

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
12th JANUARY 2016 AT LLANARTHNE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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

The meeting commenced at 19.00

LCC 16/103 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a. Apologies

Councillor H. Bryer

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th December 2015
(Min. No's 92 – 102).**

The Minutes **were approved** as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor J. Williams and seconded by Councillor P Edwards

c. Matters arising from the above mentioned Minutes

[Min No 93(i)]. Clerk has been advised by the Highway Authority that various trees along the B4300 on land referred to as "Coed Mawr" from Ffynnant Bridge to the Old Oaks will be investigated. Also the "Armco" crash barrier recently damaged by a fallen tree on this stretch of road will also be investigated.

[Min No 93 (ii)]. Street lamp outside Erw Hir in Llanarthne is now in working order.

[Min No 93(iii)]. Clerk has received confirmation from the Authority that dislodged masonry stonework at Llanarthne Bridge will be investigated.

[Min No 98]. Maintenance work as specified on the recent tender schedule has commenced on the Penyffyn and Llanarthne bus shelters.

[Min No 99]. Capel Dewi Community Association acknowledges and thanks our community council for the recent financial assistance given towards the Capel Dewi Eisteddfod in 2016.

[Min No 101]. Clerk is awaiting a 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.

d. Declarations of Personal Interest

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded.

(Except for Min No 110 when Councillor Mrs J. Roberts declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest).

LCC 16/104

AREA MATTERS

- i). Pot hole on road surface near Plas-uchaf near Penrhiwgoch needs attention.
- ii). Public footpath sign missing by Longacre, Llanarthne.(31/34 Longacre to Glyn-hendy).
- iii). Surface water road culvert blocked near Troed-y-rhiw-goch, Llanarthne.
- iv). Following the removal of a fallen tree near Gwynondale the hedgerow needs tidying up and make good road side including the removal of traffic cones.
- v). Repair work required to random rubble stonework at Pont ar Ffynnant bridge following a recent vehicular impact or collision of some sort.
- vi). Street lamp out of order at Pen-yr-heol, Cefn Abbey.
- vii). Street lights not always working on the slip road leading to the NBGW roundabout when leaving the M4. There is a lamp near the said roundabout that needs replacing or remove completely the remaining lamp base.
- viii). Street lamp near Hafod, Cefn Abbey is not working.
- ix). Highway Authority to investigate the creation of a car park adjacent to the Wrights Food Emporium.

County Councillor W. J. W. Evans advised members that Dr Rosie Plumber has tendered her resignation as Director of the National Garden of Wales. She was an inspirational leader and will be sadly missed.

LCC 16/105

MEMBERS REPORTS

The Chairman recently attended the annual Christmas Carol Service at Capel Dewi, he also and took part in a reading as representative of the council at St David's Church, Llanarthne Christmas Service

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

LCC 16/106

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Writer	Subject
Welsh Assembly	The Welsh Assembly is seeking nominations for the Queen's New Year 2017 Honours. It was agreed to nominate ("Celia Hall") for her outstanding achievements to the community.
Hywel Dda University Health Board	Vision for Future Services to be held at the Haliwell Centre on the 25 th January 2016 at 18:00 – 20:00

- a. There were no objections to the following full householder's planning application:-

Planning Application W/33190. Single Storey Residential Extension to the North West Elevation including Alterations at Ty Newydd, Llanarthne, Carmarthen. SA32 8LL

Applicant: Dr Pavel Stepanek.

- b. There were concerns on the following Variation of Condition planning application:-

Planning Application W/33155. Variation of Condition 2 of W/17004 (Amended layout from communal living to 6 small cottages; increase height of barn roof by 1 metre; biomass central heating replacing oil; installed solar panels on roof of house and barn) Llwynhaf, Llanddarog Road, Llanarthne, Carmarthen SA32 8AR

Applicant: Mr Mir Hadian.

Issues to be brought to the attention of the Development Officer include:

Observations from this community council were made in respect of W/17004, and have not been addressed – no provision for passing places evident.

This application refers to a VARIATION OF CONDITION 2, whereas in fact the proposal is for six dwellings in lieu of a single storey communal area, Is the increased barn height subject to a new application (first floor accommodation generated) in which case it cannot be considered as a variation?

The plans as submitted do not show what currently exists and what is proposed, - where is the biomass boiler and fuel stored?

No proposed pv panel array shown on the roof etc.

Photovoltaic panels on any roof surely warrants a new planning application and not a variation of condition.

No traffic management plan included identifying passing places on the public highway.

Should all six units proposed be subjected to a new planning application which includes the affordable housing levy?

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a. Gethin L. James. 3 months postages to 31.12.2015 as itemised.
£42.49 **Cheque No. 102316**
- b. Alan Jones, to upload minutes onto the Llanarthne Community Council Website
£35.00 **Cheque No. 102317**
- c. 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 (1st October 2015 to 31st December 2015).
£106.41 **Cheque No. 102318**
- d. Neuadd Llanarthne – To hire the Committee Room for Community Council Meetings on: 14.04.2015, 12.05.2015, 15.10.2015 & 10.11.2015.
£100.00 **Cheque No. 102319**

LCC 16/109

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – CAPEL DEWI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Clerk confirmed receiving a letter including detailed financial statements from Mrs Enid McCall, Secretary, Capel Dewi Community Association, requesting financial assistance towards the annual and continued maintenance of their Community Association Centre in Capel Dewi.

In 2014 (Last year) the organisation received a grant of £850.00 from the community council.

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones proposed, and Councillor Mrs J. Roberts seconded, and all agreed that the association receive a grant for £850.00 for 2015.

£850.00

Cheque No. 102310

LCC 16/110

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – LLANARTHNE HALL AND VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

Clerk confirmed receiving a letter dated 19.12.2015 including the detailed audited financial statement from Mrs Cheryl Pugh Jones - Chair, Llanarthne Hall, requesting financial assistance towards the annual and continued maintenance of Llanarthne Hall and the Margaret Bowen memorial field.

In 2014 (Last year) the organisation received a grant of £150.00 from the community council.

Councillor H.B. Jones proposed, and Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones seconded, and all agreed that the Llanarthne Village Hall Charity receive a grant for £850.00 for 2015

£850.00

Cheque No. 102311

Note: Councillor Mrs J. Roberts declared a personal and non- prejudicial interest on the above matter [Min No 110]; it is confirmed that Councillor Mrs J. Roberts did not at any time take part in the decision; neither seek to influence the decision process of the Council.

LCC 16/111

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTIES 2016

One Voice Wales has been requested by the Lord Chamberlain's Office to inform Member councils that Her Majesty will be hosting garden parties at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 10 May, Thursday 19 May and Tuesday 24 May 2016

The invitation is to the current (outgoing) Chairperson in recognition of past service. The Chairperson should be accompanied unless he or she specifically requests otherwise (the accompanying guest is included in the maximum of two nominees per council).

The quota which has been allocated to One Voice Wales is 30 invitations to be split between the three dates. The Chairperson nominated must be available on that date, and no alterations or substitutions can be made once the form has been submitted to the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

Clerk confirmed that the form has been duly completed, and that Councillor K. Thomas will be nominated on behalf of Llanarthne Community Council in 2016.

LCC 16/112 SCHOOL ROAD JUNCTION ONTO THE B4300

Mr John McEvoy has accepted all the design proposals in relation to the new proposed road markings at the school road junction onto the B4300. Concern again was raised as to when this work will be undertaken by the Authority. County Councillor W.J.W. Evans agreed to investigate matters with the Authority. Clerk to write to Jonathan Edwards MP with a view to expedite matters.

LCC 16/113 SPEEDING ISSUES

No update received from Mr Mike Jacob on matters relating to speeding issues and requested speed calming measures at Llanarthne Village. Councillor W.J.W. Evans agreed to investigate matters with the Authority, and the Clerk to write to Jonathan Edwards MP.

LCC 16/114 TO DECIDE ON PRECEPT FOR 2016/17

The Head of Financial Services CCC informs that the Tax Base 2016/17 is 376.02 an increase of around 0.69% compared with last year, which was 373.45
The estimated costs of elections 2015/2016 is **£nil** . The precept for 2015/16 was £15,121.70 (Band D paid £40.49).

Councillor H. B. Jones proposed, Councillor P. Edwards seconded, and all agreed that we increase our precept by 0.69% from last year in line with the Local Authority's increase for this forthcoming year.

The precept for 2016/17 is £15,226.04 (Band D will pay £40.49).

The 'Precept Upon Billing Authority Form' was signed by the Chairman for forwarding to the Head of Finance, County Hall, Carmarthen.

LCC 16/115 COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S WEB SITE

Clerk requested outstanding personal statements from members in order to bring the web site up to date. Councillor H. B. Jones will script check all translated text included on the web site.

Clerk will arrange for the minutes from September 2015 to December 2015 to be included in the minute section of the web page.

LCC 16/116 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND YOUTH AWARD 2015

The following was agreed:

Mr Simon McCall will receive the Youth Awards for 2015

Mrs Ann Davies and Miss Gwenllian Davies will receive the Environment Award for 2015

Mr Goronwy Griffiths and Mrs Meirion Griffiths will receive the Certificate of Merit for 2015

Mr Dewi Thomas of Ffynnon Ddewi, Capel Dewi be included for consideration for the Certificate of Merit in 2016.

Mrs Llinos Jones, Llwybrau Mebyd has for a number of years undertaken the calligraphy work on the award certificates, and as a token of thanks, clerk to arrange that she receives a gift voucher to the value of forty pounds.

LCC 16/117 ANNUAL DINNER

The Chairman agreed to make enquiries and select a suitable venue for the annual dinner in April 2016

LCC 16/118 Date and time of next meeting

9th February 2016 at 19.00 at Neuadd Llanarthne

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.39.

Councillor K. Thomas
Chairperson
(Min No's 103 – 118)

Gethin James
Clerk to the Council