

**MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at The Pavilion, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2026 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present**

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

**Attending online** Cllr K. D. L. Davies D. Thomas Cllr A. W. Jones  
Cllr L. Jones

**Apologies** Cllr A. L. Thomas P. H. Roberts Cllr S. Roberts

**Absent;** None

**Note taker:** S. Taylor

**Clerk:** D. S. Nicholas

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**To Receive apologies for absence.**

There were four, Cllr A. L. Thomas, Cllr S. Roberts, Cllr S. Roberts, Cllr P. H. Roberts

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There was one, Cllr R. Barnes expressed an interest in the item in the Clerks Report on Caerbryn Junior Football Club, and Cllr A. W. Jones expressed an interest on another item in the Clerks Report on 106 payments concerning Ddol Y Derwen.

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**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2025

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr C. R. Thomas and seconded by Cllr L. Wilkins

- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2025

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

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- Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr D. W. Hopkins and seconded by Cllr N. C. Davies.

### **Acceptance of the minutes.**

The Chair asked for a proposal to accept all the minutes, and this was **Proposed** by Cllr R. Barnes and **Seconded** by Cllr N. C. Davies.

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### **Matters arising from the minutes.**

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 26th of November 2025.

- (i) Cllr D. Thomas asked for an update on Policing and the number of PCSO's at Penygroes, the Clerk explained that he had forwarded the reply in December and the Policing team were now only one officer short.
- (ii) Cllr K. D. L. Davies asked for progress on a damaged manhole cover at Lon Grugas Saron, the Clerk confirmed a reminder email had been sent expressing the urgency of the matter.
- (iii) Cllr D. Thomas enquired whether the Zip Wire project mentioned in the Green Spaces Minutes was dependant on 106 monies, the Clerk confirmed that budget was already in place for the next Financial Year regardless of 106 monies being available.

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of the public attending online as an observer.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **(i) Police reports as 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025**

<b>Llandybie Area</b>	
Violence and sexual offences	<b>4</b>
Public Order	<b>3</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	<b>1</b>
Criminal Damage & Arson	<b>1</b>

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<b>Penygroes including Blaenau and Caerbryn;</b>	
Violence and sexual offences	<b>6</b>
Other theft	<b>1</b>
Possession of weapons	<b>1</b>
Vehicle Crime	<b>1</b>

<b>Saron and Capel Hendre</b>	
Violence and sexual offences	11
Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Other Theft	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)

### **(ii) Gilfach Iago Update**

The Clerk confirmed that he had a response saying that the County Council were waiting for the court decision to agree a 28-day consultation period, before they could put plans in place to look at starting the project.

It was **resolved** to note the Clerks update and await further response.

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### **Clerk’s Report 16/01/26**

**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.**

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- 106 Monies for Saron Park £37,226
- 106 Monies Ddol Y Derwen £25k (first of 3 payments)

**Update:** Discussion was had about the current monies available for project of Parks and Open Spaces, after debating, it was decided that as we did not have projects ready to start and we had secured funds via 106 monies for current projects the money would not be applied for. It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> payments would be debate when those funds became available.

**(b) Footpaths. Outstanding items.**

The Clerk had his quarterly meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council Rights of Way team (RoW).

**51/23 Cwmfferws:** Bridleway linking to the path horse riding is not permitted, the Clerk has Asked the County Council Team to investigating putting up signage to warn horse riders.

**Update:** The Clerk is monitoring.

**51/17 Capel Hendre:** Overgrown path, the contractor is clearing from April as part of the first cut of the season.

**51/23 Cwmfferws to Saron:** An outstanding item reported by Cllr N. C. Davies, the Clerk will now establish who the landowner is and meet with them to discuss repairing a fence overlooking the river.

**Update:** The Clerk is still to meet the landowner, Cllr N. C. Davies reminded the Clerk that he had offered the owners location, the Clerk will now follow this up.

**51/67D/1 Entrance RoW at Parc Pencae,** The County Council have allowed some chippings to be laid to fill a waterlogged area, the Community Council will pay from the £3,000 budget given each year by the County Council for over and above work the Community Council does that falls outside clearing Rights of Way. The cost is £90.00.

**Five Footpath enquiries around Wern Ddu and Heol Ddu:** The County Council have now issued summonses to landowners concerned to unblock and clear necessary obstacles; the Clerk will monitor the progress.

**Non-Rights of Way matters.**

**Land and hedge at Bonllwyn,** there is land at Bonllwyn on Aberlash Road that we as a Community Council have traditionally cleared and a hedge, we have a legacy of cutting. Cllr A. W. Jones would like Councillors to debate carrying on the practice as a special case because of the legacy of cutting and clearing the site as a community benefit. The Clerk halted work at the end of last year when he discovered we do not lease or own the land as a Community Council. The cost of

cutting the hedge is circa £130.00 and the land clearance has been quoted verbally by the contractor as about £1,500.00.

**Update:** There was debate over the matter at the meeting where there was opinion for the continuation of the works due to a 10-year legacy of undertaking it and also an opinion for not continuing to undertake the work.

Cllr A. W. Jones requested that a recorded vote be taken.

**The motion put forward by Cllr R. A. Davies:** That the work continues.

**For the motion:** Cllr H. Davies, Cllr R. A. Davies, Cllr E. W. Nicholas, Cllr D. W. Hopkins, Cllr A. W. Jones, Cllr K. D. L. Davies, Cllr A. J. Evans.

**Votes for; 7**

**Against the motion:** Cllr R. Barnes, Cllr N. C. Davies, Cllr J. E. Davies, Cllr G. Davies, Cllr C. R. Thomas, Cllr L. Wilkins, Cllr D. Thomas, Cllr L. Jones.

**Votes against; 8**

The motion was not carried and it was **resolved** to record the vote as a matter of public record and not undertake any further work on the site.

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

The Clerk has met with Carmarthenshire County Council and the Planning Application to offer 106 money against the cost of the ‘Nature Reserve Aspiration’ is being challenge plus is subject to the hold of developments in the Llanelli Area on soil nutrients and leakage to water courses being damaged by building developments, the Clerk will be discussing alternative ways to get the Nature Reserve project started.

The Clerk has now looked at a fully funded scheme that has been offered by Coed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council to fund 6 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area, the Clerk will use this opportunity to ‘kick starting’ the Nature Reserve project.

**(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.**

The Clerk is still waiting for the energy report promised before Christmas on guidance to write a brief to supply to contractors. This is likely to be available week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, he is further looking at the opportunity of solar panel funding via the Awel Aman Tawe green energy initiative.

**(e) Park Upgrades:** Subject to confirmation these will be part paid by the 106 funds of £37,226 towards the cost all three projects.

- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project**

The project will start at the end of January to council has now been offered 106 monies to cover 100% the cost of £18,443 plus vat.

- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project**

The Clerk is waiting for the County Council to confirm eligibility of the same 106 pot for Penygroes, the project will however start at the end of March at a cost circa £12k plus vat.

- **Blaenau Park Zip Wire Project**

The Clerk is also waiting for 106 confirmations of 50% of the cost, however this project will start at the beginning of April at a cost of Circa 12k

**(f) Gate locking and new gates at Penygroes Park.**

The project was completed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. The delay was due to weather and Christmas.

**(g) Chamber and office move update:**

- Locks both internal and externally for the front door will be fitted week ending 24<sup>th</sup> of January.
- Alarm system will be fitted by the end of January 2026
- Chairmans board will be fitted week ending 24<sup>th</sup> of January
- Painting the men's and ladies' toilets will be undertaken before the end of February.
- A noticeboard to be used by the Bowls, Tennis and as a Community Council at the front of the building will be put in place during February.

**(h) Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club**

A request to take over the lease agreement which has been agreed by our Full Council to be explored has resulted in Carmarthenshire County Council as having no objections. Currently the club are preparing an agreement for us to consider once the Clerk has sought the advice of our solicitors CCW Law to check the detail of the proposal.

Update: The Clerk explained that the club wanted confirmation that there would be no rent to be paid, Cllr N. C. Davies felt that we should not charge any rent if there taking over all the running costs, the Chair Cllr J. W. Tandy asked the Clerk explore whether there was legal obligation in contractual terms to have minimal 'peppercorn rent'.

**(i) Dog Fouling Bins at Cwmfferws.**

The Clerk has met with the Carmarthenshire County Council Groundwork Team who undertake of parks tenders to discuss having bins at either end of Saron and Cwmfferws emptied more regularly and to ascertain if 2 more bins can be provided. The Clerk is now arranging for the bins to be put in place.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

January 16th, 2026

**882. Financial Matters**

**Finance Report as at 16th of January 2026**

**INCOME**

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFFERENCE
Precept	193860.00	193860.00	0.00
Vat Return (Rebate)	24000.00	16118.40	-7881.60
Administration	3000.00	10975.73	7975.73
Bank interest	4300.00	5385.70	1085.70
Hire Agreement/Grants/106	20000.00	23050.00	3050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>245160.00</b>	<b>249389.83</b>	<b>4229.83</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£33,557.76	-£2,057.76
Staff Salary and PAYE	£57,252.00	£51,922.88	£5,329.12
Office Services	£7,500.00	£8,201.41	-£701.41
Insurance	£3,240.00	£3,295.22	-£55.22
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetary)	£20,000.00	£11,299.00	£8,701.00

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Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial grounds)	£52,495.00	£57,493.98	<b>-£4,998.98</b>
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£5,067.70	<b>£982.30</b>
Members Allowances & Paye	£14,000.00	£1,216.00	<b>£12,784.00</b>
Election Costs	£8,000.00	£7,011.27	<b>£988.73</b>
Section 137	£20,000.00	£4,475.00	<b>£15,525.00</b>
Lighting	£4,000.00	£6,207.42	<b>£292.58</b>
Community Development	£61,000.00	£62,915.14	<b>£1,915.14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£286,397.00</b>	<b>£227,566.78</b>	<b>£58,830.22</b>

**Payments made in December and January until 16th of January 2026**

11/12/2025	YGP Shed Bowls Green Llandybie	24.39
11/12/2025	YGP Pavilion Penygroes	30.48
11/12/2025	YGP Floodlights Capel Hendre	31.82
11/12/2025	YGP Pavilion Woodfield Rd	31.82
11/12/2025	YGP Offices High St Inv 1178974	31.92
11/12/2025	YGP Sports Pavilion Saron Inv 1178894	40.14
11/12/2025	YGP Bowls & Tennis Pavilion Inv 1178109	117.65
11/12/2025	YGP Public Conveniences Llandybie Inv 1184269	51.51
11/12/2025	Vision ICT Web Hosting annual charge Inv 21167	351.53
17/12/2025	Newhall Various consumables for Toilets	212.06
17/12/2025	Kaye Brayley locking & closing of gate	210.00
17/12/2025	KD Landscaping November Public Toilets	862.50
17/12/2025	Reloca8 Office Move Services	350.00
17/12/2025	Clive Davies Phoytography and Advert Artwork	175.50
17/12/2025	Avonmore Springler System at Bolws Club Maint	240.00
17/12/2025	JJ Handyman Cleaning of Guttering and Glass Canopay	465.00
17/12/2025	Kaye Braylay Gate Locking	240.00
17/12/2025	D Nicholas Salary December	2457.72
17/12/2025	S Taylor Salary December	909.41
17/12/2025	Connor Thomas Room Conversion Final payment	2558.20
17/12/2025	JD Water Consultants Saron FC Water Testing	540.00
17/12/2025	JD Water Consultants Saron FC Water Testing	435.00

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17/12/2025	Martin Davies Translation November Minutes	213.72
17/12/2025	Dynevor Tree Serv Clean Gulley 51/105	180.00
17/12/2025	Dynevor Tree Serv Storm Damage tree felling	400.00
17/12/2025	Cabinet Office Scanning of 7 years of documents	2502.00
18/12/2025	NEST Pension December	275.63
23/12/2025	YGP Public Convinces Inv 1189669	38.50
24/12/2025	K D Gardening Services December Toilet Cleaning	929.73
24/12/2025	JJ Handyman Serv Work on Benches	215.00
07/01/2025	BT Home Office Broadband Inv M040 6S	61.02
07/01/2025	Smiths of Derby Quarry Clock Repair	370.80
07/01/2025	Welsh Water Bowls Pavilion Llandybie	1016.06
07/01/2025	Carmarthenshire County Council Rates Final to 27th Nov	1443.89
07/01/2025	Llandybie Church Hall Final rent on Office to 27th	542.00
07/01/2025	Morgan & Morgan Optical Mouse Inv 101685	10.79
07/01/2025	Next-Gen Plumbing toilet blockage at Llandybie	126.00
07/01/2025	Morgan & Morgan TV Cart at Pavilion Inv 100436	478.28
14/01/2026	Siddell Env Services Flushing Drains Saron Park	174.00
14/01/2026	M Phillips Fencing 3 gates at enygroes Park	3820.00
14/01/2026	Kaye Brayley final Invoice Gate Locking	170.00
14/01/2026	Morgan & Morgan Broadband monthly and annual	83.99
14/01/2026	LHP Monthly software licence	169.20
16/01/2025	Salary Sian Taylor January 2026	909.41
16/01/2026	Salary D Nicholas January 2026	2457.72
16/01/2026	kaye braylay Gate Locking Inv No.7 underpayment shortfall	50.00

**Payments for invoices received at 16<sup>th</sup> of January;**

Payments currently u to date on invoices received

<b>Cyngor Cymuned Llandybie Community Council</b>					
<b>Mantolen 2025-2026 Accounts from April 1st</b>					
<b>Prepared by - D Nicholas</b>					
<b>Financial year ending 31/04/2026</b>					
<b>BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS</b>					
					<b>£</b>

21st of January 2026

<b>Brought Forward (opening balance at Bank)</b>					<b>£244,691.25</b>
<b>Add Income in the year</b>					<b>£249,389.83</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>£494,081.08</b>
<b>Less outgoings</b>					<b>£252,774.25</b>
<b>Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet (receipts - payments)</b>					<b>£241,306.83</b>
<b>Unpresented payments/cheques</b>					£0.00
<b>TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE</b>					<b>£241,306.83</b>

**(ii) Update on Internal and External Audit 2025/26**

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal and External Audit preparation had already begun for the year 2025-26 and that only two months of end of month reconciliation were left to complete the accounts.

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**Section 106 funding.**

There was no update from County Councillors present.

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**Request on Seminars / Joint meetings**

The Chair updated Councillors that training dates were available for Net Zero Training and Coed Lleol participation.

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**Date of next meeting**

Members **resolved** that the date of the next Ordinary meeting be the 25th of February 2026 with a Finance Committee on the 11th of January 2026.

**886.**

As there was no further business to discuss, the **Chair declared** the meeting closed. 7.43 pm.