdeithas Cyfeillion Ysgol Llanddarog - Donation	100.00
Online	24/03/2026	Porthyrhyd Welfare Committee – 3 x meetings	72.00
Online	24/03/2026	Crosshands Hall & Cinema - Donation	100.75
Online	25/03/2026	Nest	84.32
Online	31/03/2026	P D Flagpole – 29/03/2026	585.00
Online	31/03/2026	Carmarthenshire County Council - 900348865	1764.72

235/2025-2026 Receipts.

25/03/2026 – HMRC VAT Return - £708.18.

236/2025-2026 To receive the report from the Internal Financial Examiner 01/01/2026 – 31/03/2026.

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 7th April 2026, I undertook a review of the following:

- 1) An examination of the bank statements for the latest period under review (January 2026 to March 2026). I have signed the latest bank statements.
- 2) The ongoing account that will be presented to Council at the meeting on the 8th April 2026.
- 3) That all 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 January 2026 to 31st March 2026. It should be noted that at the time of my examination not all the acknowledgments for charitable donations made in March have been received but they have been recorded correctly in the accounts and on the bank statement and correspond with the decisions made by council at the March meeting. Although these acknowledgements are requested, they are not always forthcoming.
- 4) That VAT has been correctly accounted for and can be reclaimed when appropriate. The VAT refund due for the 2024/25 year from HMRC has now been received.
- 5) That received 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 the final balance shows an underspend of £6891.31. Most of the underspend is due to the underestimating of the cost of street lighting. The clerk will give a fuller explanation of the final balance at our meeting.

I can confirm that in my opinion there are no matters that give rise to concern in the accounts from 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026.

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

My report should be presented to the meeting of Llanddarog Community Council on the 8th April 2026 and a copy of this report is to be placed in the Finance file.

Proposed by Cllr R Owen and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

237/2025-2026 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E reported that names of fallen soldiers were being obtained from the West Wales War Memorial Project and from Llanddarog memorial stone and Church. He asked council members if they were content in replicating names from Llanddarog and Mynyddcerrig. A temporary bilingual plaque to be erected on the stone stating “Temporary” to allow community members to come forward with additional names prior to the final brass plaque being engraved. A bilingual statement to be formatted by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and sent to the Clerk to place in community noticeboards and the community council website.

Cllr A Aldridge joined the meeting at 19.40.

238/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E asked if any updates had been received regarding the speed limit reduction on Heol y Foel. The Clerk stated that no updates had been received despite sending emails to Carmarthenshire County Council. **Resolved** for the Clerk to forward the email to County Cllr S Hughes to investigate.

Cllr R Jones reported that the milestone in Porthyrhyd required cleaning. **Resolved** for the Clerk to obtain location and ask the contractor to clean.

The Clerk informed council members that Dynefor Tree Services were increasing the cost of cutting the grass verges from £300.00 to £350.00 per cut due to the rise in minimum wage and increasing fuel costs. Council members discussed the increase and no objections were noted. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E. **Resolved** to note.

239/2025-2026 In camera 19.47.

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.

240/2025-2026 Staff pay run April 2026.

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 J Williams O.B.E.

241/2025-2026 Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held at Mynyddcerrig Club – 13/05/2026 at 19.00.

242/2025-2026 The meeting finished at 19.58.

Chairman

Date
