

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 Mrs J. Roberts  
Councillor K. Thomas

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

The meeting commenced at 19.00

**LCC 17/138 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**a. Apologies**

Councillor H. Bryer  
Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
(Min. No's 122 – 137).**

The Minutes **were approved** as a correct record.  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor H. B. Jones.

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

**[Min No 123(v)].** Mr M Makin has purchased the woodland beyond Ty Newydd, Llanarthne, Tree planting is currently being undertaken there, and the new access created inhibits vehicles being parked on the main B4300 road.

**d. Declarations of Personal Interest**

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded by Council Members.  
*Clerk wished to record a "Conflict of Interest" on Planning Matters (Minute No 142)*

- i. The road surface at both roundabout near the National Botanical Garden of Wales require attention, although the Authority has scheduled this undertaking as future works, pressure needs to be applied on them to have the work undertaken as soon as possible.
- ii. There have been no developments on our request to have a "grit bin" installed between Wernbongam and Cwmforgan.
- iii. The deadline for completing the complete removal of the horse shelter below Penallt Isaf is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. This will be closely monitored.
- iv. Village bins remain full, and are sometimes overflowing and should be emptied more frequently by the Authority, the clerk has recorded this matter with the main switchboard within the Authority and is awaiting a response from them.
- v. The road bend at Arwel Court has signage issues, some poles remain but with missing signage - in particular the chevron signs.

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

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

Writer	Subject
Coedhirion Farm	Write to the community council to register their objections to the proposed Caravan and Campsite at the National Botanic Garden. They object on the following grounds i) Location, ii) Serious loss of income, iii) Unfair subsidised competition. The community council had recommended planning approval before this letter was received
Welsh Government	Appointment of Chair, Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Accreditation Committee, Tenure of office 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022, Remuneration £350 per day Closing date of applications 31.03.2017
Abergwili Community Council	Vacancy for the post of Clerk, Closing date is 17.03.2017
Community Health Council	(CHCs) across Wales will be asking people whose lives have been touched by dementia, they can be contacted at the following email address: <a href="mailto:yourvoice@waleschc.org.uk">yourvoice@waleschc.org.uk</a>
National Library of Wales	Appointment of a Vice President to the National Library of Wales. Appointment term 4 years, Closing date 31.03.2017
Tree Charter Survey	Thank our community council for taking part in the recent National Tree Survey. Contd.....

Carmarthenshire Community Council	Notices of Election for both the County and Community elections. Clerk confirmed that the notices have been placed in the village notice board.
County Federation of YFC	Chairman and Clerk invited to attend the Carmarthenshire Young Farmers Annual Rally on Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Natural Resources Wales	Have released a consultation on a draft circular for the planning of gypsy, traveller and showpeople sites. The closing date for responses is 22.05.2017 Comments to: <a href="https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/draft-circular-planning-gypsy-traveller-and-showpeople-sites">https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/draft-circular-planning-gypsy-traveller-and-showpeople-sites</a>
Capel Dewi Community Association	Thank the community council for our financial support to the Old School and Eisteddfod Fach in 2017

#### LCC 17/142

#### 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 application W/35157*

There were no objections to the following FULL planning application:-

- i. **Planning Application Number:** W/35157. Change of Use – Agricultural Land to Holiday Use (Siting of 15 No. Timber Cladded Wigwam Cabins with Associated Ancillary Structures). National Botanical Garden of Wales, Middleton Hall, Llanarthne, Carmarthen, SA32 8HG  
**Applicant:** Mr Huw Francis – Director

The approval granted by members was subject to annual and continued maintenance of the existing boundary hedgerows surrounding the site.

#### LCC 17/143

#### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- i. Mr. G. Griffiths. Cleaning bus shelter for 3 months to 31.03.2017  
£97.50 gross, less PAYE -£19.60 = £77.90 net  
**£77.90** **Cheque No. 102399**
- ii. Mr T. R. Carruthers. . Cleaning Capel Dewi bus shelter for 3 months to 31.03.2017. £ 97.50 and Penyffin £22.50 = £120.00 gross.  
**£120.00** **Cheque No. 102400**

- iii. Gethin L James - Clerk's salary for 3 months to 31.03.2017. £1,200.90 gross (SCP 27 @ 7.5 hrs per week). Less -£66.05 Superannuation, less - £227.00 PAYE, less -£63.47 Employee NIC = £844.38 net  
**£844.38** **Cheque No. 102401**
- iv. Carmarthenshire County Council. Superannuation, Clerk's Contribution £66.05, Employers Contribution £254.59, and Past Service Deficit £25.00  
Totals: £345.64  
**£345.64** **Cheque No. 102402**
- v. Inland Revenue PAYE  
Mr G. Griffiths £19.60 and Mr G. L. James £227.00, Employee & Employer NIC £135.91 = Totals: £382.51  
**£382.51** **Cheque No. 102403**
- vi. Gethin James. Reimbursement of internet domain payments to 1 & 1 from 01.01.16 to 31.12.16 = £159.93  
**£159.93** **Cheque No. 102405**
- vii. Llanarthne hall to hire committee room on 10.05.16, 11.10.16, 08.11.16, 13.12.16, 10.01.17, 14.02.17 and 14.03.17  
**£175.00** **Cheque No. 102406**
- viii. IAGO Cymru Ltd. Production of large scaled drawings (A2) of planning application drawings for observations by council members in 2016/17 as itemised £70.00  
**£70.00** **Cheque No. 102407**

#### LCC 17/144

#### FOOTWAY LIGHTING CHARGES 2016/17

Councillor Mrs J. Roberts proposed, Councillor K. Thomas seconded and all agreed that the following account be paid: Carmarthenshire County Council. (Invoice No: 94505248. Dated: 14.02.2017) Public lighting 01.04.16 to 31.03.2017. Maintenance £2,522.76, Energy £1,539.00 = £4,061.76 + (20%) VAT= £812.35 Totals: £4,874.11  
**£4,874.11** **Cheque No. 102404**

Carmarthenshire County Council forwards the estimated maintenance and energy costs for street lighting in 2017/18 and are as follows:  
Energy £2,583.12 Maintenance £1,846.80 Subtotal £4,429.92 + VAT £885.98 = £5,315.90 Clerk has advised the Authority that the energy costs are usually much lower than the maintenance costs, they have agreed to correct this error.

#### LCC 17/145

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It was agreed to provide financial assistance to the following organisations in the new financial year (April 2017):  
Proposed by Councillor H. B. Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones

Papur y Cwm	<i>Cheque No 102408</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
Tenovus	<i>Cheque No 102409</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
Walk for Life	<i>Cheque No 102410</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
Teenage Cancer Trust	<i>Cheque No 102411</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
Wales Air Ambulance	<i>Cheque No 102412</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
Bobath Children's Centre	<i>Cheque No 102413</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
Y Lloffwr	<i>Cheque No 102414</i>	<i>£50.00</i>

**LCC 17/146**

#### **PLANTING AND PLANTER PROVISION**

The planting undertaken below the village signage at Llanarthne and Capel Dewi in 2016 is prone to be damaged by grass cutting machinery, It was agreed that the clerk contacts Mr T Carruthers and discuss the provision of making and the installation of timber rails in front of the plants to offer them protection, with a view of making them appear like planter boxes.

**LCC 17/147**

#### **COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEAS – SUMMER PERIOD**

Councillor Mrs J. Roberts and the clerk will check the availability of Llanarthne village hall in the summer months between 2.30 and 4.30 pm for the purpose of providing afternoon teas for community members, and in particular s social gathering for the elderly.

The costs associated with this event in the first year will be met by Llanarthne Community Council. If the event proves to be a success, then one would hope that it becomes financially viable and self-supporting in terms of costs.

The event will need to be marketed using social media and traditional advertising methods.

**LCC 17/148**

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

Our Chair and Spouse will be attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 as representatives of Llanarthne Community Council.

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 give this matter further consideration at the next meeting of the community council

**LCC 17/149**

#### **SPEEDING ISSUES**

Following a reminder from Councillor K. Thomas to Mr Stephen Pilliner, Head of Highways & Transport, Carmarthenshire County Council, the following was confirmed:

He was most sorry and offered his sincere apologies to learn that Councillor K. Thomas had not received a response to his e mail which the Chief Executive had referred to him.

But confirmed that following receipt of Councillor K. Thomas's email, his officers agreed to contact the appropriate enforcement agencies, and noted that there has been further enforcement activity at the site.

The matter will be raised again at the forthcoming April meeting of the multi-agency speed management group. The data gathered on the road will also be reviewed and if required updated before the meeting.

Councillor K. Thomas request for other interventions at the site will also be considered, and will ensure that his officers update our community council following the meeting in April 2017.

**LCC 17/150**

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND ANNUAL DINNER**

Confirmed that the the Annual Community Council Dinner will be held on Friday 28th April 2017 at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen.

The choice menu will be circulated to members prior to the next council meeting.

Certificate recipients at the Annual Dinner confirmed as:

Certificate of Merit will be awarded to Mr Dewi Thomas, Tegfan, Capel Dewi, for services to the community.

Environment Certificate will be awarded to Councillor Mrs Judy Roberts, Black Horse, Llanarthne for services in the community.

Youth Awards to Tom and Megan Jones, Brynhawddgar, Llanarthne for their involvement with the Llanarthne and Llanddarog RWAS Fund Raising Committee.

**LCC 17/151**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

There was no other business.

**LCC 17/152**

**Date and time of next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 19.00 at Llanarthne Village Hall.

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.40.

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**Councillor D. E. Jenkins**  
**Chairperson**  
(Min No's 138 -152)

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