

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016 AT THE OLD SCHOOL IN CAPEL DEWI.**

**Present:** Councillor H. Bryer  
Councillor D. E. Jenkins (*Chair*)  
Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones (*Vice Chair*)  
Councillor H. B. Jones (*19.00 – 20.10*)  
Councillor D. D. Morgan  
Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick  
Councillor Mrs J. Roberts  
Councillor K. Thomas

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

The meeting commenced at 19.00

The Chairman congratulated the Pupils, Staff and Supporters of Nantgaredig C. P. School for taking part in the Llangollen International Music Festival in 2016

**LCC 16/39**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**a. Apologies**

County Councillor W. J.W Evans  
Councillor P. Edwards

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
(Min. No's 25 – 38).**

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

**c. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th  
June 2016 (Min. No's 01 – 04).**

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

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

**[Min No 26(iii)].** Police are now investigating the loss six sheep owned by Mr D. Morgan, Porthyrhyd that went missing when sheep from the adjacent field were removed. To date the sheep owner cannot be traced.

**[Min No 26(vii)].** Hedge cutting requests particularly at road junctions are now being prioritised by the Authority.

**[Min No 33]** Clerk has received a letter from Mark James – Electoral Officer, dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016, confirming that we are now in a position to fill the vacancy of community councillor by co-option.



With respect to parking issues on the School Road in Llanarthne. Clerk has been advised that following some reorganisation within the Authority, Mr Tim Hammett (01269 820231) is now responsible for the Llanarthne Area, and not Mr D. H. Morgan.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.

**e. Declarations of Personal Interest**

*Councillor Mrs J. Roberts declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest on Min No 46, and Min No 47.*

There were no other formal declarations of interest recorded.

**LCC 16/40**

**AREA MATTERS**

- i.** Requested that hedges are in need of cutting back on the back road leading to the Botanical Garden.
- ii.** The cycle track by the Botanical Garden is overgrown and requires attention.
- iii.** The emptying of litter bins in the community needs to be undertaken more frequently, there has been several incidents where rubbish is dumped around the bins because the bins are always full.
- iv.** Requested that Mr Huw Francis the new Garden Director meets with the community council to re-establish the liaison group.
- v.** Parking obstructions to residents along the school road is ongoing, the plastic cones placed on the highway near the bus shelter is also causing obstructions to parents wishing to leave their children at this location to commute on school transport. Clerk agreed to contact the Authority and chase up a suitable date for a site meeting.
- vi.** Reported that works to the proposed cycle route from Carmarthen to Llandeilo along the former railway line has commenced in Abergwili. Clerk agreed to provide members with an update on developments by the next community council meeting.
- vii.** Inspection cover needs attention near No 6 Tir Llan Llanarthne.
- viii.** Two holes in road near No 5 Tir Llan, Llanarthne.
- ix.** Overhanging branches on road leading from Pont Felin-gat to Penallt.

**LCC 16/41**

**MEMBERS REPORTS**

Clerk attended a Meeting of the Regency Restoration Project Steering Group at the National Botanical Garden of Wales on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2106, and circulated his report following that meeting to council member's

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



LCC 16/42

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

Writer	Subject
National Botanic Garden of Wales	Members are invited to attend the official opening of the Butterfly House on Monday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> 2016
Welsh Government	They are seeking our views on the new planning advice for the historic environment contained in a draft Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24, no later than 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016
One Voice Wales	Information received on the <i>"Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth"</i> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Ombudsman (Wales)	Annual Report of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales for the year 2015/16 received.
Welsh Government	Information received on recruiting Vice-Chairs and Independent Members to NHS Wales.
Llanarthne & Llanddarog 2017 RWAS	Chair – Mr Meirion Owen, thanks the Community Council for our financial contribution in the sum of £500.00 towards the Carmarthenshire Feature County Appeal 2017.

LCC 16/43

## PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications submitted for consideration by the community council.

LCC 16/44

## PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- i. Gethin L. James. 3 months postages to 30.06.2016 as itemised.  
**£49.04** **Cheque No. 102362**
- 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 (1st July 2016 to 30th September 2016).  
**£106.41** **Cheque No. 102363**

LCC 16/45

## QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW

Clerk provided members with a copy of the first quarter financial statement of the community council 2016/17, setting out actual income and expenditure to date. Councillor H. B. Jones proposed, Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones seconded, and all agreed that there were no issues evident requiring attention on estimated income and planned expenditure.



**LCC 16/46****FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – LLANARTHNE SHOW 2016**

Llanarthne Show writes (letter dated 22.06.2016) to seek financial assistance towards the running costs of the Annual Show in 2016.

Councillor H. B. Jones proposed, Councillor K. Thomas seconded and all agreed to make a financial contribution of £300.00 towards the annual event.

**£300.00**

**Cheque No. 102364**

*Note: Councillor Mrs J. Roberts declared a personal and non- prejudicial interest on the above matter [Min No 46]; 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 16/47****FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION**

In appreciation of the support given by Mr Spencer Davies to Councillor Mrs J. Roberts during the planting of wild flowers at Llanarthne Hall, Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones seconded, and all agreed that the clerk provides each of them with a gift voucher to the value of £50.00.

*Note: Councillor Mrs J. Roberts declared a personal and non- prejudicial interest on the above matter [Min No 47]; 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 16/48****CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

Mark James – Electoral Registration Officer confirms (Letter dated 17.06.2016) that as he has not received a request from ten electors for an election to take place, we can now co-opt a replacement member.

Clerk confirmed that under Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011; public notices of the vacancy for co-option have been displayed in the community, and that nominations were to be submitted to the clerk no later than 12.00 noon on Monday 12 July 2016.

Only one nomination has been received for the vacancy, namely Mr Peter Bowen, Preseli, Capel Dewi.

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones proposed, Councillor K. Thomas seconded and all agreed that Mr Peter Bowen be appointed community councillor in the Parish of Llanarthne, and will be asked to attend the next meeting of the community council.

**LCC 16/49****SPEEDING ISSUES**

Despite reassurances from Mr Mike Jacob that traffic counters will be placed in Llanarthne Village to record traffic speed, there have been no developments on this issue and members were naturally bitterly disappointed.

Clerk to contact his line manager and express our disappointment, and request that this survey is carried out immediately.



**LCC 16/50**

**ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS**

The clerk is currently a full member with the Society of Local Council Clerks. A motion for creating a separate trade union, named the Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC) was agreed by Society members at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016. We are therefore invited to become a member of ALCC at no cost in the first year. Clerk agreed to investigate the benefits of joining ALCC, and report back at the next council meeting.

*Due to other commitments Councillor H. B. Jones had to leave the meeting. The Chairman extended Councillor H B Jones every success and future happiness in his forthcoming marriage on behalf of council members.*

**LCC 16/51**

**BUS SHELTER ISSUE**

Mr T. R. Carruthers has requested a rubbish bin at Pen-y-ffin bus shelter due to the amount of rubbish deposited there which he regularly collects. It was also agreed that we provide him with gloves and disinfectant following the reported foul waste recently deposited there.

**LCC 16/52**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEB SITE**

The clerk will contact our website co-ordinator to include the recent minutes of the community council onto the site. Clerk to establish if the translation has been corrected, and the clerk is still awaiting some personal statements from members for inclusion onto the site.

**LCC 16/53**

**PLENARY POWERS**

Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor Mrs J. Roberts seconded, and all agreed that in August 2016, the Clerk be given plenary powers to deal with urgent matters on behalf of the Council, but subject to Chairman's approval.

Chairman extended Councillor H B Jones every success and future happiness in his forthcoming marriage.

**LCC 16/54**

**Date and time of next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 19.00 at the Old School in Capel Dewi

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.22

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**Councillor D. E. Jenkins**  
**Chairperson**  
*(Min No's 39 - 54)*

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