

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
11th JULY 2017 AT THE OLD SCHOOL, CAPEL DEWI.**

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

In attendance: Community and County Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies
Mr Gethin James (Clerk to the Community Council)

The meeting commenced at 19.00

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PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13th June 2017
(Min. No's 23 – 38).**

Subject to translation corrections in the Welsh Minutes (Min No 23(b) & 28(d)).

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

Proposed by Councillor K. Thomas and seconded by Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies.

c. Matters arising from the above-mentioned Minutes

[Min No 18] 2017 Bar for Chain of Office has been received and has been secured onto it.

[Min No 30] Clerk confirmed that the accounts and supporting documents were sent recorded delivery to the external auditors (Grant Thornton – Bristol) in advance of the due date which was 19th June 2017.

[Min No 37] Clerk has written to Mr Huw Bryer and Mrs Mandy Tobias Quick to thank them for their services to Llanarthne Community Council.

d. Declarations of Personal Interest

Declarations of Interest recorded for Min No 47

There were no other formal declarations of interest recorded.

LCC 17/40**AREA MATTERS**

- i. Reported that a Caravan is used for residential purposes at Blaenpibwr and needs investigating
- ii. Centre of road surface eroding at approx. 15 yards of junction near Brynawelon
- iii. The masonry boundary wall from North East Lodge to Brynhawddgar needs attention. Clerk agreed to raise this issue at the next Steering Group Meeting at the National Botanical Garden of Wales
- iv. Overgrown and hanging branches need attention near Goferglas
- v. Decorative Leeks at Botanical Roundabout are becoming less visible due to overgrown hedges.
- vi. Lorries and cars are parking on the roundabout verges to the main entrance at the National Botanical Garden of Wales.
- vii. Poor visibility due to overgrown verges at junction near Troed-y-rhiw-goch.
- viii. Councillor Mrs J. Roberts has requested compost for the planter boxes.
- ix. Poor visibility due to overgrown verges at B4300 junction leading to Penybanc Uchaf.
- x. Requested that a group photograph of the council be organised to include Mr Huw Bryer, Mr Wyn Evans, and Mrs Mandy Tobias-Quick being past members of the community council.

LCC 17/41**MEMBERS REPORTS**

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

LCC 17/42**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies confirmed the following: -

Since last month, the full Council business was cancelled, but this month's will go ahead next Wednesday with Parc Howard, Llanelli on the agenda, and questions from the public ownership of the park.

Matters raised last month, i.e. pot hole on the B4300 near Bremenda Isaf and the erosion of the hedge near Penrheol have been noted and will be addressed. However, the hedge near Llwynhelyg has been trimmed and the trees cut back.

A request has been submitted for a 30mph speed limit between Dryslwyn Fawr and the hamlet after the Castle. This has been forwarded to the highways Department for their attention, and Councillor C. A. Davies looks forward to their proposals.

Also, proposed is a "Give Way" sign on our side of Nantgaredig bridge in order to have some form of traffic control there. However, the bridge is listed by CADW and it seems unlikely that this can be resolved in the near future.

Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies has been looking into the 106 money that is allocated to the Ward and when she has more details and information on this matter then she will bring it forward to our attention. Her hope is that this money can be used for specific projects within the Ward, and is awaiting a reply from Sarah Morris.

Perhaps now is the time to think about what facilities we need within our Community, i.e. it could be soft play mats in the Park in Llanarthne, additional facilities within Capel Dewi Old School, it is understood it can be leisure or highways linked and it has to come via the County Councillor.

County Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies agreed to keep us informed on progress.

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

Writer	Subject
Hywel Dda University Health Board	Notification received that the Health Board has recently agreed that a public consultation on community mental health service would be held from 22 nd June to the 15 th of September 2017 Your views to: Hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	'Transforming Clinical services' will give people a chance to have their say on how they would like services to improve across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. The exercise will run from 22 June to the 15 th of September 2017. To take part, residents are asked to read the issue paper and answer an accompanying questionnaire. Documents can be accessed or requested by: tcs@wales.nhs.uk
Grant Thornton UK LLP	Our external auditors acknowledge receipt on 19 th June 2017 of the 2017 Community Council Annual Return.
Welsh Government	Sustainable Management Scheme – Third Application window opens on 10 th July 2017 The scheme offers grants to collaborative groups from a minimum of £10,000 to a maximum of £700,000
One Voice Wales	Dates for the Carmarthenshire Area Committee provisionally agreed for Wednesday 4 th October 2017, Tuesday 27 th February 2018, Wednesday 11 th April 2018, and Tuesday 19 th June 2018.
Dewis Cymru	Advises on their online directory of health and wellbeing related services available to people living in Wales, visit www.dewis.wales for more details.
Carmarthenshire County Council	Local Government Pension Scheme – 2016 Valuation Exercise has recently been concluded with the final valuation report certifying the contribution rates payable for all employers available on the Pension Fund website

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PLANNING MATTERS

- a. There were no objections to the following non-material amendment planning application: -

Planning Application Number: W/35785 Non-Material Amendment to W/34994 (Additional 3 No Aviaries) National Botanical Garden of Wales, Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire SA32 8HG

Applicant: Mr Huw Davies.

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PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

- i. 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 (Equates to 50% split between Llanarthne Community Council & IAGO Cymru Ltd from 1st July 2017 to 30th September 2017).
£106.41 **Cheque No. 102429**
- ii. Gethin L. James. 3 months postages, to 30.06.2017 as itemised.
£46.37 **Cheque No. 102430**
- iii. Thomas Fattorini Ltd.– Invoice No 1219668. 1 No silver gilt bar 36 x 8mm machine engraved with “2017 Mrs D. M. Jones” £39.74, Carriage Charge £7.32 total net = £47.06 + £9.41 VAT, = Totals £56.47
£56.47 **Cheque No. 102431**

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ADOPTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies proposed, Councillor P. W. Edwards seconded and all agreed that the Community Council adopt the Social Media Policy.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LLANARTHNE SHOW 2017

Llanarthne Show writes (letter dated 28.06.2017) to seek financial assistance towards the running costs of the Annual Show in 2017.

Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor P. W. Edwards seconded and all agreed to make a financial contribution of £300.00 towards the annual event.

£300.00

Cheque No. 102432

Note: Councillor Mrs J.P. Roberts & Councillor C. A. Davies declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest on the above matter [Min No 47]; it is also confirmed that both Councillors did not at any time take part in the decision; neither seek to influence the decision process of the Council.

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CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Mark James – Electoral Registration Officer confirms (Letter dated 10.07.2017) that as he has not received a request from ten electors for an election to take place, the closing date being 7th July 2017, therefore we can now formally co-opt a replacement member.

Clerk confirmed that under Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011; states it is a requirement to give public notice where vacancies in Community Council membership are to be filled by co-option. The notices were advertised on 10.07.2017

The matter will be considered at the next meeting of the council.

Mrs Delyth John, Gorsgoch, Llanarthne has expressed an interest in the vacancy together with Mr Glenn Jones, Penallt Isaf, Llanarthne.

Councillor K. Thomas advised members that he and his family they are considering moving to Llangathen, but hopes to remain as a Community Councillor in Llanarthne.

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SPEEDING ISSUES

Clerk confirmed that Police presence has taken place in the village of Llanarthne, with speeding prosecutions issued. It was agreed that the clerk contact Mr Andrew Morgan for an update on matters.

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ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

To date the renewal notice has not been received by the clerk

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CLERKS VACANCY

Clerk confirmed that the job vacancy description for a Clerk in Llanarthne has been forwarded for advertisement in the Lloffwr, Papur y Cwm, and One Voice Wales. The Clerk job vacancy notice has also been placed in the Community Council Notice Board.

The closing date for job applications is Monday 2nd October 2017

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE

Clerk confirmed that Pach Solutions Ltd, Llandovery, have received their 30% acceptance fee to undertake upgrading of the Community Council and Village Hall Websites.

The clerk will assist them in getting our site updated to include the recent minutes of the community council, community council accounts, etc. Clerk to ensure that the translation is corrected, and the clerk is still awaiting some personal statements from members, for inclusion onto the site.

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PLENARY POWERS TO CLERK DURING AUGUST 2017 RECESS

Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies proposed, Councillor K. Thomas seconded, and all agreed that in August 2017, the Clerk be given plenary powers to deal with urgent matters on behalf of the Council, but subject to Chairman's approval.

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Date and time of next meeting

12th September 2017 at 19.00 at the Old School, Capel Dewi.

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.17.

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones.
Chairperson
(Min No's 39 – 54)

Gethin James
Clerk to the Council