

**Wednesday, 17th September 2025**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices, High Street, Llandybie and on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 17th September, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present**

**Councillors ;** P.H. Roberts, R. A. Davies, J.W. Tandy, A. Evans, E. J. Davies, Mrs K.D.L Davies

**Online ;**, Cllr Lynne Wilkins

**Apologies ;** Cllr D. Hopkins, D. Thomas, C. R. Thomas

**743.**

**Declarations of Interest.**

There were two, Cllr W. R. A. Davies on item 2 on the agenda relating to Community Grants he declared that he is Treasurer of the Llandybie Playing Fields Association and Cllr J. E. Davies on the same item declared that a member of his family was involved in Y Lloffwr magazine.

**To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors D. Hopkins, C. R. Thomas and D. Thomas offered apologies.

**744.**

**Applications for financial assistance.**

- a) The Committee, in accordance with Minute 693/95, considered the following applications for financial assistance and agreed to recommend to Council as follows:

The only exception was the grant request from Penybanc Welfare Hall where Councillors asked for evidence that the applicants had exhausted all other areas of funding including insurance claims on the damage, they were seeking support to repair. It was agreed to defer the decision to the October Finance Committee allow the Clerk to get further information to assist Councillors in the decision of the award, this does not include the annual £850 which was passed to be awarded.

Chair, Cllr J. W, Tandy and Vice Chair Cllr A. J. Evans wanted their objections noted in the minutes to awarding £250 to Ammanford Fireworks Display on the grounds of the distress it may cause to animals and pets.

It was **recommended** to pass the grant awards contained in the table as awarded with to be discussed for resolution at the Ordinary Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the further information needed from Penybanc Welfare Hall is to be put forward to the October Finance Committee on the same agenda item.

**745.**

**To discuss signatories of online banking.**

The Clerk informed the Committee that he had sought the agreement of Cllr S. Roberts who was not part of the Finance Committee that he will continue as one of three signatories, the other two signatories Cllr J. E. Davies and Cllr K. D. L. Davies were both in attendance and agreed to remain as signatories.

It was **recommended** that the signatories remain as noted in the minutes.

**746.**

**Discussion on lease at Saron Junior Football pitch.**

The Clerk went through the detailed report and explained that the request had now come from Saron Juniors for a 25-year subletting agreement to be considered by Llandybie Community Council.

The committee supported the items in the report that the Clerk await due diligence confirmation from Carmarthenshire County Council as Freeholders that they were happy to agree the arrangement, and that the Clerk then look to bring a firm proposal to the next suitable Ordinary Meeting after receiving the correspondence needed from Carmarthenshire County Council and take legal advice from our legal advisers CCW Law.

**747.**

**Discussion on releasing reserves to fund chamber & office move**

The Clerk presented a budget proposal of £9,500 to make conversion works at the Llandybie Bowls & Tennis Pavilion and add in a sum to be agreed at the next Ordinary Meeting for a more secure front door.

**748.**

**Extra cost from reserves for a budgeted item of a Zip Wire at Saron Park.**

The Clerk explained that he had budgeted £15,000 for the project but the cheapest quote which included a new toddler roundabout offered good value but was quoted at £18,900 plus vat.

It was **recommended** that the extra £3,900 be taken from reserves and to offered to the Ordinary Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September for Ratification.

**749.**

**Discussion on releasing reserves to fund fencing and gates at Penygroes Park**

The Clerk presented the best cost quoted from a contractor after seeking three quotations £4,500 which included £600 solar lighting for the footpath that was now directing people away from the route past the pavilion lighting.

It was **recommended** to agree this at the next Ordinary Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, as per the June Ordinary meeting request that the Clerk explore stopping access to the rugby field and car parks further up the access tracks to avert the recent Travelling Community incident.

750.

**Update on External Audit for 2024-25**

The Clerk confirmed he had now started dialogue via email with Audit Wales and would report progress on completion.

751.

**Discussion on Riverway Park, Nr Bonllwyn and 106 payments**

The Clerk updated the committee that it had been agreed in the July Ordinary Meeting to discuss the merit of offering Ammanford Town Council the opportunity to apply for 106 funding for 'Land off Ddol Y Dderwen to support the refurbishment of Riverway Park near to the Community Council board with, and an asset of Ammanford Town Council.

The Clerk updated the committee that he had received email confirmation from Carmarthenshire County Council that the sum of 106 monies that could be applied for would be £76,353 be drawn down in three amounts of £25,451 at the start of the development, mid-way through the development and on completion of the development estimated to be at the end of 2026.

Councillors **recommended** to the next Ordinary Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Llandybie Community Council should apply for the 106 monies, and it was further recommended that the Clerk write to the Clerk at Ammanford Town Council to discuss the actual cost of the refurbishment at Riverway and make it clear that Llandybie Community Council would discuss any request for funding support at the most appropriate Finance Committee after receiving details on the cost of the works and the timescales of the proposed works.

752.

**Discussion on reinvesting funds of NSi Saving Account**

The Clerk updated committee members that he had met with Cllr J. E. Davies as instructed by Council and they had looked at the circa 1.7% return of the NSi savings account as compared to the circa 3.5% from Swansea Building Society, and were asking in the interest of a better return the current balance of £25,617.09 be transferred over to Swansea Building Society and the NSi account closed.

It was **recommended** the Ordinary Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September consider this for ratification.

753.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at

**7.59 p.m.**

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