

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
13th DECEMBER 2016 AT LLANARTHNE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

In attendance: County Councillor W. J.W Evans
Mr Gethin James (Clerk to the Community Council)

The meeting commenced at 19.00

Chair extended a speedy recovery to Councillor P. Edwards following his recent medical procedure.

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PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a. Apologies

Councillor H. Bryer
Councillor H. B. Jones
Councillor D. D. Morgan
Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2016
(Min. No's 82 – 94).**

The Minutes **were approved** as a correct record.
Proposed by Councillor P. Edwards and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones.

c. Matters arising from the above mentioned Minutes

[Min No 85] Clerk has received a formal request from the Capel Dewi Community Association that they wish to adopt the telephone kiosk in Capel Dewi (1267 2928 PCO Capel Dewi Road, Capel Dewi SA32 8AY).

[Min No 93] Conflict of Interest – following observation's expressed at the last council meeting, the clerk will include the following statement on all planning applications submitted by him in his capacity as Architectural agent:

In relation to those applications which are identified as one in which the Clerk of the Community Council has an interest either as agent/applicant or in terms of land or property ownership, Members are reminded that they must set aside this aspect, and confine their consideration and determination of such applications exclusively to the merits of the planning issues arising. The Clerk's interests in the matter, has not be taken into account when determining planning application (Application Number to be inserted).

d. Declarations of Personal Interest

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded.

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AREA MATTERS

- i. Pedestrian light at Hafan-deg not working.
- ii. Mud on highway near entrance of Beili-glas at track junction of leading to Paxton's Tower from the B4300.
- iii. The B4300 carriageway at Capel Dewi requires cleaning.
- iv. Surface water entering the B4300 and ponding/freezing over at Gwyn Fryn in Capel Dewi.
- v. Royal Mail post box at Pen-y-ffin reported to have been repaired.
- vi. Wicket gates (metal theft) removed again at 31/24 Garn Goch to Garregwen – Penpal Road.
- vii. Pothole on carriageway near Plas-uchaf and fly tipping between Gelli-ddu-fach and Plas-uchaf.
- viii. Rainwater pipe at Pen-y-ffin bus shelter reportedly damaged by reversing Argos delivery van.
- ix. Reported fly-tipping on land near Pen-y-ffin.

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MEMBERS REPORTS

Chair attended as representative of the Community Council the following events:
Annual Bonfire and Fireworks at Llanarthne Village Hall.
Annual Service of Remembrance at St Lleians Church, Gorslas.
Annual Carol Service at Llanarthne Hall, and the recent
Llanarthne and Llanddarog Fundraising Committee for the Royal Welsh Show 2017

Chair has also agreed to attend and read a lesson at the forthcoming Carol Service organised by Llanarthne Church on 17th December 2016 at 11.00am.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

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

Writer	Subject
Welsh Government	The Welsh Government has commenced work on the preparation of the National Development Framework (NDF). They are inviting people to submit evidence which can help inform the development of the NDF and details of projects which are of national importance and can help Wales achieve its objectives. The Call for Evidence and Projects will be open until 7th March 2017. For information on how to submit evidence and projects please visit the call for evidence and projects web page .

National Assembly for Wales	<p>They have launched a consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly for Wales and invite us to consider responding to the consultation, the consultation is open until 3 March 2017. All information can be found on the website: www.Assembly.wales/name</p>
Welsh Government	<p>The Welsh Government is looking for 3 highly committed, enthusiastic and motivated individuals who can contribute to the continued strengthening and development of CCDG. Successful candidates will be expected to have a genuine interest in careers guidance delivery and be able to demonstrate this alongside innovative ideas and an ability to think strategically.</p>
Networking Opportunities for the Future Generations Commissioner	<p>They would like to continue to engage, through ongoing dialogue with people from all sectors and communities, to make sure that the way their work develops puts into practice what the Act (Well-being of Future Generations) says about involvement and collaboration.</p> <p>Whilst there may be opportunities to develop some new networks, they would like this involvement to build upon the networks and fora that already exist rather than creating new processes and structures, with a focus on involvement between January - March 2017.</p> <p>As this work develops it would be useful to know: If we have any events, meetings or workshops that could discuss the Commissioner's emerging priorities and provide us with feedback?</p> <p>Do we have any online forums, newsletters or other digital involvement approaches that could enable discussion of the Commissioner's emerging priorities and provide us with feedback?</p>
Natural Resources Wales	<p>Natural Resources Wales is changing the number that people call to report environmental incidents. It is now 03000 65 3000.</p>
Welsh Government	<p>The consultation on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) 2017 started on 8 December 2016.</p> <p>You can access the consultation documents via the following link: https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/welsh-transport-appraisal-guidance-2017</p> <p>This link will then direct you to the relevant documents which will include:</p> <p>Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) 2017 The Consultation Report and Response Document</p> <p>The closing date for responses is 2 March 2017.</p>

LCC 16/99**PLANNING MATTERS – (W/34701, W/34760, & W/34769).**

- a. There were no objections to the following planning variation:-

Planning Application Number: W/34760. Variation to Condition 9 of Planning Permission W/33155 to allow one of the units to be occupied on a permanent basis by the site Manager, Llwynhaf, Llanddarog Road, Cefn Abbey, Carmarthen SA32 8AR

Applicant: Mr Mir Hadian.

Planning Applications W/34701 and W/34769 are Non Material Amendments. We have therefore not been requested to forward observations by the Planning Development Officer.

LCC 16/100**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- i. Mr. G. Griffiths. Cleaning bus shelter for 3 months to 31.12.2016
£97.50 gross, less PAYE -£19.40 = £78.10 net
£78.10 **Cheque No. 102385**
- ii. Mr T. R. Carruthers. Cleaning Capel Dewi bus shelter for 3 months to 31.12.2016. £97.50 and Penyffin £22.50 = £120.00 gross.
£120.00 **Cheque No. 102386**
- iii. Gethin L James - Clerk's salary for 3 months to 31.12.2016. £1,200.90 gross (SCP 27 @ 7.5 hrs). Less -£66.05 Superannuation, less - £227.00 PAYE, less -£63.47 Employee NIC = £844.38 net
£844.38 **Cheque No. 102387**
- iv. Carmarthenshire County Council. Superannuation, Clerk's Contribution £66.05, Employers Contribution £188.54, and Past Service Deficit £25.00
Totals: £279.59
£279.59 **Cheque No. 102388**
- v. Inland Revenue PAYE
Mr G. Griffiths £19.40 and Mr G. L. James £227.00, Employee & Employer NIC £135.91 = Totals: £382.31
£382.31 **Cheque No. 102389**
- vi. Dynevor Tree & Grounds Maintenance (Mr Stephen Jones) for carrying out footpath maintenance and grass cutting of common land in 2016, Invoice No 440 - Dated 08.11.2016, as per agreed accepted tender price, which is a three year contract commencing 2015. (Min No 15/18)
£355.00 **Cheque No. 102390**

LCC 16/101**PARKING ISSUES, SCHOOL ROAD, LLANARTHNE**

Mr Andrew J. Morgan, Traffic Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council confirms the following in a recent email:

With regards to your request for a residents parking scheme to be introduced along School Road , Llanarthne , I would inform you that controlled residents parking schemes are aimed primarily for town centre locations where non – residents may avail of an alternative parking location(i.e. a public car park). Residents parking schemes are provided in areas where vehicles not belonging to residents (i.e. commuters , shoppers etc.) are making parking for residents difficult.

Controlled residents parking schemes in Carmarthenshire are introduced on a zonal basis, typically with two or more adjoining streets constituting the zone. Amalgamating a number of streets into the zone provides more opportunity for residents to locate a kerbside parking space within the zone. Single streets are not usually considered. A whole estate or the inclusion of adjoining roads / side roads would be more appropriate for a scheme to be effective, as any displaced parking would likely also affect the surrounding streets. As explained above, a 'zoned' parking scheme is therefore preferred for most applications.

School Road in Llanarthne joins with the B4300. The B4300 is a strategic route and as such would not be considered appropriate for inclusion in a residents parking scheme. This criteria applies to all existing residents parking schemes in the County.

Controlled residents parking schemes are enforced each day that the scheme is in operation. As permit holders pay for residents parking service, they reasonably expect that the scheme is enforced on a daily basis. This is practical in a town centre where the civil enforcement officers conduct regular / daily patrols. The Councils parking service does not have the officer resources to patrol Llanarthne each day.

Having considered the request to introduce a scheme of controlled residents parking in School Road, Llanarthne, I have considered the following factors:

1. School Road is not within reasonable walking distance of a County council operated car park, affording an alternative parking area
2. School Road adjoins a strategic road

I regret therefore that the conditions for a residents parking scheme are therefore not met for School Road, Llanarthne.

This was regarded as a disappointing outcome from the Authority, the clerk will contact the local residents affected and notify them of this response.

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SPEEDING ISSUES LLANARTHNE VILLAGE

In a recent email (12.12.216) to the clerk, Mr Mike Jacob confirms the following:

As an update, the village was discussed in last week's SMG (Speed Management Group Meeting). GoSafe (Safety Camera Partnership) have officially adopted the village as a Community Concern site and have as such commenced enforcement. Enforcement will now continue on a regular basis when the results will be discussed at the next Speed Management in April 2017.

In addition to the above will be also monitoring traffic speeds before the next SMG to ascertain the impacts of the enforcement.

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RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY OF LOCAL CLERKS.

Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor Mrs J. Roberts seconded and all agreed that the annual membership be renewed for the forthcoming year.

£77.00

Cheque No. 102391

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BUDGET SETTING 2017/18

In setting the forthcoming budget for 2017/18 Members will need to take into account the anticipated expenditure for that period and ensure that the precept is sufficient to cover all anticipated and planned payments.

Clerk has previously issued members with a pie chart outlining all expenditure in 2015/16 to assist them in budget setting for 2017/18. This matter will be given further consideration at our January 2017 council meeting, when the precept for 2017/18 will be given consideration.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business

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Date and time of next meeting

10th January 2017 at 19.00 at Llanarthne Village Hall.

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.03

Councillor D. E. Jenkins
Chairperson
(Min No's 95 - 106)

Gethin James
Clerk to the Council