

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
8th NOVEMBER 2016 AT LLANARTHNE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Councillor P. Bowen
Councillor D. E. Jenkins (*Chair*)
Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones (*Vice Chair*)
Councillor D. D. Morgan
Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick
Councillor K. Thomas

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

The meeting commenced at 19.00

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PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a. Apologies

Councillor H. Bryer
Councillor P. Edwards
Councillor Mrs J. Roberts

The Chairman extended the very best of health wishes to Councillor P. Edwards following his recent surgery procedure.

**b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th October 2016
(Min. No's 70 - 81).**

The Minutes **were approved** as a correct record.
Proposed by Councillor P. Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick.

c. Matters arising from the above mentioned Minutes

[Min No 71(i)] No response received to date concerning our request to have a grit bin installed between Cwmforgan and Wernbongam.

[Min No 74] Mr Hopkin has had on-going communication with the investigating officer, but no formal response from the Local Authority as yet.

[Min No 56(v).] Paxton's Tower, The woodland between the National Trust land at Paxton's Tower, and the B4300 is not in National Trust ownership. However, they have spoken to the woodland manager there, Mr Arwyn Morgan, who manages the woodland on behalf of a private land owner, and they have been informed that in the near future they will be dealing with numerous windblown trees along the top edge of the woodland; the subsequent felling should improve the viewing.

d. Declarations of Personal Interest

There were no formal declarations of interest recorded.

AREA MATTERS

- i. Broadband provision in the Community is poor and needs investigating. The new fibre optic cupboard installed in Llanarthne is redundant, and needs to be commissioned to obtain a better internet service.
- ii. Light fitting on Porthyrhyd roundabout needs monitoring as it does not always come on.
- iii. The road surfaces at both roundabouts by the Botanical Garden are in need of attention. Clerk confirmed that this issue has been brought to the Highway Authorities attention some time ago
- iv. Dog fouling on pavements in Llanarthne village has been on the increase of late, also the street lighting levels provided by the new light fittings is not considered appropriate.

MEMBERS REPORTS

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

Chair has received an invitation to attend as representative of the Community Council the Annual Service of Remembrance at St Lleians Church, Gorslas on Sunday 13th November 2016 at 10.45 am. He is also expected to make a reading at the service (Romans 8 v 31-39). The Chair has also been asked to give a financial contribution towards the costs of the Poppy Wreaths.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Writer	Subject
Carmarthenshire County Council	Letter received requesting our support for the Christmas Toy box scheme
One Voice Wales	The next Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 th November 2016 at 7.00pm The Castle Hotel, Kings Road, Llandovery.
One Voice Wales	<p>One Voice Wales is able to offer member Councils the following consultancy services provided by fully qualified professionals:</p> <p>Human Resources and Employment Law. Accountancy Services. Value Added Tax Legislation. Health Safety and Welfare. Property Management. Community Engagement and Development. Community Asset Transfer, Partnership Working. Place Plan and Well Being.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Contd.....</i></p>

National Infrastructure Commission for Wales	The Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, is launching a public consultation that invites stakeholder views on how the commission could be set up and run. The consultation period will close on 9 January 2017. The consultation is available on the internet at: https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/national-infrastructure-commission-wales
Welsh Government	The Welsh Government is currently working on Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918's Programme 2017 brochure and is appealing for events which could be featured in the publication.
Welsh Government	The Culture, Welsh Language and Communication Committee are undertaking an inquiry into 'the Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy. Information on the inquiry and how to submit written evidence is available on the Committee's website. http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=232
Electoral Commissioner, Wales,	Are now looking to appoint a new Electoral Commissioner, Wales. As a Commissioner this person will bring a track record of senior level involvement in the not for profit, private or public sector and will be able to contribute to the leadership and strategic direction of the organisation. The closing date is 5pm on Friday 11 November 2016.
Ageing Well in Wales	Ageing Well in Wales, in partnership with Living Streets and the Centre for Ageing and Dementia Research, has recently launched a survey looking at the walkability of neighbourhoods across Wales. They are keen to hear from older people about their neighbourhoods, and how easy it is to walk around, and identify any barriers.
One Voice Wales	Forward Nomination Pack on the 2017 Innovative Practice National Awards.

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PLANNING MATTERS

- a. There were no objections to the following full planning application (Retrospective):-

Planning Application Number: W/34614. Cow Tracks (IKM) and an area of Hardstanding, Land at Capel Dewi Isaf, Capel Dewi, Carmarthen SA32 8AD
Applicant: Mr Huw Rees

Members expressed concern that of late a number of planning applications received for consultation by this Community Council are retrospective, therefore any observations made have no bearing and can be considered futile.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- i. Parish-Online Annual Subscription Renewal for period 18 Nov 2016 to 18 Nov 2017. Fee £28.00 + 5.60 VAT = £33.60
£33.60 **Cheque No. 102384**

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

Payments to Community Council Members - Government (Wales) Measure 2011

Councillor K. Thomas proposed Councillor Mrs D.M. Jones seconded and all agreed that the Community Council adopt Determination 45 to 52 and will apply to all Community Council members.

It should be noted that an individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to clerk and responsible financial officer of the council.
This Entitlement is "Allowed but not Obligatory"

Determination 45: Community and town councils are authorised to make a payment to each of their members of a maximum amount of £100 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.

Determination 46: Community and town councils are authorised to make an annual payment not exceeding £500 to up to 3 members in recognition of specific responsibilities.

Determination 47: Community and town councils are authorised to provide a civic allowance to the mayor/chair and deputy mayor/chair of the council at an amount that they deem appropriate to undertake the functions of that office.

Determination 48: Community and town councils are authorised to make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties both within and outside the area of the council.

Determination 49: Community and town councils are authorised to reimburse subsistence expenses to their members for attending approved duties outside the area of the council – see attached rate.

Determination 50: Community and town councils are authorised to pay an Attendance Allowance to each of their members for attending approved duties outside the area of the council – see attached rate.

Determination 51: Community and town councils are authorised to pay a Financial Loss Allowance to each of their members where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties outside the area of the council.

Determination 52: Community and town councils are authorised to provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) up to a maximum of £403.00 per month. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.

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BUDGET SETTING 2017/18

The clerk as responsible financial officer advised members that the income received from April 2015 to March 2016 was £17,716.79 and that payments incurred during that period was £21, 923.25 producing a deficit of £4,206.46

In setting the forthcoming budget for 2017/18 Members will need to take into account the anticipated expenditure for that period and ensure that the precept is sufficient to cover all anticipated and planned payments.

Clerk issued members with a pie chart outlining all expenditure in 2015/16 to assist them in budget setting for 2017/18. This matter will be given further consideration at our next council meeting.

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CAPEL DEWI TENNIS COURT

Clerk has agreed to assist Mr Tony Emmerson with grant funding applications for the proposed works to the Capel Dewi Tennis Court. Invitations have already been sent out to suitable contractors to price for the proposed works, as soon as we are in receipt of these quotations formal financial grant applications will be made.

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PARKING ISSUES LLANARTHNE SCHOOL ROAD

Clerk confirmed that he has written to Mr Andrew Morgan, Carmarthenshire County Council, requesting consideration for a residents parking scheme to be introduced along the School Road in Llanarthne. To date, no response has been received from the Authority and the clerk will contact Mr Andrew Morgan again on the matter.

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SPEEDING ISSUES LLANARTHNE VILLAGE

Mr Mike Jacob, Road Safety Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council apologises for the delay in getting back to us.

And following our joint meeting at Llanarthne Hall (Monday 20th June, at 6.00 pm) and the concerns expressed during the meeting by all those present regarding speeding traffic through the village, he confirms that speed classifying equipment was placed as promised through the village to record traffic speeds.

Bearing in mind the results (summary circulated to council members at the meeting) He confirms that GoSafe (Safety Camera Partnership) will look to adopt the location (subject to acceptable risk assessment for parking of enforcement vehicle) as a community concern mobile camera enforcement site.

He hopes to make himself available to attend our December meeting, at which time he should have a further update as to whether the site has been fully adopted for enforcement.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mrs I. M. Tobias Quick advised members that the Clerk occasionally has a conflict of interest when members discuss planning applications due to his professional role as architectural agent. In future this conflict of interest will need to be recorded accordingly.

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones expressed concern that recent internal communication circulated from the clerk to council members, was being discussed by members of the public in advance of the council meeting. Council business should remain confidential until the business of the meeting has been discussed, recorded in the minutes, and the minutes approved, before they are made available to the public.

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Date and time of next meeting

13th December 2016 at 19.00 at Llanarthne Village Hall.

The business of the meeting terminated at 20.41

Councillor D. E. Jenkins
Chairperson
(Min No's 82 - 94)

Gethin James
Clerk to the Council