

## CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the December 2025 Meeting of Llanarthne Community Council held at Llanarthne Village Hall on 09/12/2025 at 19.30.

#### 154/2025-2026 Present.

Councillors: County Cllr H Jones, M Jones, N Thomas, A Isaac, C Pugh-Jones.

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

#### 155/2025-2026 To receive apologies.

Councillors: A Davies MP, H Jones, G Jones, E Jenkins, R Pole.

#### 156/2025-2026 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

#### 157/2025-2026 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

#### 158/2025-2026 To consider and note any policing and/or road safety concerns.

Cllr M Jones reported blocked drains near Dolgwynon, Llanarthne. **Resolved** for Clerk to report.

Cllr N Thomas reported a pothole on Swansea Road, 350m from junction. **Resolved** for Clerk to report.

Cllr A Isaac reported low overhanging branches in Penrhiwgoch and concerns regarding telephone/electric cables entwined in the branches. **Resolved** for County Cllr H Jones to report.

County Cllr H Jones reported field run off water flooding areas of the highway near Clarebrook and was concerned that if freezing weather was to occur it may cause an accident. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report.

#### 159/2025-2026 County Council Matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

I attended the Carmarthenshire Council meeting on the 12/11/2025.

Various issues and queries have received a reply from the County Council - details of which have been forwarded to the Clerk

I am meeting with the Head of Horticulture, Learning and Nature at the National Botanical Garden of Wales in December to discuss enhancing the main entrance to the Garden.

A meeting with the Highways Department revealed that working on the roundabout near the A48 was deemed too dangerous due to the speed limit of oncoming traffic and if permission was given for works to be carried out then a road closure/diversion would need to be implemented. With regards to the roundabout by the NBGW entrance the Horticulture Department within Carmarthenshire County Council would need to be contacted. The green lighting columns on the approach to the NBGW require maintenance but there is no definitive conclusion as to who the lamps belong to and until the owner is confirmed no works will be done. **Resolved** for the Clerk to enquire.

I am continuing to help and support local people with their queries and concerns, most of which are of a confidential nature.

**160/2025-2026 To Receive Chairman's Reports.**

The Chair reported that he lit the bonfire at Llanarthne Village Halls fireworks event on 07/11/2025 and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Congratulations to the event organisers.

The Clerk enquired if the Chair would be attending the annual nine lessons and carols service at 11.00 on 21/12/2025 and delivering a reading. County Cllr H Jones confirmed that he would be attending and delivering a reading. **Resolved** for the Clerk to contact Ms Mary Bound.

**161/2025-2026 Confirmation and Signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/11/2025.**

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 11/11/2025. Proposed by Cllr N Thomas and seconded by County Cllr S Hughes.

**162/2025-2026 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

The Clerk informed Council members that all matters to **resolve** had been actioned and if correspondence had been received, a copy of the Email had been sent to each member for information.

None.

**163/2025-2026 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.

**164/2025-2026 Planning.**

None.

**165/2025-2026 Payments.**

The payments below were certified in the October and November meeting and **ratified** in the December meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorization. Proposed by Cllr A Isaac and seconded by Cllr N Thomas.

<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Suppliers &amp; Details</b>	<b>Sum £ inc VAT</b>
Online	27/11/2025	Royal British Legion - 31319883	20.00
Online	27/11/2025	T R Carruthers – Payroll October	78.55
Online	27/11/2025	T R Carruthers – Payroll November	78.55
Online	27/11/2025	Christmas Toybox – Donation (Civic Allowance)	100.00
Online	27/11/2025	Dyfed Pension - October	138.42
Online	27/11/2025	Dyfed Pension - November	138.42
Online	27/11/2025	HMRC - October	154.60
Online	27/11/2025	HMRC - November	154.60

Online	27/11/2025	PACH Business Solutions -	273.60
Online	27/11/2025	Dynefor Tree Services – 24/09/2025	360.00
Online	27/11/2025	Carmarthenshire County Council - 900186981	364.75
Online	27/11/2025	J G Evans – Payroll October	460.87
Online	27/11/2025	J G Evans – Payroll November	460.87

**166/2025-2026** To note receipts.

None.

**167/2025-2026** To discuss budget proposal.

Community Council members discussed the budget proposal in preparation for the January precept application. The Clerk shared the 2025-2026 budget format with members and discussed each heading individually. Each member had the opportunity to propose specific requirements needed for the 2026-2027 expenditure.

County Cllr S Hughes proposed that the reserves budget be increased in preparation for funding the new lantern in Penrhiwgoch. The cost of the new pole and lantern is £1791.39. The proposal was discussed and it was agreed to increase the reserves by £1791.39. **Resolved** to note.

County Cllr H Jones proposed that the community council allocate funds to a training budget to assist council members and the Clerk in future training programs. The proposal was discussed and it was proposed by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by County Cllr S Hughes to allocate £800.00 to a training budget. **Resolved** to note.

County Cllr H Jones proposed that an allocation be placed for election costs as there is an election in 2026 and 2027. The Clerk reported that the election costs in 2022-2023 were £161.66. It was proposed by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by Cllr A Isaac to add £250.00 to the election budget. **Resolved** to note.

The Clerk adjusted figures where possible without placing the community council under any unforeseen risk.

The following table shows the proposed budget requirements for 2026-2027, which will be finalised by the Internal Financial Examiner Cllr A Isaac and the Clerk prior to the January 2026 meeting for approval.

HEADING	PREVIOUS BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	REASON
Ground Maintenance	1200.00	1000.00	Shelter/Bench Cleaning
Staff Salary & PAYE	10,700.00	10,700.00	Inflation and salary increase in line with NALC
Admin, Inc Audit Fees	2500.00	2500.00	-
Insurance	750.00	750.00	-
Financial Assistance – Inc Standing Revenue Grants	2500.00	2500.00	Increased May 2025
Seating & Asset Maintenance	1750.00	1500.00	Shelter Relocation?
Street Lighting Estimate	7000.00	5270.00	-
Misc – Inc Subscriptions	320.00	350.00	-
Members Allowance	156.00	156.00	-

Training Budget	N/A	800.00	New
Election Cost	0.00	250.00	-
Section 137	800.00	900.00	Increased May 2025
Allocation to Special Projects & Reserve From Precept	2030.00	2791.39	Lantern Penrhiwgoch
<b>TOTAL</b>	29,706.00	29,467.39	

Council members thanked the Clerk for formatting the budget proposal.

**168/2025-2026 To consider requests for funding.**

Cllr N Thomas left the meeting

The Clerk stated that County Cllr H Jones had donated £100.00 from his civic allowance to the Christmas Toybox Appeal as this was a time sensitive request. The Clerk asked council members if they wanted to donate to the Christmas Toybox Appeal from Section 137. All council members present discussed the proposal and it was decided to donate £50.00 to the appeal. Proposed by Cllr M Jones and seconded by Cllr Cheryl Pugh-Jones. **Resolved** for the Clerk to make payment.

Cllr N Thomas rejoined the meeting

**169/2025-2026 To discuss bus shelter/lighting at Penrhiwgoch.**

After a site meeting in Penrhiwgoch regarding the bus shelter, it was agreed that the proposed site was inadequate for H&S reasons.

After receiving the quotation for the extra lantern prior to the November meeting on 11/11/2025, council members discussed the proposal and agreed that the community council should wait for the first lantern to be installed to determine if a second lantern is required. **Resolved** to note.

**170/2025-2026 To discuss the Community Register.**

The Clerk brought a copy of a poster designed by County Cllr S Hughes to the meeting. Council members discussed the format, and it was decided to include the Llanarthne Community Council logo the community council as part of the project and state that the facility was available to the whole of Llanarthne Community Councils area. **Resolved** for the Clerk to update the poster and send proof to all council members.

**171/2025-2026 To hold a forum in order for members to raise reports/questions through the Chair.**

Cllr M Jones stated that she was keen for the Lloffwr to be sold within the community as the reply received on 06/11/2025 stated that the history and stories of Llanarthne was currently being reported. Council members did not know who was submitting the stories from the community and asked the Clerk to investigate. **Resolved** for the Clerk to send an email to the Lloffwr.

**172/2025-2026 In Camera 20.55.**

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.

**173/2025-2026** To note staff pay run December 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 Cllr N Thomas and seconded by Cllr A Isaac.

**174/2025-2026** Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held at Capel Dewi Village Hall – 13/01/2026 at 19.00.

**175/2025-2026** The Meeting Finished at 21.00.

Chairman

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