

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices, High Street, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 26th of March, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors

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

Attending online

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

Apologies

Cllr E. W. Nicholas	Cllr A. L. Thomas	Cllr P.H. Roberts
Cllr R.A. Davies		

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To Receive apologies for absence.

There were four, Cllrs A. L. Thomas, E. W. Nicholas, P. H. Roberts and R. A. Davies

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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 26^h of February, 2025.

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr D. Thomas and seconded by Cllr A. J. Evans.

- Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 26th of February, 2025

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr C. R. Thomas and seconded by Cllr S. Roberts

Acceptance of the minutes;

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.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair

Cllr D. Thomas wanted it noted that he commended the Administrative Officer and the excellent event they organised at Penygroes Memorial Hall celebrating the community grant awards.

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PUBLIC PARITICIPATION

There was none.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(i)Police reports as 1st of February 2024

Llandybie Area	
Violence and sexual offences	6
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Criminal Damage	1
Drugs	1

Penygroes including Blaenau and Caerbryn;	
Violence and sexual offences	4
Public Order	3
Burglary	1
Drugs	1

Saron and Capel Hendre	
Violence and sexual offences	11
Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Public Order	2
Other Crime	2

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 21/03/25

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. No further news to report.

(b) 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.
- **51/106 and 51/107;** These paths now reopened.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

The Clerk offered the following update;

Hedge line is now complete and project to remove hard surface complete.

(e) Llandybie Tennis Courts;

Project started on March 24th and will expect to last around 4 weeks.

(f) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;

The work is expected to start in May 2025, provided the Betws Wind Farm Fund application is successful.

Chair

A reminder of the project as follows;

The Clerk has 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;

Over 55 people attended a very successful Cawl a Chan night with Dawnsywyr Penrhyd and Eifion Price on Fiddle, an article was featured in the South Wales Guardian.

(h) Dog Fouling Project;

The Clerk has now met the Dog Warden and the Police on two occasions there will be a patrol in different areas identified week beginning March 31st and they have agreed to have pictures taken for PR in the local press and we will try Wales Online.

In mid-April mobile CCTV will be trialled at no budget cost, advice has been sought from the Dog Warden and Police and suitable sites are to be discussed with the land owners where we do not own the asset.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

March 21st 2025

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Update on Gilfach Iago.

The Clerk confirmed that the update had been received the County Council were still waiting for date in court.

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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	8312.85	7512.85
Hire Agreement/Grants/106	4700.00	24126.17	19426.17
Total	222500.00	241155.53	18655.53

EXPENDITURE

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£35,280.33	-£3,780.33
Staff Salary and PAYE	£61,864.00	£55,689.44	£6,174.56
Office Services	£6,000.00	£8,961.98	-£2,961.98
Insurance	£2,500.00	£3,240.60	-£740.60
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetary)	£20,000.00	£17,589.00	£2,411.00
Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial grounds)	£54,500.00	£57,233.68	-£2,733.68
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£3,639.34	£2,410.66
Members Allowances & Paye	£15,875.00	£1,095.00	£14,780.00
Election Costs	£16,000.00	£8,028.26	£7,971.74
Section 137	£20,000.00	£14,630.00	£5,370.00
Lighting	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,794.00
Community Development	£15,000.00	£13,918.00	£1,082.00
Total	£255,289.00	£219,305.63	-£35,983.37

Payments till March 21st;

Morgan & Morgan Annual Email Hosting INV00092671	118.80
Morgan & Morgan Monthly Broadband Inv 00092624	35.99
EDF Shed Bowls Pavilion Llandybie	50.71
Dynevor Tree Services Inv 17.02.25	450.00
K. D. Gardening Monthly Toilet Cleaning February 2025 Inv 0214	805.00
EDF Energy Shed Bowling Green, Inv 22417428	54.65
EDF Energy Sports Pav Saron Inv 22483440	33.13

Chair

Dinefwr Electrical Inv 283 Annual EM-Testing Saron Pavilion	124.80
Dinefwr Electrical Inv 284 Annual EM-Testing Llandybie Pavilion	84.00
Dinefwr Electrical Inv 282 Annual EM-Testing Offices High St	84.00
BT Phone Office	66.60
Clee Tomkinson Francis EPC Inspection Llandybie Inv 23378	360.00
Crafty Baggers Community Grant Feb 2025	400.00
Clwb Hwyl a Sbri Ysgol Y Blaenau Feb Grant 2025	300.00
Cilch Meithrin Penygroed Feb Grant 2025	400.00
Cilch Plant Bach Y Blaenau Feb Grant 2025	400.00
Cymdeithas Henoed, Penygroes Feb Grant 2025	400.00
Cyngor Ysgol Y Blaenau Feb Grant 2025	300.00
Cor Merched Llandybie Feb Grant 2025	400.00
Cwpan Cynnes Y Teml Penygroes Feb Grant 2025	300.00
Y Tembl Penygroes Feb Grant 2025	300.00
Cymdeithas Hanes, Penygroes Feb Grant 2025	500.00
Dawnsyr Penrhyd Feb Grant 2025	300.00
Ffrindiau Tenovos Feb Grant 2025	400.00
Ffrindiau Ysgol Y Blaenau Feb Grant 2025	400.00
Spian Road Community Garden Feb Grant	400.00
Papur Glo Man Feb Grant 2025	300.00
Menter Dinefwr Grant Feb 2025	200.00
Neuadd Caerbryn Feb Grant 2025	770.00
Cwmgwili Welfare Association Feb Grant 2025	230.00
Cwmgwili Welfare Association 2nd payment Feb Grant 2025	770.00
Penygroes Welfare Hall Feb Grant 2025	990.00
Caerbryn AFC Feb Grant 2025	350.00
Llandybie Tennis Club Feb Grant 2025	500.00
Saron Baptist Chapel Feb Grant 2025	300.00
EDF Electric Bowls & Tennis Pav Inv 22668533	49.62
EDF Electric Pavilion Llandybie Inv 22676446	21.32
Salary D Nicholas March 2025	2625.63
Salary S Taylor March 2025	782.70
Martin Davies Translation 4 Sets of Minutes Inv 13.03.25	259.02
EDF Floodlights Electric C Hendre Inv 22484626 3 months	144.72
Howe S E Catering for grant evening Inv Grant Catering 14.03.25	450.00

Payments for invoices received at 21st of March

One Voice Wales Membership £2,300 will be paid in April

Dynevor Tree Services £430 to be paid out of Aprils Budget

GDPR License £52.00

DD Penygroes Public Convenience £31.86

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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					£241,155.53
Total					£502,016.36
Less outgoings					£245,169.84
Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet					£256,846.52
(receipts - payments)					
Unpresented payments/cheques					
TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE					£256,846.52

NB; Vat claim applied for £9490.02

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

The Clerk reported that there been correspondence and he was pleased to announce that the External Audit passed without any questions asked.

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

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Update on Gilfach Iago

The Clerk stated that there were no updates, Chair Cllr D. Hopkins expressed his exasperation with the position, Cllr D. Thomas updated members along with the Clerk as previously stated the County Council were waiting for a date in court.

Chair

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Section 106 funding.

There no update from County Councillors present,

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Request on Seminars / Joint meetings

The Chair expressed his enjoyment of attending the Community Grant Award Evening at Penygroes Memorial Hall.

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Date of next meeting

Members **resolved** that the next Ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 30th of April and Environment Committees to be held on the 14th of May 2025.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the **Chair declared** the meeting closed 7.11pm.

Chair