

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

**Present:** Councillor P. Bowen  
Councillor P. Edwards  
Councillor D. E. Jenkins (*Chair*)  
Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones (*Vice Chair*)  
Councillor H. B. Jones  
Councillor D. D. Morgan  
Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick (*19.09 onwards*)  
Councillor Mrs J. Roberts  
Councillor K. Thomas

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

The meeting commenced at 19.00

**LCC 17/122 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**a. Apologies**

Councillor H. Bryer  
County Councillor W. J.W Evans

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
(Min. No's 107 – 121).**

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

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

**[Min No 101 & 107(c)]** Residents affected by inconsiderate parking along the School Road in Llanarthne have received a copy of the response from Mr Andrew J. Morgan, Traffic Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council, and have been notified about the next community council meeting should they wish to attend, and discuss matters further.

**[Min No 108(ii)]** Clerk confirmed having purchased and installed polite notices pertaining to dog-fouling in and around the village of Llanarthne.

**[Min No 108(v)]** Clerk has inspected the recent road sweeping at Capel Dewi, and has requested another sweep following a rain shower.

**[Min No 108(vi)]** The three potholes itemised at the last council were filled on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Keith the highway inspector has carried out an inspection of the junction near Beili-glas leading to Paxton tower from the B4300 and the carriageway was found to be in an acceptable standard, they will consider this section of carriageway for surface dressing treatment next financial year. Clerk was of the opinion that the wrong section of road had been inspected in this instance.

Pending Local Issues.

The following has been confirmed by Mr Tim Hammett, Carmarthenshire County Council.

- The pot holes around the inspection cover outside No 6 Tir Llan have been filled.
- The roundabouts outside the NBGW is in the programme for re-surfacing, however surfacing sections are done on a priority basis when finances and resources are available, they are unable at present to give a definite date as to when the work will be undertaken.
- Where cycle route 47 runs on a publically maintained highway the same inspection regime is applied to the section of carriageway as would be applied to all carriageway with the same class hierarchy.
- Over hanging trees at Pont-Felin-gat to Dolau-Gwynon affecting overhead cables are not something which is dealt with by the council, if the trees were not in compliance with the highway act they have a procedure in place to serve notices on the land owners to cut back the trees, but this is not the case in this instance.
- It is our understanding the electric board has been undertaking work to cut back the trees on the B4300. We will also undertake an inspection of the carriageway and serve a notice on land owners for any trees that do not comply with the highway act.
- The Authority have carried out work to clean the cycle path by the Botanical Gardens, a sweeper attended site before Christmas.
- There are two designs proposed for the pavement adjacent the Wrights Food Emporium. One design incorporates a pavement only whilst the other includes a layby for parking bay provision. Discussions are ongoing with respect to the final proposal.
- They are unsure who is responsible for the maintenance of the seat opposite Llwyn Ddewi Capel Dewi but believe it may come under the community council.
- Request for litter bins at Pont Ffynnant Picnic site should be directed in the first instance to Mr Alan Warner, Countryside Operations Manager, Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park, Heol Hirwaun Olau, Tumble, SA14 6HU. Clerk confirmed having written to Mr Alan Warner.
- Request for litter bins by the bus shelter at Penyffin, Llanarthne should be directed in the first instance to: Marc I Davies, Environmental Controller, Cillefwr Depot, Alltynap Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen. Clerk confirmed that he has written to Mr Marc Davies

**d. Declarations of Personal Interest**

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded from members.

*Clerk wished to record a "Conflict of Interest" on Planning Matters (Minute No 126)*

**LCC 17/123****AREA MATTERS**

- i. Quotations for works at Capel Dewi Tennis Court received, but awaiting one further quotation.
- ii. Suggested that the provision for *Summer Afternoon Teas* be considered at the next community council meeting.
- iii. Planting at the Village Signage's will need attention early spring.
- iv. Additional Street lighting requested at Heol y Llwyn, Capel Dewi and at the B4300 leading from Capel Dewi garage to the Old School.
- v. New access created at Woodland beyond Ty Newydd, Llanarthne,
- vi. B4300 Road verge at the residential development site at Cysgod y Curyll, Capel Dewi needs attention due to sub-contractors parking there.
- vii. NBGW masonry random rubble boundary stone walling needs attention near Cwm Felin-gat.
- viii. Vehicles are parking on the verges at the NBGW entrance roundabout.
- ix. Street lamp at Bremenda needs attention.
- x. The litter bins at Llanarthne are full and need to be emptied.

**LCC 17/124****MEMBERS REPORTS**

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

**LCC 17/125****CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Writer	Subject
Carmarthenshire County Council	Mr Chris Wilkins acknowledges receipt of our precept requirements for 2017-18 which is noted as £18,000
Menter Cwm Gwendraeth	Information received from Mr Paul Thomas on Local Energy Action
National Assembly for Wales	Consultation on the Trade Union (Wales) Bill ends on Friday 17 February 2017. Evidence to be sent to <a href="mailto:SeneddCommunitites@assembly.wales">SeneddCommunitites@assembly.wales</a>
Welsh Government	Mark Drakeford AM has launched a consultation on the White Paper <i>Reforming Local Government – Resilient and Renewed</i> . The Consultation can be accessed via the Welsh Government website <a href="https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/reforming-local-government-resilient-and-renewed">https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/reforming-local-government-resilient-and-renewed</a> The closing date for responses is 11 April 2017
Carmarthenshire County Council	Vacancy details on the Appointment of Committee Services Officer received. Closing date for receipt of applications is 22.02.2017
Charter for Trees, Woods and People	This Charter will be launched on November 6 <sup>th</sup> 2017. Clerk confirmed having completed the online survey on behalf of the community council.

Welsh Government	Details on the Appointment of Commissioners (Three Posts) received, for further details and to apply go to <a href="http://gov.wales/about/recruitment/public-appointments">http://gov.wales/about/recruitment/public-appointments</a> Closing date for applications is 18 April 2017
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**LCC 17/126**

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

*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 applications W/34994 and W/35012.*

There were no objections to the following full planning applications:-

- i. **Planning Application: W/34994** Proposed Falconry Centre, National Botanical Garden of Wales, Middleton, Llanarthne, Carmarthen SA32 8HG  
**Applicant:** Mr Hugh Francis, Director.
- ii. **Planning Application: W/35012** Change of Use, Agricultural Land to Camping and Motorhome Camping Facility, National Botanical Garden of Wales, Middleton, Llanarthne, Carmarthen SA32 8HG  
**Applicant:** Mr Hugh Francis, Director.

**LCC 17/127**

## **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

There were no accounts presented for payment.

**LCC 17/128**

## **MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2017/18**

'One Voice Wales' invites the Council to renew its membership for 2017/18 for £99.00. Councillor H. Jones proposed, Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones seconded, and all agreed that annual membership be renewed.

**£99.00**

**Cheque No. 102398**

**LCC 17/129**

## **FOOTWAY LIGHTING CHARGES**

Clerk is awaiting presentation of this account for payment.

**LCC 17/130**

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

On Monday 23rd January 2017 the draw for invitations to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party took place at One Voice Wales, and as a result we have now been advised that Llanarthne Community Council was successful.

The invitations will be sent directly from the Palace to our current Chair and Spouse nearer to the date (approximately 5/6 weeks before). They will be attending Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

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 consider this matter at the next community council meeting.

#### **LCC 17/131 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017**

Clerk confirmed that the election timetable has been circulated to members and that nomination packs for the above election will be circulated shortly.

Nominations can be accepted from Wednesday 22nd March until Tuesday 4 April during the hours of 10am until 4pm each day. Withdrawal of nomination is 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2017.

There is no discretion with regard the deadline for submitting nominations. Both the Returning Officer and candidates have to comply with this timetable.

Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick advised members that due to increased work and family commitments, she will not be standing for re-election onto the Community Council Elections 2017.

#### **LCC 17/132 ST DAVID'S PARADE, CARMARTHEN**

Following the great success of PARÊD DEWI SANT in 2016. Mr Eryl Morgan (Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council) invites us to join in the 2017 Parade on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am, Chair and Clerk hope to attend as representatives of the community council.

#### **LCC 17/133 MAINS DRAINAGE**

The provision for mains drainage sewerage system in Llanarthne, were put forward some forty five years ago. The current Bio digester Septic Tank installed near Hafan-deg continues to produce an unacceptable pungent smell, it is also quite evident that this tank has to be emptied quite frequently and is undersized/specified to accommodate the intake volume. The former school site has planning approval for ten residential dwellings which would benefit from the provision of foul water mains drainage, including future development opportunities on land in the village identified as forming part of permitted development within the Local Development Plan. Existing residential and business properties in and around the village would also benefit by converting from private septic tanks to mains drains, since some private soakaways are proving to be problematic due to poor and unsuitable ground percolation conditions resulting from an above average high geological water table level.

Clerk agreed to contact Welsh Water on this matter.

**PARKING ALONG THE SCHOOL ROAD, LLANARTHNE**

Mr Andrew J. Morgan, Traffic Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council has confirmed that the Authority will not support a residents parking scheme to be introduced along School Road in Llanarthne.

Residents were reminded that they can if they so wish place signs on their properties inhibiting car-parking outside their properties.

It was concluded that once the former Llanarthne School site is developed parking along this stretch of road will be greatly repressed, and should resolve the problem.

In the meantime parking by the Church would be a better and preferred option as opposed to parking along the School Road, therefore any white line road marking discouraging parking at the Church location will need to be removed, and customers at the Wrights Food Emporium will need to be advised (by Mr Simon Wright) to park at this location, and not along the School Road.

Clerk agreed to contact the Authority on this matter.

**SPEEDING ISSUES**

Mr Mike Jacob, Road Safety Engineer, CCC recently advised that he has forwarded our recent request for greater police presence on speeding issues in Llanarthne to GoSafe but no update as promised has been received.

The village was discussed at a recent SMG (Speed Management Group Meeting). GoSafe (Safety Camera Partnership) they have officially adopted the village as a Community Concern site and have as such commenced enforcement. Regrettably enforcement as was promised has not continued on a regular basis, therefore we can assume that no results can be discussed or presented at the next Speed Management in April 2017.

In addition to the above they also agreed to monitoring traffic speeds before the next SMG to ascertain the impacts of the enforcement, but no such activity has taken place.

Our request to have speed limits from Capel Dewi to Llanarthne along the B4300 have also been ignored, including our request to have speed warning signs cleaned.

Councillor K. Thomas agreed to write formally to the Authorities Chief Executive and lodge a formal complaint.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Annual Community Council Dinner will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen.

Chair and Clerk thanked Councillor J. Roberts for undertaking the response consultation on proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products on behalf of the community council.

**LCC 17/137**

**Date and time of next meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 19.00 at Llanarthne Village Hall.

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.22

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**Councillor D. E. Jenkins**  
**Chairperson**  
*(Min No's 122 - 137)*

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