

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 AT LLANARTHNE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:**

Councillor P. Bowen (*Vice-Chair*)  
Councillor D.E. Jenkins  
Councillor Mrs D. Johns  
Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones  
Councillor H. B. Jones  
Councillor D. D. Morgan (*Chair*)  
Councillor Mrs J. P. Roberts  
Councillor K. Thomas

**In attendance:**

Mrs Delyth Rees (Clerk to the Community Council)

The meeting commenced at 19.00

**LCC 18/1**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- a. Apologies were received from Community and County Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies and Councillor P. W. Edwards

**LCC 18/2**

**TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Chairman thanked all for assisting and supporting her throughout her year in office, which had been an enjoyable experience. She also felt that the community council make a valuable contribution within the community.

Councillor H. B. Jones proposed, Councillor D.E. Jenkins seconded, and all agreed that the Vice Chairman, Councillor D. D. Morgan be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. The relevant declaration was signed. He thanked members for nominating him, and thanked Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones for her leadership and commitment to the community council during the last year.

**LCC 18/03**

**TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor Mrs J. P. Roberts proposed, Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones seconded, and all agreed that Councillor P. Bowen be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. He was congratulated by the Chairman.

#### **LCC 18/04                      ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor Mrs D. M Jones seconded, and all agreed that Standing Orders be accepted as from previous year. All present confirmed having received copies of the said document. New members present are to familiarise themselves with the document.

#### **LCC 18/05                      TO APPOINT A 'ONE VOICE WALES' GROUP MEETING REPRESENTATIVE**

At present, the council representative is Councillor D. E. Jenkins, who has attended the majority of the meetings. Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor P. W. Edwards seconded, and all agreed that Councillor D. E. Jenkins act as the council representative. Councillor D. D. Morgan will remain as reserve should Councillor D. E. Jenkins have other commitments.

#### **LCC 18/06                      TO APPOINT TWO COUNCILORS TO ATTEND GWENDRAETH GROUP OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

At present, our representative is Councillor H. B. Jones, with the Clerk as reserve. Councillor H. B. Jones will act as representative of the council at these meetings. Councillor K. Thomas agreed to act as reserve should Councillor H. B. Jones have other commitments. Clerk will establish when the next group meeting is scheduled to take place. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs D.M Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs Judy Roberts and all agreed to continue with this arrangement.

#### **LCC 18/07                      SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

The past clerk, Mr Gethin James has written to the Chairman of the Governing Body at Nantgaredig C.P. School to express our interest in being elected onto the Governing Body at the next round of vacancies, either as parent or community representatives. Councillor Mrs J. Roberts has agreed in the past to represent our council on the Governing Body. However, no correspondence has been received to date.

#### **LCC 18/08                      APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk usually undertakes this role. Councillor K. Thomas proposed, Councillor D. E Jenkins seconded, and all agreed that the Clerk be appointed responsible financial officer for the ensuing year.

#### **LCC 18/09                      DAY AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Councillor H. B Jones proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Judy Roberts and all agreed that these remain the same, being on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August, and the meetings from October to May inclusive held at Neuadd Llanarthne, and June, July and September at the Old School, Capel Dewi.

#### **LCC 18/10**

- **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Min. No's 148 – 158).**
  1. The Minutes were approved as a correct record.  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. M Jones and seconded by Councillor H.B Jones.

- **Matters arising from the above-mentioned Minutes**

- The highways department have acknowledged receipt of reported uneven road surface at Capel Dewi and Carmarthen.
- Carmarthenshire County Council have acknowledged receipt of reported Dog fouling and litter depositing in Llanarthne.
- A site meeting was held at the entrance of the church with Cannon Brian Witt (parish vicar), Miss Nia Bishop, Mr Wyn Bishop (Stone Masons) Councillor Mrs D.M. Jones, Councillor D. D. Morgan, Councillor D. E. Jenkins, and Clerk Mrs D. Rees to discuss the site and position of the Remembrance headstone. Apologies were received from Councillor K. Thomas and Mr Gethin James.
- A meeting was held with Mr Simon Clement, Forward Planning Officer for Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss the LDP. Maps and literature were given to discuss at the next meeting.
- Councillor Mrs D. M Jones (Min 155) questioned the clerk if Mr Gethin James had submitted an estimated fee for applying for planning application regarding the remembrance headstone. Clerk informed Councillor Mrs D. M Jones that Mr G James had stated that there would be no charge.

**Declarations of Personal Interest.**

- There were no declarations of interest.

**LCC 18/11**

**AREA MATTERS**

1. It was reported that the bus stop at Glynderwen, Cefn Abbey was in need of cleaning, due to being green since the wintry weather.
2. It was reported to highways that the water gratings from Penrheol to Tŷ Coch at Cefn Abbey are in need of attention.

**LCC 18/12**

**MEMBERS REPORTS**

Councillor Mrs D. M Jones took part in the celebrations of the tenth Anniversary of Llanarthne Village Hall.

Councillor Mrs J. Roberts attended a meeting on behalf of Llanarthne Community Council, to gather information on the future of the hospitals in our area, and had prepared a document for the councillors stating the options that were discussed at the meeting. The clerk then distributed questionnaires to the councillors to fill in so that their opinions could be considered. Councillor D.E Jenkins suggested that a meeting could be held at Llanarthne Village Hall so that members of the public are aware of the plans that are being developed within our NHS. Councillor Mrs Judy Roberts to liaise with the necessary people.

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

Writer	Subject
<b>Hywel Dda University Health Board St David's Park Carmarthen</b>	Hywel Dda University Health Board are holding a series of public drop in events across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. A list of dates, times and venues has been included in their literature. Booklets and questionnaires have also been forwarded for the Councillors attention.
<b>Fflur Dafis Penallt Uchaf Llanarthne</b>	A letter of appreciation for the sum of £200 given to Miss Dafis, April 2018. Miss Dafis is more than happy to discuss her experiences of Patagonia upon her return.
<b>One Voice Wales 24c College Street Ammanford</b>	Carmarthenshire area Committee A letter to confirm that the next Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting will be held at 7.00pm, Wednesday the 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018, at the Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli. SA15 3DD.
<b>British Heart Foundation</b>	Spring Raffle Tickets
<b>Glasdon</b>	Litter Bins and Recycling Bins Catalogue.
<b>Urdd Gobaith Cymru</b>	The Urdd have been in discussions with supporters and volunteers of the organisation within the Carmarthenshire area about the possibility of staging the Urdd National Eisteddfod in the county in 2021. A public meeting will be held at the Gwendraeth Hall, Drefach on Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00pm to discuss the formal invitation of the Eisteddfod to the Carmarthenshire area.
<b>Mr Steffan Griffiths Nantgaredig Primary School, Station Road Nantgaredig, Carmarthen SA32 7LG</b>	The head teacher is developing an 'Outdoor Classroom' for children with additional learning needs, and has requested financial support towards this project.
<b>Hags</b>	Inclusive Playground Solutions Catalogue.
<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Tony Emmerson</b>	An email to acknowledge his gratitude on obtaining the Community Certificate of Merit Award at the Llanarthne Community Council Annual Dinner.

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

Application No (W/37121) at The National Botanical Garden of Wales, Middleton Hall, Llanarthne. SA32 8HG. The proposal being the siting of a new stand alone Biomass Boiler.

**LCC 18/15****PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Date	Amount	Payable to	Cheque No.
08/05/2018	£96.00	Carmarthenshire County Council Annual Inspection of Children's play area at Llanarthne Playground.	102478
08/05/2018	£211.56	Carmarthenshire County Council Recharge for Community Council Elections held 2017.	102479
08/05/2018	£105.00	One Voice Wales Renewal of Membership	102480
08/05/2018	£500.00	Councillor D.D. Morgan Chairman's Allowance 2018/2019	102481
08/05/2018	£348.91	H.M. Revenue & Customs G.G. Griffiths - £19.60 E A D Rees - £193.40 Total Employee- £213.00 Employer NIC - £135.91 Grand Total - £348.91	102482
08/05/2018	£16.67	Carmarthenshire County Council Past Deficit Service	102483
08/05/2018	£97.90	1. Printer ink - £69.99 2. Postage Stamps – £6.70 3. (Range Photo Frames - £5.49 x 2 =£10.98) 4. (Home Bargains Stationary – punch pockets £1.49 Ring binder at 79p x2= £1.58 = £3.07) (B & M subject Dividers 2 at £1.79 =£3.58 Lever Arch File (2) at £1.79 EACH =£3.58 Total +£7.16)  Total - £97.90	102484
08/05/2018	£501.08	BHIB Insurance Brokers (Llanarthne Council Insurance Renewal)	102485

**LCC 18/16 REPORT BY RETIRING CHAIRPERSON ON CHAIRMANS'S ALLOWANCE 2017/18**

The allowance for 2017/18 was £500.00 with the opportunity to claim an additional amount if there was a shortfall. Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones advised the meeting that her total expenditure for her year in office was £491.80. The clerk as responsible financial officer was satisfied that the detailed expenditure incurred and provided was deemed appropriate to the roles and functions undertaken that year in office by Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones.

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones returned £8.20 to Llanarthney Community Council – Cheque No 001495

#### **LCC 18/17 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2018/19**

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones proposed, Councillor P. Bowen seconded and all agreed that £500.00 be granted in 2018/19, with the opportunity to claim an additional amount should the need arise.

**£500.00**

**Cheque No102481**

#### **LCC 18/17 PURCHASING BAR FOR CHAIRPERSON'S CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Councillor Mrs D. M. Jones proposed, Councillor D. E. Jenkins seconded, and all agreed that a bar will be purchased with the inscription "2018 Mr D. D Morgan"

#### **LCC 18/20 INSURANCE RENEWAL 2017/18**

Local Council Insurance Renewal, Premium: £501.08 including Insurance Premium Tax at 12.00%. Renewal Date: 01 June 2018, Policy Holder: Llanarthne Community Council. Policy Number: LC/M/OO1188. The above premium includes our Long-Term Agreement discount of 5% (point of renewal 2019) with Aon.

The policy offers the following

- Set covers that protect against risks faced by Councils, including legal liabilities, money, theft by employees, accidental wrongdoing by council officials and libel and slander.
- Legal Expenses at a standard limit of £250,000, reflecting the rising costs of legal advice.
- Officials Indemnity at a standard limit of £500,000
- Personal Accident cover with a capital benefit amount of £100,000, and a weekly benefit of £200.00
- Set limits for property cover (no need to pay extra every time there is a change to the council's asset register). Fidelity Guarantee cover is £250,000.00

Councillor H. B. Jones proposed, Councillor D. E. Jenkins seconded, and all agreed that the insurance **policy be renewed.**

**£501.08**

**Cheque No 102485**

#### **LCC 18/17 REMEMBRANCE HEADSTONE**

A further meeting was held with Iago Cymru, regarding planning permission for the Remembrance headstone at Llanarthne. Mr Gethin James agreed to apply for planning permission and undertake this task. Mr James to liaise with Miss Nia Wyn Bishop. After discussion it was decided to proceed with this project with Miss Nia Wyn Bishop. Councillor Kevin Thomas proposed that the clerk arrange a site meeting with the councillors and with the parish vicar and Miss Bishop in order to discuss the exact location and direction of the headstone.

A site meeting was held at the entrance of the church with Cannon Brian Witt (parish vicar), Miss Nia Bishop, Mr Wyn Bishop (Stone Masons) Councillor Mrs D.M. Jones, Councillor D. D. Morgan,

Councillor D. E. Jenkins, and Clerk Mrs D. Rees to discuss the site and position of the Remembrance headstone. Apologies were received from Councillor K. Thomas and Mr Gethin James.

The Clerk has forwarded the estimates for the head stones to County Councillor Mrs C. A. Davies so as to apply for the grant.

#### **LCC 18 /18 LDP**

The LDP was discussed briefly last month in readiness for this meeting. County Councillor Mrs C.A Davies briefly discussed areas within Llanarthne and Capel Dewi that could be developed, and areas that have not been developed to date.

Following last month's meeting, the clerk, meet with Mr Simon Clement, Forward Planning Officer for Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss the LDP. Maps and literature were given to discuss at the meeting. After consideration, Llanarthne Community Council decided that they do not wish to change or make amendments to Capel Dewi and Llanarthne's Local Development Plan.

#### **LCC18/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor H.B. Jones requested clarification on the payment of £96.00 to Carmarthenshire County Council for the Annual Inspection of Children's play area at Llanarthne Playground. This matter will be discussed further with Mr Gethin James.

#### **TO APPROVE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS TO 31.03.2018**

Clerk circulated copies of the Annual Return 2018 together with the Receipt and Payment 2017/18 Schedule to members.

There were no issues arising from the Receipt and Payment 2017/18 Schedule. It was agreed that the accounts as prepared for 2017/18 be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The accounts will be forwarded to the internal auditor for his observations and approval in due course.

#### **LCC18/20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at 19.00 at Capel Dewi Hall.

The business of the meeting terminated at 8.35pm

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**Councillor Mr D. D. Morgan.**  
**Chairperson**  
*(Min No's 1 – 20)*

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**Mrs E. A. Delyth Rees**  
**Clerk to the Council**