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Minutes of the June 2026 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Llanddarog Village Hall on 10/06/2026 at 19.00.

45/2026-2027 Present.

Councillors: R Jones (Elected Chair), County Cllr S Hughes, County Cllr H Jones, T Evans, R Owen, A Aldridge (Online), M Griffiths.

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

46/2026-2027 To receive apologies.

Councillors: J Williams O.B.E, K Waters, C Jones, R McFarlane.

47/2026-2027 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr R Jones – Minute **54/2026-2027** – Planning.

48/2026-2027 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

A member of the community attended the meeting and presented the following –

1. Y NEUADD FACH REFURBISHMENT PROJECT and the PLAY AREA PROJECT

The Community Council was thanked for the Letter of Support and sincere thanks extended to County Councillor Shone Hughes for his continued support. An application for £300,000 to refurbish Y Neuadd Fach was submitted to Welsh Government and the planning application - PL/10927 – also registered. The committee has already secured the first instalment of £31,000 from the agreed £93,000 (Section 106) to upgrade the play area and will claim the remaining two instalments once the funds have been transferred.

Hopefully both important projects will be realised.

2. REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A request was made for the Community Council to support Porth-y-rhyd residents in their opposition to the inclusion of the site adjacent to Llwyn Henri in the revised LDP, by responding to the consultation before June 26th. Residents have opposed this site each time it has been proposed and although the size of the proposed site has changed, residents' views have remained the same. The reduction in the site's size is irrelevant. At first glance, a smaller development of five dwellings may seem reasonable and acceptable but that is not the case here.

a). The LDP does not simply recommend five dwellings; it questions whether the site can accommodate five or more dwellings.

b). Although it states that **the 'existing LDP allocation'** has been '**de-allocated**' that did not happen. 42 dwellings are currently being built on this so called '**de-allocated**' site. A misleading statement!

We all agree in principle that every village should take its fair share of housing, but Porth-y-rhyd has already been allocated far more than its fair share and quota – 42

dwelling on Wernfraith site and NOT the recommended 27. Neither can one ignore the serious issues with the sewerage system in Porth-y-rhyd and Llanddarog. Surely these issues need to be sorted before further developments are allowed. At least DC has considered the Brianne – Felindre mains pipeline which skirts the site and noted that a suitable buffer zone can be provided.

3. DC/WW's ACTION PLAN

Hopefully, the proposed plan will address some of these long-standing issues. However, since the plan was introduced, there have been three further collapses, and tankers have continued to operate in the village regularly—on 22, 23, 24, and 31 May, and on 1, 3, and 4 June—sometimes for 24 hours at a time and removing up to six loads. This again underlines the urgent need to upgrade this failing system. It's also a solid argument against the inclusion in the LDP of further development sites in Porth-y-rhyd, such as the land adjacent to Llwyn Henri.

Council members thanked the community member for her presentation and Cllr S Hughes acknowledged her hard work over the past few years. County Cllr S Hughes and County Cllr H Jones to investigate further with the planning department. **Resolved** to note.

49/2026-2027 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

A meeting was arranged with Ann Davies MP and Welsh Water on 04/06/2026 to discuss the ongoing flooding issues in the Llanddarog Ward.

No updates from Welsh Government regarding the A48 consultation.

Carmarthenshire County Council have a meeting with them w/c 08/06/2026 to provide an update on their programme.

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

50/2026-2027 Chairman's Report.

None.

51/2026-2027 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 13/05/2026.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 13/05/2026. Proposed by Cllr A Aldridge and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

52/2026-2027 Matters arising from the above minutes.

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

The matter of the grass verge outside Erw-wen, Llanddarog was investigated by the Clerk and Cllr K Waters and the boundary line according to Land Registry confirms that the land belongs to the Erw-wen, Llanddarog.

The following email was received from Cllr M Griffiths on 30/05/2026 –

“Just wanted to ask my fellow community council members for any insight that they may have in relation to the reinstatement of a path opposite our home at Rhydycwm (SA32 8BS) and to request a formal response from CCC.

I am generally supportive of making this section usable once more for the benefit of the community but would like to seek some information on the scope of the work, the full intent of its future utilisation and some reassurances from the CCC.

1. If the intent is to provide a means for walkers to get from A to B and to enjoy the countryside, then again generally I am supportive. It has however in the past been regularly used by motorbikes/motorcross scramblers which can introduce a multitude of concerns including to livestock and to premature deterioration of the track surface. Is this path intended primarily for pedestrian use and if so, will this path have pedestrian only gates on both ends designed to prohibit it's use by any kind of motor vehicles?
2. The Council made significant investment approximately 12 years ago to install a new catch basin and culvert under the council road and running all the way down past the house at Rhydydcwm stopping approximately 50m from Capel Erbach where it turns into an open storm water ditch, and later joins the stream. This was negotiated by the previous landowner with the council due to the severe flooding that was repeatedly occurring at Rhydydcwm (then named Crwbin) as a result of the volume of water that was flowing down the track and across the council road into the property. The system is working well today but I am having to maintain the ditch every couple of years to ensure that it's not breached and is able to manage the flow at the culvert outlet, which of course is my responsibility and am more than happy to do. The point being made is that it is surprising how much sediment and carry over travels through the culvert. Considering the above, I would like to understand whether the council are planning to perform any work to the track surface and if so what considerations have been made to drainage and the stability of the surface. If the scope is limited to providing an even surface for walking by the addition of loose stone, then I'm afraid this is going to reintroduce problems with the system due to the increased likelihood, if not guaranteed outcome of blocking the catch basin, culver or both due to the constant travelling of the stone with the water. This would block/restrict flow on the very system that was designed and installed to address the shortcomings of the previous set up that caused excessive stormwater flowing across the road and repeatedly flooded Rhydydcwm. Opening up the track and avoiding any major surface reconditioning work involving the addition of loose aggregate material would be a better strategy unless of course they intended to incorporate the management of storm water and risk mitigation of material migration into the scope of work for the length of the path.

In summary, this query is not an objection to reinstating access to this path. To the contrary, I am supportive of making this available to the public for walking. This query is to ask for the scope of work relating to the track surface. This is with a view to mitigating risk from;

- potential consequences of an ill-thought through plan that could give rise to flooding issues
- generating additional maintenance activities where history tells us of deteriorating preventative maintenance performance
- future disputes between the CCC and private landowners”.

The following response was received on 08/06/2026 –

“Thank you for your email regarding the public footpath/green lane near Rhydydcwm, Porthyrhyd.

I can confirm that the Authority has received a number of enquiries regarding the condition of the lane, with access along the route being the main issue raised by members of the public.

In response, we have arranged for a contractor to undertake limited clearance works to allow access only. At present, we have no intention of importing stone or carrying out any significant surface improvement works to the carriageway.

I note and appreciate the concerns raised regarding drainage, sediment movement and the existing culvert associated with previous flooding issues at Rhydydwym. As no resurfacing or aggregate works are proposed, we do not anticipate any impact on the current drainage infrastructure.

For clarification, green lanes are not included within the Council's routine inspection regime. These routes are inspected reactively when enquiries and/or complaints are received.

Thank you once again for bringing your concerns to our attention".

Cllr M Griffiths thanked the Clerk for his work.

53/2026-2027 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 below email was received from Mynyddcerrig Welfare on 01/06/2026 –

Sorry for the very late request from Mynyddcerrig Welfare committee but I am emailing to request the kind £50 donation you allow for Christmas trees.

As you may remember we have 'gone green' in Mynyddcerrig and have purchased a reusable light tree but do pay for half an event with Mynyddcerrig Workingmen's Club for the community to enjoy a festive evening with carols by Crwbin band. This is what we request the money for all the community thoroughly enjoy the event.

This email is late being sent as I am still waiting for a receipt from Crwbin band. I am, currently, chasing for the receipt".

The Clerk replied to the request with the following email –

"I'm afraid that you are too late to apply for a donation from our 2025 – 2026 budget as the end of year was 31/03/2026.

The next funding request meeting is in November 2026 and a request must be received prior to our meeting on 11/11/2026".

The below email was received from Mynyddcerrig Welfare on 03/06/2026 –

"We as a committee are writing to request financial support with the cost of replacing the defibrillator pads that are now out of compliance.

The replacement has cost us £76.00 inc P&P.

Any support you can offer will be greatly appreciated"

It was proposed by Cllr R Owen and seconded by County Cllr H Jones to support the application. **Resolved** for the Clerk to arrange payment.

54/2026-2027 Planning.

No objections to the below planning application. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

PL/10870 - Variation of Condition 2 on W/39220 (Approved Plans) - Land opposite Llanddarog Village Hall, Llanddarog, Carmarthen, SA32 8NU.

55/2026-2027 Payments.

The payments below 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 J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	07/05/2026	Nest	42.16
Online	18/05/2026	Barclays Service Charge	4.25
Online	29/05/2026	Dynefor Tree Services – 25/05/26	370.00
Online	29/05/2026	Dynefor Tree Services – 02/05/2025	350.00
Online	29/05/2026	123 Reg - 4097464709	15.59
Online	29/05/2026	Essjay Agencies Ltd - 5790	237.60
Online	29/05/2026	HMRC PAYE – Period 2	105.40
Online	29/05/2026	J.G Evans – May Payroll	400.39
Online	29/05/2026	Llanddarog Village Show Annual Sponsorship	300.00
Online	29/05/2026	Mynyddcerrig Welfare – Annual Revenue Grant	700.00
Online	29/05/2026	Porthyrhyd Welfare – Annual Revenue Grant	700.00
Online	29/05/2026	Llanddarog Village Hall – Annual Revenue Grant	700.00

56/2026-2027 Receipts.

None.

57/2026-2027 To confirm the Internal Auditors Report 2025 – 2026.

Each member had been provided with a written report and a copy of the 2025 – 2026 accounts prior to the meeting. The Clerk has received notice of instructions 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 Internal Auditor. It was proposed by County Cllr H Jones, seconded by Cllr R Owen and all council members agreed to accept the documents prepared by the Internal Auditor and the Clerk. The documents were signed by the Internal Auditor, the Chair and the Clerk. All completed documents are to be sent to the External Auditor before 30/06/2026. **Resolved** to note.

58/2026-2027 To discuss updates on Porthyrhyd & Llanddarog flooding issues.

Welsh Water have confirmed that there is an issue with the waste water pipes in Porthyrhyd and are planning to Inflate a pipe inside a pipe to prevent collapse which is referred as Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining. In this trenchless repair method, a flexible, resin-soaked liner is inserted into the damaged pipe and expanded using a pressurized bladder or compressed air. Once hardened, it creates a new, structural pipe within the old one.

Welsh Water are currently investigating the issue and an update will be received in due course. The CIPP to be completed before end of September 2026.

59/2026-2027 To discuss Contingency Plan for Road Closure A48.

The Below response was received from County Cllr S Hughes on 28/05/2026 –
“SWTRA are the agent for the network, and the Council acts on their behalf when a request arises for a closure of their network such as the A48. The Highways Team would not get involved in any traffic management if the traffic is directed onto the county roads. The County Council set up a diversion and hope the public follow this - unfortunately if the roads become congested then the public find alternative routes. Dyfed Powys Police do not support the Council in any way or form. The diversion routes are pre planned by SWTRA and the Council must follow these. I don't believe that accidents / incidents have increased but I do believe that DPP tend to request a closure now for non-critical incidents”.

In response to the above, Cllr J Williams O.B.E stated the following -

“I have to say that my initial reaction is that it appears that joint working arrangements between the three agencies is shocking where none of them appear to want to take the responsibility for the implications of any or all road closures.

The point you make as regards roads being closed on the instructions of the police for non-critical incidents is having a detrimental effect on the wider communities of Drefach and Porthyrhyd and as you pointed out in the last meeting Llanarthne as well. Now that the police have become familiar with requesting the road to be closed it becomes second nature for them. The first time is always the hardest

At our next meeting I will be making a proposal that in the light of the information you provided that the Council set up a consultation process with community councils in this area to hear from them what the implications are from these ad hoc road closures and from that, the Council speaks to the police on establishing benchmarks for when the road should closed.

Hopefully this would have the effect of reducing the occasions the road is closed for non-critical incidents”.

Cllr M Griffiths reiterated the suggestion that the community council contact the Chief Constable and Crime Commissioner of Dyfed-Powys Police to consult and discuss alternative routes during A48 road closures. **Resolved** for the Clerk to arrange.

60/2026-2027 To receive update on Porthyrhyd Memorial Stone.

Awaiting updates from the developers regarding the completion of the memorial stone. County Cllr S Hughes to confer with Cllr J Williams O.B.E before contacting the developers. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr A Aldridge left the meeting not to return.

61/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

None.

62/2026-2027 In camera 19.58.

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.

63/2026-2027 Staff pay run June 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 R Owen.

64/2026-2027 The meeting finished at 20.11.

Chairman

Date
