

**MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices, High Street, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present**

**Councillors**

Cllr D. W. Hopkins	Cllr L. Wilkins	Cllr J. Tandy
Cllr R.A. Davies	Cllr G. J. Davies	Cllr H. Davies
Cllr E. W. Nicholas	Cllr P.H. Roberts	Cllr R. Barnes
Cllr A.J. Evans	Cllr C. R. Thomas	

**Attending online**

Cllr K. D. L. Davies	Cllr D. Thomas	Cllr E. J. Davies
Cllr L. Jones		

**Apologies**

Cllr A. W. Jones	Cllr A. L. Thomas
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**To Receive apologies for absence.**

There were two, Cllr A. W. Jones and Cllr A. L. Thomas

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There was one Cllr E. W. Nicholas declared that he is Chairman of Llandybie Tennis Club, this refers to an item in the Clerks Report of funding the tennis courts.

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**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29<sup>h</sup> of January, 2025.

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr P. H. Roberts and seconded by Cllr A. J. Evans.

- Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2025

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr C. R. Thomas and seconded by Cllr E. W. Nicholas.

- Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025
- Minutes of the Environment Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025

**Acceptance of the minutes;**

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The Chair asked for a proposal to accept all the minutes and this was **Proposed** by Cllr J. Tandy and **Seconded** by Cllr D. Thomas with one amendment Cllr J. Tandy asked for a missing word to be inserted.

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#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were none.

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#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one participant with one question, Mr Richard Galvin asked via Teams Link on 'What Light Pollution Strategy was in place as a result of developments at Crosshands Business Park'. The Clerk had previously explained that it was a County Council matter and confirmed that he had received an answer from the Public Protection Department and that he had passed that on to Mr Galvin. Mr Galvin confirmed he was happy with the response and would put further correspondence to the County Council directly.

**618.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **(i) Police reports as 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024**

The Clerk updated members that the report for January had yet been updated on the Police website at the time of starting the meeting.

For members and wider public information, Llandybie Community Area Crime figures below are available using the link below. The Clerk recommends that the look at the crime map of their area which offers some detail of the breakdown of the crime figures by searching 'in my area'.

[Llandybie | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

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#### **Clerk's Report 21/02/25**

**To: Chair and Members of Council.**

**(a) Parks;**

**(i) Saron and Capel Hendre 106. Still on the list of follow up with Carmarthenshire County Council.**

There is no further update on the two amounts of £22,320.00 for future education provision at Saron and £17,680.00 for Cwmgwili park. The Clerk is pressing for news.

**(b) Footpaths. There are no further updates on the below Footpaths.**

The Clerk and Administrative assistant continue to press the County Council team of the following footpaths and will keep these in the Clerk's Report until they are resolved.

- **Penygroes 51/34 and, 51/33;** the Clerk is still chasing the County Council for an update. 51/33 is to get the landowner to cut the overhanging branches. The Clerk with as within our right get our Footpath Contractor to cut the branches that directly overhang the path.
- **51/51;** This is still being dealt with by Carmarthenshire County Council's legal team as a resident has built a garage base over the right of way and another resident has put play equipment across it. Clerk to update councillors at the meeting.

**(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;**

The Clerk offered the following update to the Environment Meeting;

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along with two planting benches had now been agreed to be installed by Carmarthenshire County Council at no cost to our budget.
- The hard surface area has been discussed with Carmarthenshire County Council and they have offered to break up the surface and return it to meadow grass under their budget. This was welcomed by Councillors as was the offer to provide another planting bench. The Clerk confirmed there was now budget to put a gate in the closest point to the main road to offer a walk through the proposed meadow area.
- He was also working with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes.
- He ask councillors if they had any amendments to the detailed ecology survey and the recommendations document that had been circulated. There was a positive acceptance of the documents with the following reservation;

*In reference to the planning of an estate of 19 houses under planning application PL/06641 at land off Bryn Dreinog, it was stated in the report that the Banc Y Ddraenen would offset the effect on the ecology that the development if passed.*

*The Councillors wanted it noted that Banc Y Ddraenen and the nature reserve proposal should stand on its own merits and that any ecology loss at other sites should be minimal and this project at Banc Y Ddraenen should not be used as mitigation.*

**(e) Llandybie Tennis Courts;**

As an update to the previous meeting, the Clerk has met with representatives of the Memorial Hall and the Contractors and a final draft Access Plan has been proposed by the contractor and is currently with the Memorial Hall Committee to discuss at their monthly meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of February. It is the Clerk's intention once correspondence is received from the Memorial Hall of the outcome of their discussion, to arrange a meeting of Llandybie Councillors to Discuss the proposal.

The contractor has indicated that they can start the project on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk will keep the Chair informed of progress in the interim period.

**(f) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;**

The Clerk has now received the three quotes all from local contractors for the project with the cheapest quote at £39,950, the Clerk has secured a Green Voucher Grant of £7,500 against this and has submitted a Betws Wind Farm Fund application for a further £9,000.

This would have a budget impact of £23,450 on a budget of £26,000.

The Clerk will update Councillors once the outcome of the Betws Windfarm Fund meeting has decided on the application in around late April.

**(g) Community Grants Awards Evening;**

The presentation night is on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Penygroes Memorial Hall, all Councillors are welcome to attend.

**(h) Caerbryn Community £20k contribution from reserves;**

The Clerk has now paid this amount after receiving post installation inspection reports on the Children's Play Area and Manufacturers Guarantees.

**(i) Dog Fouling Project;**

The Clerk reporting his Action Plan to the Environment Committee where discussed the action plan he had circulated prior to the meeting and went through in detail his positive dealing with Police, Dog Wardens and the offer of a free trail of mobile CCTV Cameras to target hot spots, he had explained looked at the legal implications.

The Action Plan will be circulated prior to the Ordinary Meeting for further discussion

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

February 22<sup>th</sup> 2025

**620.**

**Update on Gilfach Iago.**

The Clerk confirmed that no update had been received.

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**Monitoring Budget & Financial Matters.**

**(i) Monthly monitoring budget.**

**INCOME**

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFFERENCE
Precept	180000.00	180000.00	0.00
Vat Return (Rebate)	17000.00	14613.18	-2386.82
Administration	20000.00	14103.33	-5896.67
Bank interest	800.00	8274.41	7474.41
Hire Agreement/Grants/106	4700.00	24126.17	19426.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>222500.00</b>	<b>241117.09</b>	<b>18617.09</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£31,422.00	£78.00
Staff Salary and PAYE	£61,864.00	£51,021.23	£10,842.77
Office Services	£6,000.00	£8,636.36	-£2,636.36
Insurance	£2,500.00	£3,240.60	-£740.60
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetery)	£20,000.00	£14,140.81	£5,859.19
Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial	£54,500.00	£54,396.87	£103.13

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grounds)			
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£3,639.34	<b>£2,410.66</b>
Members Allowances & Paye	£15,875.00	£1,095.00	<b>£14,780.00</b>
Election Costs	£16,000.00	£8,028.26	<b>£7,971.74</b>
Section 137	£20,000.00	£8,550.00	<b>£11,450.00</b>
Lighting	£6,000.00	£0.00	<b>£6,794.00</b>
Community Development	£15,000.00	£13,918.00	<b>£1,082.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£255,289.00</b>	<b>£198,088.47</b>	<b>-£57,200.53</b>

**(ii) Payments till February 24th;**

Plexus Fire & Security Annual CCTV Contract Inv 344384	408.00
Dynevor Tree Services, Storm Damage 51/106 Inv 04.02.25	900.00
BT Office Phone and Broadband Jan Inv M026 K9	66.60
Dwr Cymru Bowls & Tennis Pav 6 Months Inv 5082404340	803.58
Carms County Council, Ground Maintenance Inv 97861603 2 quarters	18358.75
Morgan & Morgan, Monthly Broadband Inv 90692	35.99
Martin Davies Translation Jan Ordinary & Planning Inv 10.02.25	210.60
Dynevor Tree Services, Storm Damage 51/13 Inv 09.02.25	390.00
EDF Sports Pavilion Saron Inv 22131554	37.72
EDF Pavilion Penygroes Electric Inv 22130204	29.24
HMRC February to March 5th 2025 Ref 615PF001236872510	1243.73
One Voice Wales Training for V. Chair Inv 8463	40.00
Salary S. Taylor February 2025	782.70
Salary D. Nicholas February 2025	2625.43
<b>Caerbryn Community for Park Project from Reserves</b>	<b>20000.00</b>

**Payments pending;**

BT Phone and Broadband £66.60

3 Invoices from Dinefwr Electrical Annual Safety Check Compliance;

- £84.00
- £124.80
- £84.00

Dinefwr Tree Services, footpath and fallen tree work £420

Morgan &amp; Morgan £35.99 (Monthly Broadband)

Morgan &amp; Morgan £118.80 (Annual Subscriptions and hosting)

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Mantolen 2024-2025 Accounts from April 1st					
Prepared by - D Nicholas					
Financial year ending 31/04/2025					
BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS					
					£
Brought Forward (opening balance at Bank)					£260,860.83
Add Income in the year					£241,117.09
Total					£501,977.92
Less outgoings					£227,247.60
Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet (receipts - payments)					£274,730.32
Unpresented payments/cheques					
TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE					£274,730.32

**NB; Vat claim applied for £9490.02**

**(iii)Update on External Audit for 2023/24.**

The Clerk reported that there had been no further requests for information and no conclusion had been received.

The financial report by Cllr S. Roberts and Seconded by Cllr L. Wilkins.

It was **resolved** to accept financial report presented by the Clerk.

**622.**

The Clerk asked that the Budget for 2025/26 that he had circulated as part of the Public Papers for this meeting be formal accepted and that included the Annual Precept figure of £193,860.

It was proposed to accept the budget by Cllr N. C. Davies and Seconded by Cllr D. Thomas and unanimously agreed by the Councillors present.

It was **Resolved** to accept the Budget for 2025/26 and the Precept amount within it.

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**Update on Gilfach Iago**

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Chair

The Clerk stated that there were no updates, Chair Cllr D. Hopkins expressed his exasperation with the position, Cllr D. Thomas offered to get an update as did the Clerk by the next meeting.

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**Section 106 funding.**

There no update from County Councillors present,

**625.**

**Request on Seminars / Joint meetings**

The Chair expressed his enjoyment of attending the N. East Carmarthenshire's Chairs & Mayor's get together where there was good discussions on common issues facing Community and Town Councils.

**626.**

**Date of next meeting**

Members **resolved** that the next Ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of February and the Finance and Environment Committees to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the **Chair declared** the meeting closed 7.03pm.