

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
10th FEBRUARY 2016 AT LLANARTHNE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

In attendance: Mr Gethin James (Clerk to the Community Council)

The meeting commenced at 19.00

LCC 16/119 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a. Apologies

County Councillor W. J.W Evans

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th January 2016
(Min. No's 103 – 118).**

Subject to the removal of the word “car-park” in Min No 104 (ix). The Minutes **were approved** as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Roberts.

c. Matters arising from the above mentioned Minutes

[Min No 104(v)] Repair work to the random rubble stonework at Ffynnant Bridge has now been completed.

[Min No 104(vii)] Street lights confirmed as working on the slip road leading to the NBGW roundabout when leaving the M4.

[Min No 106(ii)] Clerk confirmed that the community council has nominated “Celia Hall” in the Queen’s New Year 2017 Honours.

[Min No 107 (b)] Mr Ceri Davies, Development Officer advises:

The principle of this overall development has been firmly established through the granting of the previous planning permission, W/17004, which was dealt with by my colleague, Richard Jones; hence the LPA will not be revisiting objections/concerns highlighted at that time of that application.

This application is merely seeking a variation of condition to amend the design of the sleeping quarters to facilitate first floor accommodation; hence it is purely a design consideration, which the LPA has been in discussions with the applicants prior to the submission of this application. The increase in height of the overall barn is deemed minimal; however it was over and above that, which could be considered as a non-material amendment, hence the submission of this Variation of Condition application. In principle, the LPA deems the alterations to be acceptable.

This proposal does not involve the formation of new residential units as all the units are tied by with Condition (No.9) imposed on the original permission, which restricts the use of the units for holiday purposes only.

[Min No 109]. Mrs Enid McCall, Secretary, Capel Dewi Community Association, thanks the community council for the recent financial assistance given towards the annual and continued maintenance of the Old School in Capel Dewi.

[Min No 110]. Mrs Joanna Jones, Secretary Llanarthne Hall, thanks the community council for the recent financial assistance given towards the annual and continued maintenance of the Hall and Village Playing field.

[Min No 114]. Mr Chris J. Wilkins, Assistant Accountant, CCC acknowledges receipt of our completed precept form for 2016/17.

[Min No 101]. Clerk in receipt of written quotation from John Williams & Co (Crwbin Quarries) for the ground preparation, drainage and macadam surface tennis court provision at the Margaret Bowen Memorial Field, Llanarthne.

The quotation amounting to £48,430.00 excluding VAT was deemed prohibitive and will now be tendered locally.

d. Declarations of Personal Interest

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded.

LCC 16/120

AREA MATTERS

- i. Existing customer car-parking provision at the Wrights Food Emporium is inadequate as cars are now parking along the school road obstructing access/egress of residential properties. Whilst the Community Council fully supports the continued customer success at the Wrights, the current car-parking arrangements need to be addressed.
- ii. The RSPCA should be made aware of the recent animal welfare issues on land below Penallt Isaf. Llanarthne.

LCC 16/121

MEMBERS REPORTS

Clerk accepted a recent invitation to address members of the Capel Dewi Community Association – Coffee Morning on Thursday 14th January 2016. He gave them an insight into the life and work of Frank Lloyd Wright, widely considered the greatest architect of the 20th century.

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

LCC 16/122

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Writer	Subject
Carmarthenshire County Council	Carl E Atkins advises that CCC cannot simply remove the shelter (Land adjoining Penallt Isaf) and charge the owner at this stage. They will have to be prosecuted for non-compliance first. If they are prosecuted twice and there is still non-compliance then direct action can be considered at that point. The owner has submitted an application to retain the shelter permanently.

Regency Restoration Project, NBGW	Clerk will attend the next steering group meeting which will be held on Friday the 26th of February at the Garden, 2pm in the Grier room of Principality house.
One Voice Wales	Sustainability/Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015. Training for members that are interested at Llanerch Community Centre, Llanelli, on Tuesday 16 th February 6.30-9pm
Welsh Government	For the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2016-17 is £7.42
Gwendraeth Group of Community Councils	Their next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10 th February 2016. The same evening as our council meeting, clerk confirmed that our apologies have been forwarded.

LCC 16/123

PLANNING MATTERS

- a. There were **no** objections to the following full planning application:-

Planning Application W/33243. Installation of Interpretation and Visitor Information Signage, Car Park at Paxton's Tower, Llanarthne SA32 8JF

Applicant: National Trust – Mr John Pearson.

- b. There was an objection to the following removal of condition planning application:-

Planning Application W/33307. Removal of Condition 3 on W/27562 (Allowing the Temporary Shelter to Remain Permanently). Land Adjoining Penallt Isaf, Llanarthne, Carmarthen.

Applicant: Mrs Yvonne Evans-Evans.

Reasons:

In the context of the current development control policy framework the site is outside the settlement development limits of Llanarthne as defined in the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) adopted 10 December 2014

LCC 16/124

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a. Infotone Imaging Supplies – 1 set (Four Toners) for HP Colour LaserJet 3800dn .
£166.74 **Cheque No. 102322**

LCC 16/125

MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2016/17

'One Voice Wales' invites the Council to renew its membership for 2016/17 for £96.00. Councillor Mrs J. Roberts proposed, Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones seconded, and all agreed that annual membership be renewed.

£96.00

Cheque No. 102323

LCC 16/126 FOOTWAY LIGHTING CHARGES 2016/17

Mr A. W. Price, Public Lighting Engineer, CCC informs us about the determined "Footway Lighting Charges" applicable to our community council for financial year 2016/17 is calculated as follows:

Energy	£1,911.89
Maintenance	£2,577.00
VAT (20%)	£897.78
Total	£5,386.67

Clerk agreed to make enquiries with outside organisation on the maintenance aspect of footway lighting charges to establish if a more competitive price can be sought.

LCC 16/127 TOWY VALLEY DESIGNATION

The appeal to overturn a rejection over plans for a 74-metre wind turbine in the Towy Valley has failed; the refusal decision made by the council has been upheld by the inspectorate.

Mr Noel Marriott following guidance from the Countryside Council for Wales enlists support to upgrade The Tywi Valley Special Landscape Area (SLA) to an area of National Significance.

Members support the proposal in principle, but have some reservations, in particular the effect this designation will have on planning applications.

LCC 16/128 LLANARTHNE AND CAPEL DEWI BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE WORKS

Clerk confirmed that he was satisfied that the recent maintenance work carried out on Capel Dewi, Pen-y-ffin and Llanarthne bus shelters was in accordance with the priced tender specification, as approved by council members on 08.12.2015 (Min No 98). Therefore the sum of £4,300.45 inclusive of VAT was now due to Mr Simon McCall, Carpentry Services.

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones proposed, Councillor Mrs J. Roberts seconded, and all agreed that the payment be met in full.

£4,300.45

Cheque No. 102324

LCC 16/129 REVIEW OF BENCH SEAT INSTALLATION

Clerk has received an invoice (27.01.2016) from Mr Alun Jones Builder to construct a concrete slab and secure the bench seat to it using bolt fixings at Cwm-felin-gat for the agreed price of £300.00

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones proposed, Councillor D. E. Jenkins seconded, and all agreed that the payment be met in full.

£300.00

Cheque No. 102325

LCC 16/130 VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

It was confirmed at the meeting that the existing community council village notice board be removed, and replaced with the new board prior to the next meeting of the council. Clerk suggested that the two access keys remain in his possession and he would take responsibility in updating/removing notices as necessary.

LCC 16/131 LLANARTHNE SCHOOL ROAD JUNCTION ONTO THE B4300

Ruth Mullen CCC is currently investigating matters on our behalf

LCC 16/132 SPEEDING ISSUES

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LCC 16/133 ANNUAL DINNER

Clerk thanked the Chairman for organising the 2016 Annual Dinner of Llanarthne Community Council which will be held on Saturday 30th April at Valans, 26 High Street, Llandybie. 7.00 – 7.30pm
Menu choices will be circulated in due course.

LCC 16/134 Date and time of next meeting

8th March 2016 at 19.00 at Neuadd Llanarthne

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.10.

Councillor K. Thomas
Chairperson
(Min No's 119 – 134)

Gethin James
Clerk to the Council