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Minutes of the March 2026 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Llanddarog Village Hall on 11/03/2025 at 19.00.

204/2025-2026 Present.

Councillors: R Owen (Chair), County Cllr H Jones, R Jones, C Jones, K Waters.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

205/2025-2026 To receive apologies.

Councillors – County Cllr S Hughes, M Griffiths, R McFarlane, A Aldridge, J Williams O.B.E, T Evans.

206/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

207/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

208/2025-2026 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

County Cllr S Hughes attended the Carmarthenshire Council meeting on 25/02/2026. He attended a meeting on the 18/02/2026 to discuss flooding issues in Carmarthenshire with Ann Davies MP and County Councillors. It was mentioned that Dwr Cymru are looking at diverting some of the water from the fields either side of the bridge in Porthyrhyd which will help in reducing the amount of water that goes into the sewerage system. Also, the County Council are doing a Section 19 flooding consultation for the whole of Carmarthenshire, where partners including Dŵr Cymru and Natural Resources Wales will feed into this with data and their experiences on local issues.

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

County Cllr H Jones added that there would be a council tax increase of 4.9% from 01/04/2026.

School dinners would not be increasing in 2026-2027.

A mandate for the future of Llanddarog and Porthyrhyd were being discussed but no plans had been developed yet as no investment was available.

£250,000 has been allocated to the upkeep of community roads.

Major safety improvements are planned for the A48 between Cross Hands and Pensarn in Carmarthenshire, with work set to begin in late 2026. Key plans include closing central reservation gaps, removing six lay-bys, and constructing a new roundabout at the dangerous Nantycaws junction to improve safety and traffic flow.

Key A48 Improvements & Safety Plans

- **Nantycaws Junction Redesign:** A new roundabout is planned to replace the current, dangerous intersection, eliminating hazardous right-turn maneuvers across the dual carriageway.
- **Safety Measures (Cross Hands to Pensarn):** The Welsh Government plans to close central reservation gaps and remove six sub-standard lay-bys along this stretch to reduce risks.
- **Timing:** Work is scheduled to start in late 2026 (autumn or winter) and is expected to take approximately four months.
- **Wider Upgrades:** The scheme includes improvements to bus access, walking, and cycling facilities as part of a, broad safety-focused project.
- **Future Road Proposals:** A proposed new road linking the M4 and A48 has been cancelled, with focus shifting to upgrading the existing road.

These plans are aimed at reducing the high number of accidents recorded in the area.

Plans to redesign Nantycaws junction.



209/2025-2026 Chairman's Report.

None.

210/2025-2026 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 11/02/2026. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr K Waters.

211/2025-2026 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Resurfacing works and pothole repair planned for Mynyddcerrig in the new financial year.

212/2025-2026 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 a community member on 11/03/202 -

“I got your email address off the Llanddarog Community Council website, I hope you don't make a difference I'm writing to you. I live in the centre of the village of Llanddarog and have always done, apart from the period when I was at University and more recently, living abroad. The village is to look so different without the red phone box. Is there any news about it? I would be very happy to assist with any ideas and action in terms of transforming it into a small library or a small exhibition for local organisations e.g. a small haven for school children to showcase their artistic talents/masterpieces in line with the theme of the term!”

The Clerk reported that a response had been sent to the community member.

213/2025-2026 Planning Matters.

None.

214/2025-2026 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the February meeting and **ratified** in the March 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	17/02/2026	Service Charge	4.25

215/2025-2026 Receipts.

None

216/2025-2026 To discuss financial assistance requests.

Each member had been provided with a copy of each request during the year and if received by post, the Clerk announced the request verbally. Council members discussed all requests for funding, and it was decided to donate an amount to the following organisations.

Llanddarog YFC - £100.75.

Royal British Legion - £100.75.

Cross Hands Cinema- £100.75.

Carmarthen & District Youth Opera - £100.75.

The Chair informed the Clerk to allocate his civic allowance to the following –

Llanddarog School PTA - £100.00.

The remainder of his civic allowance to be allocated to the council's reserves.

Resolved for the Clerk to arrange payments.

217/2025-2026 To discuss the Corporate Risk Assessment.

A copy of the 2025-2026 corporate risk assessment was sent to all council members on 08/03/2026 to review prior to the meeting. The Clerk stated that no alterations or updates were required. County Cllr H Jones raised an issue 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 stated that an agreement was in place with the past and current Clerk of Gorslas Community Council. County Cllr H Jones suggested that the Clerk contact the Clerk of Gorslas Community Council for clarification and Gorslas Community Council to discuss in their next meeting. **Resolved** for the Clerk to contact the Clerk of Gorslas Community Council. . It was proposed by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by Cllr K Waters to accept the corporate risk assessment with no updates required until clarification is received from Gorslas Community Council. **Resolved** to note.

218/2025-2026 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

The Clerk reported that after a conversation with Cllr M Griffiths the tiling contractor was unable to complete the works on the memorial stone for approx. 18 months due to work pressures.

The Clerk reported that Cllr J Williams O.B.E and himself had met and completed the grant application form but further work was required before submitting. **Resolved** to note.

219/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.

Cllr R Jones suggested that the Clerk contact One Voice Wales and the SLCC to confirm if Llanddarog Community Council was required to register with the ICO regarding GDPR. **Resolved** for the Clerk to enquire.

220/2025-2026 In camera 19.53.

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.

221/2025-2026 Staff pay run March 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.

222/2025-2026 Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held at Porthyrhyd Village Hall – 08/04/2026 at 19.00.

223/2025-2026 The meeting finished at 19.58.

Chairman

Date
