

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 AT LLANARTHNE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Councillor P. Bowen  
Councillor H. Bryer  
Councillor P. Edwards  
Councillor D. E. Jenkins (*Chair*)  
Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones (*Vice Chair*)  
Councillor D. D. Morgan  
Councillor Mrs J. Roberts

**In attendance:** County Councillor W. J.W Evans  
Mr Gethin James (Clerk to the Community Council)  
and CSO Jonathan Crayford – Dyfed-Powys Police. (*19.30 – 19.47*)

The meeting commenced at 19.00

The Chairman congratulated Mrs Ann Davies, Bremenda Uchaf, Llanarthne, in becoming the unopposed Plaid Cymru County Councillor in the Llanddarog Ward. She will replace County Councillor W. J. W. Evans.

**LCC 17/151**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**a. Apologies**

Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
(Min. No's 138 - 152).**

The Minutes **were approved** as a correct record.  
Proposed by Councillor P. Edwards and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Roberts.

**c. Matters arising from the above-mentioned Minutes**

**[Min No 139(iii)].** The deadline for completing the complete removal of the horse shelter below Penallt Isaf was 31st March 2017. The demolition works have been undertaken, but the ground needs re-instating.

**[Min No 139(iv)].** No response from the Authority with respect to the emptying of bins in and around the community.

**[Min No 143(v)].** PAYE/NIC Returns to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 have been completed, with P60'S issued to all employees.

**[Min No 146]** Mr T. R. Carruthers has completed a single plant protection timber box for approval by Cllr Mrs J. Roberts.

Mr T. R. Carruthers has also cleaned the bus shelter glazed surfaces at Cefn Abbey.

**d. Declarations of Personal Interest**

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded.

- i. The road sign near Ty Mawr and Garngoch requires cleaning.
- ii. Road verges along the B4300 need attention including side roads.
- iii. Black and White marker posts require attention and cleaning.

CSO Jonathan Crayford, Dyfed-Powys Police gave members an update on community policing and local crime statistics, the agricultural community is currently the focus of many livestock and implement theft, metal theft locally is also on the increase, and a discussion ensued on speeding matters in and around our community.

The officer agreed that he will attend our meeting on a more regular basis.

The chairman thanked him for attending our meeting.

Clerk had attended the Steering Group Meeting of the Regency Restoration Project at the National Botanic Garden of Wales on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017. He advised members that the National Botanic Garden of Wales is celebrating a lottery award that will kick-start the biggest development in its history.

A grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund announced 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 is the final piece of the jigsaw signalling the launch of the construction phase of a £7.2 million project to restore the legendary landscape of one of the finest Regency waterparks in Britain. The NBGW is currently working towards signing off their *Permission to Start* with Heritage Lottery Fund.

They are also planning the next Steering Group meetings, and have set the next one as 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Clerk attended a Planning Seminar organised by the Local Authority on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at the Beacon Centre for Enterprise, Dafen, Llanelli. Since attending that meeting the following has been confirmed:

The adoption of the Carmarthenshire LDP in December 2014, the Council as the local planning authority has in effect by virtue of Policy H5 opposed the conversion of redundant rural buildings (such as barns) for the purposes of open market dwellings. The only form of residential conversion they advised they would support were those for affordable or local needs dwellings. In recognising the effects of the policy, since its adoption. Planning agents have been constantly lobbying the Authority's Forward Planning Manager and Head of Planning to reconsider its position with regard to open market conversions. Through the provision of a range of evidence, they have now accepted that the policy has had a catastrophic impact on the local economy and people, and as a result they will now accept planning applications once again for the conversion of redundant rural buildings of a traditional form for the purposes of residential dwellings.

Chair attended the Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at St Peter's Civic Hall, Carmarthen, and gave members a brief account on the presentation made by the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner.

There were no other reports from members who had attended meetings as representatives of the council.

**Resolved to** note the following general correspondence onto the minutes: -

Writer	Subject
Welsh Government	Welsh Government is currently recruiting temporary staff. They have 5 vacancies in their office in Cardiff Bay. CV to <a href="mailto:Elaine.Dyer@Wales.gsi.gov.uk">Elaine.Dyer@Wales.gsi.gov.uk</a>
Houses of Parliament	UK Parliament Week, now in its seventh year is their annual festival that engages people from across the UK with Parliament. This year the festival is taking place between the 13 – 19 November.
Carmarthenshire County Council	Request for the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2016 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017, the number of times Councillors made declarations of interest under the Councillors Code of Conduct – Clerk will address this request.
Office for National Statistics	Quarterly Vacancy Survey to be undertaken by the Clerk.
Carmarthenshire County Council	Footway Lighting Charges – Financial Year 2017/2018 Correction Letter received on 18.03.2017
Welsh Water	Invitation received to a one day workshop at Principality Stadium, Cardiff on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017 to discuss Welsh Water 2050.
One Voice Wales	Thanks Clerk for taking part in the One Voice Wales satisfaction survey.
Welsh Government	Information received on the quarter of a billion-pound boost for Wales – rural communities.
Hywel Dda University Health Board	Talking Health Spring Newsletter (Issue 17) received.

- a. There was no objection to the following full planning application: -

**Planning Application Number W/35385** Erection of Storage Building for general storage and to house birds of prey (in conjunction with the proposed Falconry) National Botanic Garden of Wales, Middleton Hall, Llanarthne, Carmarthen SA32 8HG

**Applicant:** Mr Huw Davies

**LCC 17/156****PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

- i. Gethin L. James. 3 months postages as itemised to 31.03.2017.  
**£52.50** **Cheque No. 102415**
- ii. Gethin L. James - 3 months broadband £54.98 + £10.97 VAT = £65.95 and  
3 months' line rental £33.72 + £6.74 VAT = £40.46; Totals £106.41  
(1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017).  
**£106.41** **Cheque No. 102416**

*Cheques for financial assistance, approved at the last Community Council Meeting (Min No 145) were duly signed at the Council Meeting for forwarding to the agreed organisations.  
Cheque No's 102408 to 102414 (7 No in total).*

**LCC 17/157****TO APPROVE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS TO 31.03.2017**

Prior to the meeting the clerk had circulated copies of the Annual Return 2017 together with the Receipt and Payment 2016/17 Schedule to members.

There were no issues arising from the Receipt and Payment 2016/17 Schedule. Councillor P. Edwards, Councillor Mrs J. Roberts seconded and all agreed that the accounts as prepared for 2016/17 be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The accounts will be forwarded to the internal auditor for his observations and approval in due course.

Chair thanked the clerk as responsible financial officer for preparing the end of year accounts to 31.03.2017

**LCC 17/158****TO APPOINT INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Clerk confirmed that he has written to Mr Lyn Llewelyn requesting his continued services as the Community Council's internal auditor. Although Mr Llewelyn has provided services to this Council over several years, there are now requirements contained in the Practitioners' Guide 2011, as amended, that we ensure that the appointed person possess the essential competencies needed for the role of internal auditor.

Clerk has requested Mr Lyn Llewelyn to confirm the following:

- Independence and Competence
- Produce Internal Audit Plan
- Confirm Internal Audit Fee
- Access to information, officers and members.

**ELECTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS - LLANARTHNE**

Mr Mark James – Returning Officer in his letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 gives notice of the Result of Uncontested Election in respect of our Community and is as follows:

Peter Bowen	Celia Ann Davies (Plaid Cymru)
Peter William Edwards (Independent)	David Eirian Jenkins (Independent)
Delyth Margaret Jones	Hefin Beynon Jones
David Dilwyn Morgan	Judith Patricia Roberts (Independent)
Kevin Thomas	

The Result Statement will now be displayed in the village Notice Board no later than 11 o'clock in the morning of Thursday 4 May 2017.

As the number of nominations constitutes a quorum, then the above members may co-opt any person to fill the vacancy that remains unfilled. Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 states it is a requirement to give public notice when a vacancy is to be filled by co-option.

The new Community Council takes office with effect from the fourth day after 4 May, and therefore has until Monday 12 June 2017 to co-opt a candidate to fill the vacancy. If the Community Council fails to fill the vacancies, then the Authority can exercise their power after Monday 12 June 2017, to order a fresh election to fill any remaining vacancies.

With respect to County Council Elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Mrs Ann Davies – Plaid Cymru, Bremenda Uchaf, Llanarthne, was unopposed and will take up office following the County Council Elections.

**COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEAS – SUMMER MONTHS**

From Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are summer dates currently available to hold the afternoon teas.

Clerk and Councillor Mrs J. Roberts will investigate matters further.

**CHAIRMAN'S INVITATION TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY**

The Chairman accompanied by his wife Mrs Wendy Jenkins will be attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 as representatives of Llanarthne Community Council.

Clerk advised members that community councils are authorised to make payments to each of their members in respect of:

- i) Travel costs for attending approved duties outside the area of the council.
- ii) Subsistence expenses to their members for attending approved duties outside the area of the council.
- iii) Attendance Allowance and Financial Loss Allowance to each of their members where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties outside the area of the council.

It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the council.

**LCC 17/162**

**SPEEDING ISSUES**

It has been noted that there has been further speed enforcement activity in Llanarthne.

The matter will be raised again at the forthcoming April meeting of the multi-agency speed management group. The data gathered on the road will also be reviewed and if required updated before the meeting.

Other interventions at the site will also be considered, and will ensure that his officers update our community council following the meeting in April 2017.

**LCC 17/ 163**

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND ANNUAL DINNER**

Clerk confirmed that invitations to the annual dinner have been sent out to the following:

Tom and Megan Jones (Youth Award 2017).

Mr & Mrs Dewi Thomas (Certificate of Merit 2017).

Councillor Mrs J. Roberts (Environment Award 2017).

Certificates for the above recipients are currently being prepared for presentation at the annual dinner.

Clerk requested the return of the Ivy Bush pre-order menu choices as soon as possible.

**LCC 17/164**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Two current Community Councillors have tendered their resignation from office in advance of the new Community Council which will commence from the fourth day after 4 May 2017.

The Chairman thanked Councillor H. Bryer, and Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick for their valuable contribution over several years to the community council, and wished them every success in the future.

The Chairman also thanked County Councillor W. J.W Evans who has represented Llanarthne Community Council for the last forty years, assisting and making a respected contribution in the community. He will be greatly missed as our long-standing County Councillor, and the Chairman wished him every success in his forthcoming retirement.

**LCC 17/165**

**Date and time of the next (Annual) Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Llanarthne Community Council is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 19.00 at Llanarthne Village Hall.

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.34.

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**Councillor D. E. Jenkins**  
**Chairperson**  
(Min No's 151 - 165)

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**Gethin James**  
**Clerk to the Council**