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Minutes of the March 2025 Meeting of Llanarthne Community Council held online 11/03/2025 at 19.00.

209/2024-2025 Present.
Councilors: A Isaac (Chair), County Cllr H Jones, E Jenkins, N Thomas, G Jones, R Pole, M Jones, H Jones.

County Cllr S Hughes

Clerk.

Translator – H Glenister (Online).

210/2024-2025 To receive apologies.
Councilors: Cllr A Davies MP.

211/2024-2025 To receive declarations of interest.
None.

212/2024-2025 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.
None.

213/2024-2025 To consider and note any policing and/or road safety concerns.
County Cllr H Jones reported the condition of a C road deteriorating for approximately 150m and that despite contractors repairing the potholes with bagged tarmac, it was a pointless exercise and a waste of public funds – What3words - axed.grasp.bandage - remain.cookbooks.goofy. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.
Cllr E Jenkins stated that the condition of the C road was deteriorating due to blocked drains and culverts. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.
Cllr G Jones reported Swansea Road, leading out of Llanarthne to Porthyrhyd that requires resurfacing from Penallt Uchaf for approximately 100m to Allt Pistyll Dewi woodland. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.
Cllr N Thomas reported HGV vehicles travelling along Swansea Road despite signage being in place. Cllr G Jones stated that the signs were advisory only. **Resolved** to note.

214/2024-2025 County Council Matters - Cllr S Hughes.
County Cllr S Hughes thanked all council members for the warm welcome. County Cllr S Hughes introduced himself to all council members present and reported that he was originally from North Wales and made his home in Llanarthne approx. 10 years ago. Having previously worked for UWTSD, ITV and S4C to name but a few, County Cllr S Hughes has taken early retirement to dedicate his time to becoming a county councillor as he is passionate about his community and local area and would like to work with others to improve services and opportunities for our residents. He's been a trustee of Llanarthne Village Hall for over four years, working with the committee and local residents to bring people together to create a real sense of community. He said the

role of county councillor will give him the opportunity to support and help people with local issues.

215/2024-2025 To Receive Chairman's Reports.
Cllr A Issac welcomed County Cllr S Hughes to the meeting and congratulated him on being elected county councilor for Llanddarog Ward.
Cllr A Issac asked council members if anyone was available to represent the community council at Eisteddfod Fach Capel Dewi on 21/03/2025. Cllr M Jones volunteered to represent the community council at the event. Cllr A Issac thanked Cllr M Jones for assisting. **Resolved** for the Clerk to inform the organisers.

216/2024-2025 Confirmation and Signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/02/2025.
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 11/02/2025. **Proposed** by Cllr N Thomas and seconded by Cllr M Jones.
Cllr G Jones asked the Clerk to change the word "**Stop**" in minute **193/2025-2025** to "**GIVE WAY**" **Resolved** to note.

217/2024-2025 Matters arising from the above minutes.
The Clerk received an email from the NBGW and forwarded to all council members offering three dates to meet regarding the suggested monument/sculpture. Council members discussed all available dates, and it was decided that County Cllr S Hughes, Cllr A Issac and Cllr N Thomas would meet with members of the NBGW on 02/04/2025 at 11.30. **Resolved** to note.

218/2024-2025 To note correspondence or to list for consideration at a forthcoming Council meeting.
(All relevant correspondence is emailed to council members at the time of receipt and only brought before the meeting if necessary or specifically requested by members or the Clerk).
None.

219/2024-2025 Planning.
No objections to the following planning application Proposed by Cllr G Jones and seconded by County Cllr H Jones.
PL/08975 - Proposed two story alteration to assumed existing extension, with associated re-roofing and renewed fenestration - Allt Goch Lodge, Llanarthne, Carmarthen, SA32 8HT.

220/2024-2025 Payments.
The payments below were certified in the February meeting and **ratified** in the March meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorisation. **Proposed** by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by Cllr G Jones.

Method of Payment	**Date**	**Suppliers & Details**	**Sum £ inc VAT**
Online	24/02/2025	Catrin Llwyd – CCLarth24	149.00
Online	28/02/2025	Carmarthenshire County Council – 97861621	355.85

221/2024-2025 To note receipts.
HMRC – VAT Refund 2023 - 2024.
11/02/2025 - £1400.86.

222/2024-2025 To consider requests for funding.
Each member had been provided with a copy of each request during the year and if received by post, the Clerk announced the request verbally. Numerous concerns were raised as most of the requests were received from national charities and not from local enterprises. It was suggested by County Cllr H Jones that the community council should adopt an online application form so that anyone requesting funding in the future should complete the application form and supply the community council with a copy of their annual accounts. Council members agreed. Cllr N Thomas to forward a template to the Clerk. Council members discussed all requests for funding, and it was decided to donate an amount to the following organisations.
Capel Arthne YFC - £65.00
Carmarthenshire YFC - £65.00.
Carmarthen and District Youth Opera - £65.00.
West Wales Dahlia Society - £65.00.
The Chair decided to allocate her civic allowance to the following –
Wales Air Ambulance - £100.00.
Chemotherapy Unit Prince Phillip Hospital - £100.00.
Ty Hafan - £100.00.
Resolved for the Clerk to arrange payments.

223/2024-2025 To discuss Community Register.
The Clerk stated that he had discussed the community register with various parties and a legal representative and that there were potential issues regarding data protection and the community council promising services to community members which they were potentially not able to fulfil. The Clerk presented an idea to council members which did not hold the community council liable for any potential misunderstandings or data protection misconduct. Certain council members were not content with the Clerks report and suggestion and stated that it was important to remain positive with regards to formatting a register, therefore suggested that they seek advice from CAVS regarding the matter. It was resolved for County Cllr S Hughes and Cllr M Jones to meet with CAVS and report to council members at the April meeting on 08/04/2025.
Cllr N Thomas asked for the agenda item to be deferred to the April meeting on 08/04/2025.

Cllr M Jones left the meeting at 20.10, not to return.

224/2024-2025 To hold a forum in order for members to raise reports/questions through the Chair.
Cllr G Jones asked the Clerk to include the Community Awards on the April agenda. Resolved to note.

225/2024-2025 In Camera 20.15.
Those who were not Community Council members, or the Clerk departed the meeting – not to return. The exclusion is due to personnel / staffing matters being discussed.

226/2024-2025 To note staff pay run January, February, March 2025.
The Clerk reported the payroll amounts verbally to all council members. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented.
Proposed by E Jenkins and seconded by Cllr G Jones.

227/2024-2025 Next Meeting.
Date of the next meeting to be held at Capel Dewi Village Hall – 08/04/2025 at 19.00.

228/2024-2025 The Meeting Finished at 20.20.

Chairman

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Date

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