

27th October, 2021

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at Llandybie Bowls and Tennis Club on Wednesday, 27th October, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	I. Rh. Llewelyn	D. Nicholas	P.H. Roberts
	R. A Davies	A.W Jones	Mrs J. E Collins
	Mrs K.D. L. Davies	Mrs S.E. Thomas	Mrs A. Evans
	D. Hopkins		

Apologies

Councillors	S.J. Roberts	Mrs Ll. Latham	B Rees
	E.W Nicholas		

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29th September, 2021

Councillor Mrs S. E Thomas refused to accept that the minutes were a true record and wished to record an objection that the Declaration of Interest from Councillor R. A. Davies should have made it clear that there was a family involvement.

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Council held on 29th September, 2021

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record. It was further **resolved** to confirm the recommendations of the committee.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 29th September, 2021

a) Minute 964 - Co-option of a new Councillor for Llandybie ward – The Clerk had received an apology from Mr Andrew Evans that due to prior commitments he was unable to attend tonight's meeting to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Mrs S. E Thomas wished to object that no formal apology had been made by Councillor R. A Davies as had been agreed during the last meeting. Councillor Davies commented that he had attempted to telephone on four separate occasions without success. The Chair reiterated his stance on Code of Conduct expectations and that alternative methods of contact should be explored to extend the apology.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Police reports

For the month of October :-

Llandybie

Criminal Damage 2
Assault 2
Malicious communication 4
Stalking 1
Harassment 3

Saron (including Capel Hendre and Penybanc)

Burglary 2
Criminal Damage 1
Assault 4
Malicious communication 1
Harassment 2
Stalking 1

Penygroes

Threats to kill 1
Criminal Damage 1
Harassment 4
Malicious communications 1

The Clerk had received a response from the police asking them to attend the meeting but current Covid guidelines prevent them from doing so. They recommend that the councillors attend one of the regular online PACT meetings to discuss any issues they might have.

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External Audit Report

There had been no further correspondence from the Wales Audit Office.

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Footpath 51/O38 diversion proposal

Carmarthenshire County Council had consulted on the proposed diversion of this footpath, which forms part of the Heart of Wales Trail and leads north from close to Mountain Cottages on Kings Road, Llandybie passing through the garden of Pistyll Bach before forming a junction with FP 51/89. The proposed diversion is in the interest of the public and will allow users to walk the path without having to navigate

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through the garden of Bronyn, but instead use a track around the side of the property. This is the first stage of the application process.

Members **resolved** that they had no objections to the proposal.

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Street naming of land at Penybont, Waterloo Road, Penygroes

The Members **resolved** that Penpont would be an appropriate name for the development.

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The following items of correspondence had been received.

a) Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 and flood map for planning

It was **resolved** to note the correspondence.

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CLERK'S REPORT

a) Rights of Way

i) Maintenance contract

a) An invoice for £520 had been received from Dynevor Tree Services for the 2nd cut of contracts 1 and 4 - 9 of the annual maintenance contract. All work had been satisfactorily completed.

b) An invoice for £444 had been received from L & G Stamp for the 2nd cut of contracts 2 and 3 of the annual maintenance contract. All work had been satisfactorily completed.

ii) Footpath 51/26 at Saron and FP 51/170 at Llandybie

The Clerk had agreed that work on these footpaths should be done to make pedestrian access easier. Neither are part of the annual maintenance contract and in future will be reviewed annually. Work had been satisfactorily completed by Dynevor Tree Services at a cost of £400 and the invoice paid with the agreement of the Chair.

b) Parks

i) The Clerk had received notification from a local resident that a racial slur had been daubed on an item of equipment at Saron park. The matter had been reported to the police by the resident, and the offensive message had been removed by the Clerk within an hour of being informed.

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ii) The Clerk had been asked if two litter bins could be provided for Saron park playing fields which only had one currently in the children's play area. The Clerk had made contact with Carmarthenshire County Council to see what stock what they had available. If none were available it was **resolved** that the Clerk should purchase two small bins for the park.

iii) Saron Juniors Football Club had asked for permission for signs to be erected asking that people respect the pitch area. There had recently been some anti social behaviour with bikes damaging the pitch. The club are very conscious of the public nature of the open space but are hoping that some signage would hopefully get people to respect the ground as opposed to asking them to keep off.

It was **resolved** to approve the request for signage

iv) Noticeable shackle wear on various item of park equipment had been identified and the Clerk had purchased new safety locking shackles form Online Playgrounds at a cost of £101.20.

v) A review of the picnic benches in the parks had identified three at Penygroes and Derwydd parks which were either broken or rotten and needed to be removed and replaced. The clerk had costed replacements with the cheapest quotes provided by Mr Llew Merrills of Penygroes at £350 per bench.

It was **resolved** to award the contract to Mr Merrills for 3 picnic benches.

c) The Poppy Appeal

The Clerk had ordered one new wreath for the annual remembrance service at Saron, with no new wreaths being required for the services at Penygroes and Llandybie. A donation of £50 had been sent to the Poppy Appeal on behalf of the Council as in previous years.

d) Non Domestic rates on public conveniences

Welsh Government legislation has recently been passed on this matter and Carmarthenshire County Council have issued refunds for the non domestic rates levied on the public conveniences at Penygroes and Llandybie for the financial years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. A total of £845.30 and £930.90 had been refunded.

e) Wayside seats

As part of the ongoing review of seats, six further seats had been identified as being in need of painting, and a further 4 which required new slats to make good. R M Jones and P Bishop of Llandybie had been asked to complete the necessary work as they had been involved on the original maintenance contract. There is a requirement for one new seat to be purchased for Lotwen Road, Capel Hendre on the entrance to the Brynteg Estate which has badly damaged and this is being costed.

f) Daffodils

Daffodils had been delivered to those councillors who had requested a stock for planting within their ward. A cheque for £74.99 had been paid to Wynnstay Group Plc.

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BIODIVERSITY REPORT

The Clerk had sent a copy of the Council's Biodiversity Plan implemented in October 2019, together with an update. There is a duty to monitor the plan annually and review every three years as a minimum.

Bushes and hedgerows had only been trimmed back in accordance with Tree Survey reports.

Grass cutting contract for the parks agreed in March 2021 have reduced the number of cuts made during the cutting season.

Footpath maintenance contract will continue to stipulate that wild flower patches should remain and not be cut back.

Wild flowers - previous roadside wild flower patches were not planted during the year as roadside verge cutting was reduced by Carmarthenshire County Council and flowers would not have been visible. Wild flowers at Penygroes park were planted.

Daffodil bulbs - designated roadside verges have continued to be planted.

The Council has two representatives on the 'Local Places for Nature' webinars organised by One Voice Wales

The Council have supported a project by Carmarthenshire County Council proposing that 1.5ha of native broadleaved trees and shrubs should be planted in a field adjacent to Caecoed, Llandybie through the Welsh Government Glastir Woodland Creation scheme.

The Council has promoted the document 'Wildlife in the Llandybie ward' and Ideas For Action' by including details on the Council website biodiversity page.

It was **resolved** to continue with the current plan for the next 12 months.

Councillor Mrs A. E Evans informed Members that as a Council, extra diligence should be afforded to any supported grant applications, by taking due regard of the impact on the environment. It was agreed that the general principle of climate change merited further consideration at a future meeting.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS**(i) Payment of accounts**

The following invoices had been received in October 2021 and been paid after discussion with the Chair.

5669	Dynevor Tree Services	Footpath maintenance contract 2 nd cut for contracts 1 and 4-9	£520.00
5670	Ammanford RFC	Firework display grant	£250.00
5671	EDF	Capel Hendre park – Sep 2021	£13.36
5672	EDF	Llandybie Pavilion – Sep 2021	£27.90
5673	EDF	Llandybie MUGA – Sep 2021	£13.36
5674	EDF	Llandybie bowls shed – Sep 2021	£26.89
5675	Dynevor Tree Services	Footpath clearance on FP 51/26 at Saron and FP 51/170 at Llandybie	£400.00
5682	EDF	Saron pavilion – Sept 2021	£18.28
5683	Norton	Annual anti virus renewal	£24.99
5684	Llandybie County Primary School fund	Replacement cheque for 005634 – incorrect payee	£500.00
5685	Wynnstay PLC	Mixed daffodil purchase for community use	£74.99
5686	EDF	Penygroes park – Sept 2021	11.87
5687	BT	Clerks telephone bill 15/10/21 – 14/1 21	£137.45
5688	SSE Swalec	Electricity at Llandybie public conveniences 8/7/21 – 14/10/21	£46.62

The following invoiced had also been received :-

5676	S Griffith	Salary and use of home as office allowance – October 2021	£2298.23
5677	R Thomas	Salary and use of home as office allowance – October 2021	£667.46
5678	HMRC	October 2021	£935.17
5679	Martin Davies	Translation of Minutes	£206.25
5680	The Poppy Appeal	Annual donation	£50.00
5681	Glasdon UK Ltd	Park bench slat replacements	£82.74
5689	J T Services	Public convenience maintenance and grass cutting at Gorsddu during October 2021	£980.00
5690	L & G Stamp	Footpath maintenance contracts 2 and 3 – 2 nd cut	£444.00
5691	Online Playgrounds	Park equipment	£101.20
5692	SSE Swalec	Electricity at office and chamber 8/7/21 to 21/10/21	£49.22

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Members **resolved** to approve the payments and to retrospectively approve the payments agreed by the Chair.

(ii) Monthly monitoring of the budget - April 1/4/21 to 30/9/21

2020/21		
Estimate	Actual YTD	
£	£	
180,000	120,000	Precept
150	9	Interest: Lloyds
400	0	Interest: investment accounts
3000	3,000	Rights of way
4700	0	Hire Agreements
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188,250	123,009	
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45,889	26,655	Staffing
17,650	6,714	Premises
4,750	2,871	Office Services
3,100	0	Member costs
10,000	2,787	Services and Subscriptions
}	18,000	5,400 Section 137 Payments under other powers
		0
	850	Public open spaces
	2,750	Village halls Burial grounds
	3,200	
}	4,800	Rights of way - maintenance
	10,000	0 Rights of way - improvement
	28,000	550 Grass cutting/ litter/ facilities
	50,000	6,305 Park repairs and replacement
}		0 Public lighting - energy Public lighting - improvement
	8,500	0
	28,000	4,997 Community development Public conveniences
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	Cash and
360,158	investments
491	Debtors
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	360,649
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The Chair invited questions or comments. Members **resolved** to approve the accounts as above. The Chair thanked the Clerk for his report.

(iii) Cash Reconciliation

A quarterly cash reconciliation to the 11th October, 2021 had been undertaken by Councillor D. Hopkins. There had been no issues to report.

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Report on Section 106 funds

There was nothing to report.

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Request on Seminars / Joint meetings

The Clerk had attended the One Voice Wales Large Councils online quarterly meeting on Wednesday 20th October, 2021.

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Date of next meeting

Members **resolved** that the next Ordinary meeting of Council be held on the 1st December, 2021.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.