

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices, High Street, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 30th of April, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

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

Attending online

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

Apologies

Cllr R.A. Davies	Cllr G. J. Davies	Cllr H. Davies
Cllr C. R. Thomas	Cllr S. Roberts	

696.

To Receive apologies for absence.

There were four, Cllrs C. R. Thomas, S. Roberts, G. J. Davies. H. Davies and R. A. Davies

697.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were one.

698.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26^h of March, 2025.

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr A. J. Evans and seconded by Cllr N. C. Davies with one amendment by Cllr E. J. Davies which he seconded.

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

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

- Minutes of the Environment Committee held on the 16th of April, 2025

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

Acceptance of the minutes;

Chair

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.

699.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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.

700.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

701.

CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Police reports as 1st of March 2025

Llandybie Area	
Violence and sexual offences	6
Drugs	2
Other Theft	2
Anti-Social Behaviour	1

Penygroes including Blaenau and Caerbryn;	
Violence and sexual offences	10
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Burglary	1
Public Order	1

Saron and Capel Hendre	
Violence and sexual offences	13
Public Order	4
Drug	2
Other Theft	2

Chair

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)

702.

Clerk's Report 24/04/25

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.
- £3,000 grant has now been received from the Rights of Way office.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

The Clerk offered the following extract from the Environment committee;

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along with two planting benches had now been completed and the Clerk was costing up a gate to allow access from Waterloo Road.

Chair

- The hard surface area has been discussed with Carmarthenshire County Council and there is an area where there was not enough top soil to cover the crushed concrete foundation, the Clerk confirmed he had a meeting with Matthew Collinson from the County to remedy this with soils and material from the site.
- He had also met with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes and is expecting a formal plan of annual works within the next week.
- The nature reserve area works had now been costed by the consultants pending a 106 grant of monies. The cost was circa £5,000 with a cost of £1,000 annually over 25 years to be deposited with Carmarthenshire County Council to be released yearly to cover the cost of the upkeep of the area in terms of cutting and mowing. The Clerk explained that he had questioned the initial cost and asked that an updated proposal be submitted taking into account inflation over the 25 year period. He was expecting this revised proposal in the coming week.

(e) Llandybie Tennis Courts;

The Tarmac will be going down week commencing 28th of April, after a weeks delay due to not getting the right pressure for washing dust and moss off the surface, painting the surface will be completed on May 15th after allowing the court to settle.

(f) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;

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

(h) Dog Fouling Project;

The Clerk has now been successful in getting a press release in the S Wales Guardian which appeared in the paper version as well as online.

The Clerk met the local school in Llandybie and will be setting a competition based on littering and dog fouling to create posters and signs. A press release appeared also in the guardian.

The Clerk is now in the process of organising the mobile CCTV camera and had permission from Llandybie RFC, Penygroes RFC and our own park at Saron will be a third site.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

April 24th 2025

Chair

703.

Earth Day and Morgan Marine update.

The Clerk offered an update and the at that press releases had now been published in the S. Wales of the Morgan Marine 60th Anniversary celebrations via the Earth Day 2025 media campaign, a picture was taken of Rhidian Jones MD at Morgan Marine and our Chair, Cllr David Hopkins.

Three initial trees were planted and the Clerk will now circulate a spreadsheet for councillors to offer suggested locations within their areas to take up the remaining 57 trees allocated.

704.

Update on Gilfach Iago.

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

705.

Monitoring Budget & Financial Matters.

(i) Monthly monitoring budget.

Finance Report as at 29th April 2025

INCOME

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFFERENCE
Precept	193860.00	0.00	-193860.00
Vat Return (Rebate)	24000.00	0.00	-24000.00
Administration	3000.00	3000.00	0.00
Bank interest	4300.00	19.65	-4280.35
Hire Agreement/Grants/106	20000.00	0.00	-20000.00
Total	245160.00	3019.65	-242140.35

EXPENDITURE

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£610.00	£30,890.00

Chair

Staff Salary and PAYE	£57,252.00	£5,670.10	£51,581.90
Office Services	£7,500.00	£1,240.89	£6,259.11
Insurance	£3,600.00	£0.00	£3,600.00
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetary)	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial grounds)	£47,495.00	£3,712.21	£43,782.79
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£0.00	£6,050.00
Members Allowances & Paye	£15,000.00	£583.00	£14,417.00
Election Costs	£8,000.00	£0.00	£8,000.00
Section 137	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
Lighting	£4,000.00	£0.00	£4,000.00
Community Development	£48,500.00	£0.00	£48,500.00
Total	£268,897.00	£11,816.20	£257,080.80

Payments till April 29th;

K D Gardening Services Toilet Cleaning Inv 0217	891.25
Dynevov Tree Services Footpath Work Inv 14.03.25	350.00
Hefin Jones 3 Months Translation of Meetings Inv 1094	255.00
Martin Davies Translation of Mi9nutes Feb 2025 Inv 13.03.25	259.02
Morgan & Morgan Box A4 Paper Inv 00093914	26.34
Morgan & Morgan Photocopier Inv 203123	3.76
Annual Allowance Expenses Cllr L Wilkins	247.00
Annual Allowance Expenses Cllr R Barnes	336.00
EDF Electric Pavilion Woodfield Rd Inv 000022987291	22.77
EDF Electric Pavilion Penygroes Rd Inv 000022978707	55.17
EDF Electric Sports Pavilion, Saron Inv 000022934706	40.40
EDF Electric Floodlights Capel Hendre Inv 000022934761	53.09
ICO Data Protection Fee Inv 00520AF51004	52.00
Salary D. Nicholas April 2025	2396.77
Llandybie Church Hall rent on Offices 1st Jan 2025 to June 2025	650.00
Antur Teifi Cyf for payroll services Inv 9183	309.60
Salary S . Taylor April 2025	624.10
Avonmore Springler System at Bolws Club Repair Inv 19825	854.28
EDF Electric Bowls Pavilion Llandybie Inv 000022925059	103.47

Penygroes Memorial Hall hire charge Inv 17/04/2025	80.00
YGP Electric Public Convenience Penygroes Inv 983895	37.19
YGP Electric Pavilion Penygroes Inv 971235	111.89
HMRC Payment April 2025	2649.23
YGP Electric Shed Bowling Green Inv 985805	30.20
Martin Davies Translation of Minutes March 2025 Inv 28.04.25	219.18
Morgan & Morgan Fibre Monthly Broadband Inv 00095608	35.99
R. Gleaves cutting verge at Gorsddu Inv 119	160.00
R. Gleaves cutting Bonllwyn to Park Hendry Lane Inv 120	100.00
K D Gardening Services Toilet Cleaning April Inv 0220	862.50

Payments for invoices received at 24st of April

One Voice Wales Annual Membership £2,300
Morgan & Morgan Annual Subscription £2,606.40
Carmarthenshire County Council Saron Election £7,011.27

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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					£3,019.65
Total					£263,880.48
Less outgoings					£11,816.20
Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet (receipts - payments)					£252,064.28
Unpresented payments/cheques					
TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE					£252,064.28

The Clerk declared that since writing the report £64,400 Precept payment had gone into our account as a third of the annual payment.

Chair

(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.

(iv) Final Accounts for 2024-25.

The Clerk asked and was granted by the Chair a deferment of passing the final accounts as he was waiting for a final statement from NSI Building Society to complete the closing balance, but the accounts were now complete with both the internal and full external audits underway.

706.

Chairs Annual Report 2024/25

The Chair read the annual report opening statement and achievements under his year in office and the Clerk added some comments on the finance.

The Chair asked that the closing statant be recorded in the minutes;

- The Community Council now has a duty to publish an annual plan and incorporates a community action plan which complements the work at all levels which is required under the Well Being of Future Generations Act (2015) section 40(1) and links directly to the objectives of the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board and the National Wellbeing Goals.
- On a personal note, In would like to thank Councillors, the Clerk and the Administration Officer for the way they have conducted themselves at meetings and for the hard work undertaking during the year.
- Lastly, I wish the new Chair my best wishes and will offer support in the familiarisation process when taking over after our Statutory Meeting in May.
- Thank you and diolch yn fawr, Cllr David Hopkins, Chair.

It was **proposed** by Cllr R. Barnes and **Seconded** by Cllr E. W. Nicholas that the report be accepted.

It was **resolved** to publish the report on the Community Council's Website and on its noticeboards.

707.

Section 106 funding.

There no update from County Councillors present,

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Chair

30th of April 2025

Request on Seminars / Joint meetings

There were none offered.

709.

Date of next meeting

Members **resolved** that the date of the Statutory Meeting and the next Ordinary meeting be the 28th of May 2025

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As there was no further business to discuss, the **Chair declared** the meeting closed 7.08 pm.